

Mean

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Mean is the average value of any distribution or set of data. It is one of the most common way to measure **central tendency**. (Central tendency is the descriptive summary of a dataset or a single value that represents data.)

- Statistical speaking it the area under the curve having most of the points are available.
- Formula for mean is :

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{n} \quad \text{or} \quad \mu = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

Calculate mean using **python** for a given data set as below:

- Without using predefined functions:

```
def manual_mean(l1):  
    sum_l1=0  
    for i in l1:  
        sum_l1=sum_l1+i  
    mean=sum_l1/len(l1)  
  
    return mean
```

```
l1=[1,2,3,45,6,66,7,8,9,10]  
cal_mean=manual_mean(l1)  
print("The mean for the dataset is :",cal_mean)
```

- With **statistics** library:

```
import statistics as st  
l1=[1,2,3,45,6,66,7,8,9,10]
```

```
mean_l1=st.mean(l1)  
print("The mean for the dataset is :",mean_l1)
```

- With **Numpy** library:

```
import numpy as np  
l1=np.array([1,2,3,45,6,66,7,8,9,10])  
l2=np.array([[1,2],[3,4]])  
print("Mean for l1 dataset is :", np.mean(l1))  
print("Mean for l2 dataset is :",  
      np.mean(l2,axis=0))  
print("Mean for l2 dataset is :",  
      np.mean(l2,axis=1))
```