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$$-2, 1, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1$$

Find the 4-th and 5-th Order Statistics.

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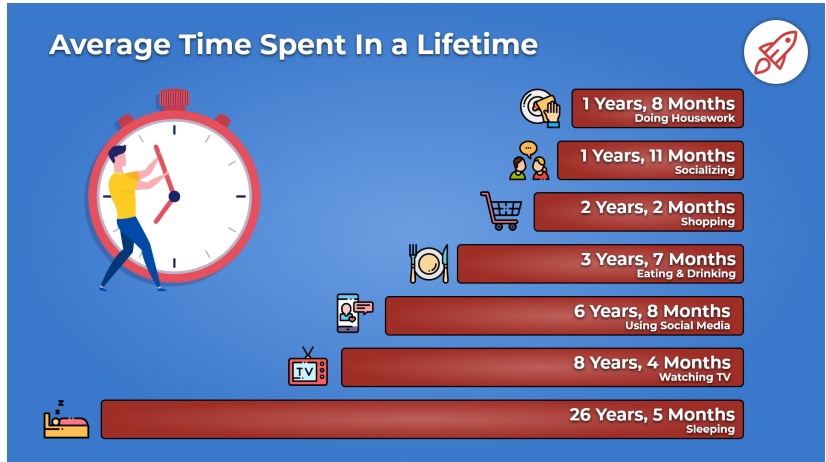
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The average time spent during the lifetime, from [this webpage](#):



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Example: People are calculating Trimmed CPI (Consumer Price Index), see [here](#)

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```
x <- c(1, 10, 20, 30, 4, 50)
mean(x)
```

```
## [1] 19.16667
```

```
mean(x, trim = 0.4)
```

```
## [1] 15
```


Winsorized Sample Mean

- **Winsorized Sample Mean:** Again, to reduce the influence of outliers, one can calculate the *Winsorized Sample Mean*. Here we again take $r \in (0, 0.5)$, take $p = \lceil n \cdot r \rceil$, and calculate

winsorized sample mean(x) =

$$\frac{x_{(p+1)} + \dots + x_{(p+1)} + x_{(p+2)} + x_{(p+3)} + \dots + x_{(n-p-1)} + x_{(n-p)} + \dots + x_{(n-p)}}{n}$$
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Example: CPI (Consumer Price Index) is percentage change of a weighted average market basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households , see [Wiki](#)

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$$\text{median}(x) = x_{(\frac{n+1}{2})};$$

- ▶ If n is **even**,

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Now, let's add an outlier:

```
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```

```
## [1] 102
```

```
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Important Property of the Median

- ▶ Half of the Datapoints are to the left of the Median, and half of the Datapoints are to the right

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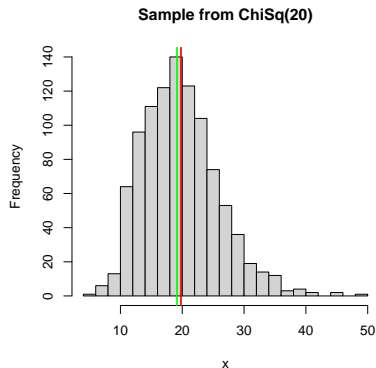
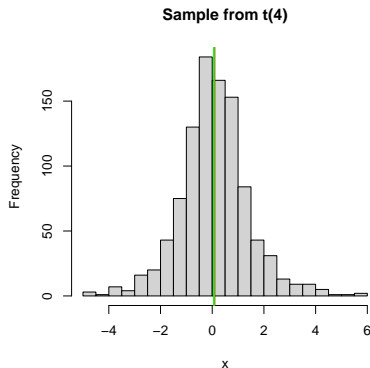
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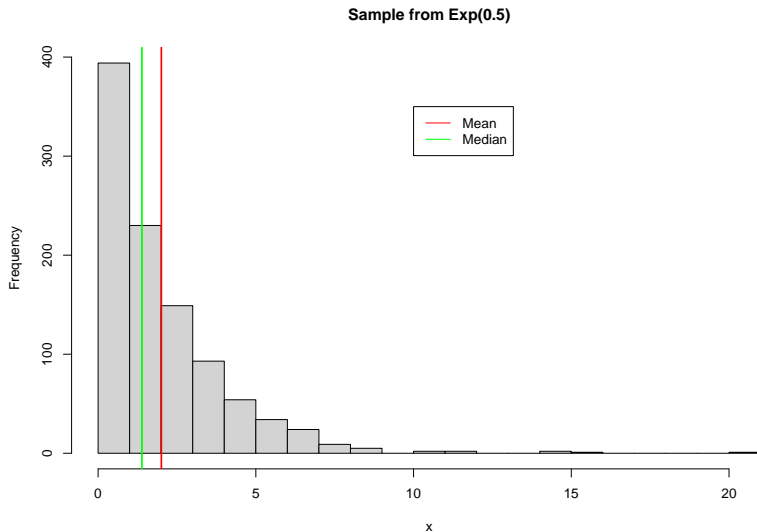
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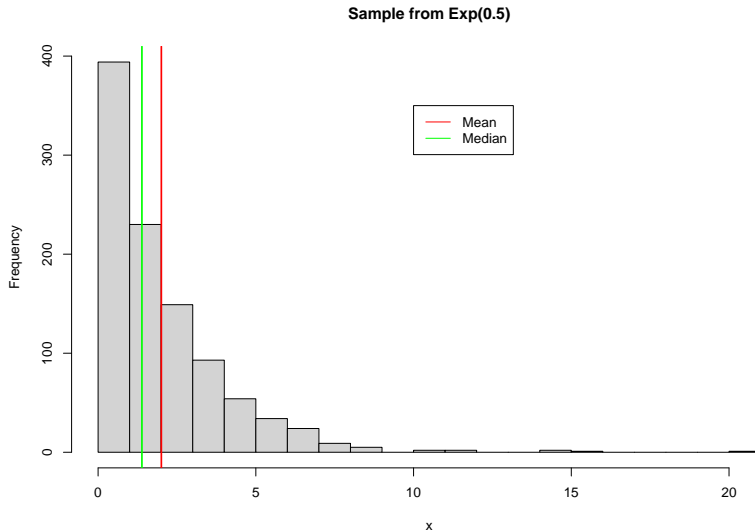


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