Quantitative Graphs

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Going a half of another decimal place below the lower class limit and above the upper class limits give us the **class boundaries**.

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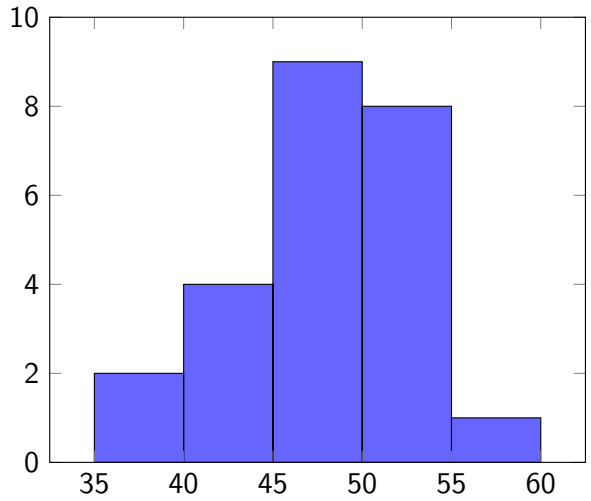

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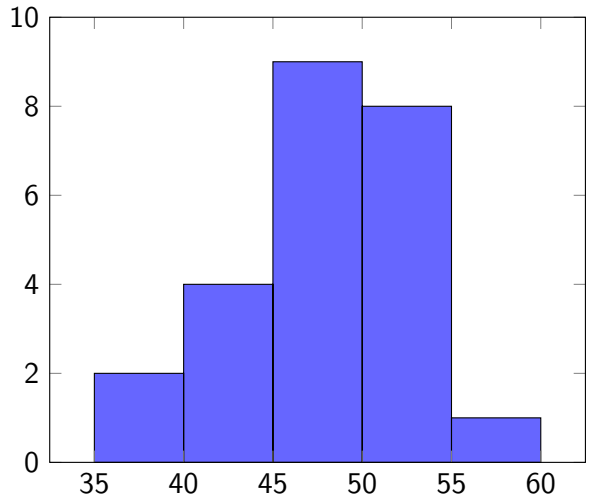

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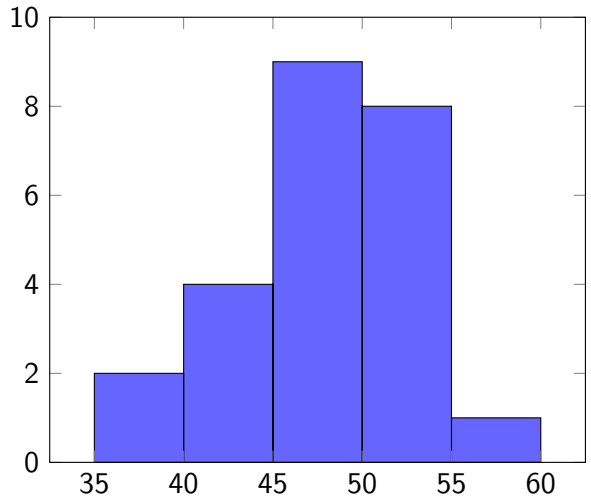

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To find the class midpoint, add the lower class limit and upper class limit. Then divide by two.

Example 1

Given the histogram below,