**Topics: Descriptive Statistics and Probability**

1. Look at the data given below. Plot the data, find the outliers and find out

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| **Name of company** | **Measure X** |
| Allied Signal | 24.23% |
| Bankers Trust | 25.53% |
| General Mills | 25.41% |
| ITT Industries | 24.14% |
| J.P.Morgan & Co. | 29.62% |
| Lehman Brothers | 28.25% |
| Marriott | 25.81% |
| MCI | 24.39% |
| Merrill Lynch | 40.26% |
| Microsoft | 32.95% |
| Morgan Stanley | 91.36% |
| Sun Microsystems | 25.99% |
| Travelers | 39.42% |
| US Airways | 26.71% |
| Warner-Lambert | 35.00% |



Answer the following three questions based on the box-plot above.

1. What is inter-quartile range of this dataset? (please approximate the numbers) In one line, explain what this value implies.

IQR=Q3-Q1

=(12-5-)

= 7

1. What can we say about the skewness of this dataset?

Right skewed

1. If it was found that the data point with the value 25 is actually 2.5, how would the new box-plot be affected?

Outliers have to be removed.



mode

Answer the following three questions based on the histogram above.

1. Where would the mode of this dataset lie?

We need to have actual data to get the exact value of the mode. The mode can lie between 4 and 10 because there are many values in this range but this is just an assumption. The 2 bars of the same height doesn’t indicate mode every time.

1. Comment on the skewness of the dataset.

Right skewed

1. Suppose that the above histogram and the box-plot in question 2 are plotted for the same dataset. Explain how these graphs complement each other in providing information about any dataset.

Both show Median approximately near to 6

Outlier near to 25

Data spared in between 0 to20

Data is right skewed

1. AT&T was running commercials in 1990 aimed at luring back customers who had switched to one of the other long-distance phone service providers. One such commercial shows a businessman trying to reach Phoenix and mistakenly getting Fiji, where a half-naked native on a beach responds incomprehensibly in Polynesian. When asked about this advertisement, AT&T admitted that the portrayed incident did not actually take place but added that this was an enactment of something that “could happen.” Suppose that one in 200 long-distance telephone calls is misdirected. What is the probability that at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number? (Assume independence of attempts.)

one in 200 long-distance telephone calls is misdirected

=>  probability of call misdirecting  p = 1/200

 Probability of call not Misdirecting = 1 - 1/200 = 199/200

Number of Calls = 5

P(x) = ⁿCₓpˣqⁿ⁻ˣ

n = 5

p = 1/200

q = 199/200

at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number

= 1  -  none of the call reaches the wrong number

= 1  - P(0)

= 1   -  ⁵C₀(1/200)⁰(199/200)⁵⁻⁰

= 1  -  (199/200)⁵

= 0.02475

**probability that at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number =0.02475**

1. Returns on a certain business venture, to the nearest $1,000, are known to follow the following probability distribution

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| x | P(x) |
| -2,000 | 0.1 |
| -1,000 | 0.1 |
| 0 | 0.2 |
| 1000 | 0.2 |
| 2000 | 0.3 |
| 3000 | 0.1 |

1. What is the most likely monetary outcome of the business venture?

Ans== 3000

most likely monetary outcome of the business venture  is 2000  $

as it has maximum probability = 0.3

1. Is the venture likely to be successful? Explain

Yes, the probability that the venture will make more than 0 or a profit p(x>0)+p(x>1000)+p(x>2000)+p(x=3000) = 0.2+0.2+0.3+0.1 = 0.8 this states that there is a good 80% chances for this venture to be making a profit

1. What is the long-term average earning of business ventures of this kind? Explain

The long-term average is Expected value = Sum (X \* P(X)) = 800$ which means on an average the returns will be + 800$

1. What is the good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind? Compute this measure

The good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind depends on the Variability in the distribution. Higher Variance means more chances of risk Var (X) = E(X^2) –(E(X))^2 = 2800000 – 800^2 = 2160000