
S1 Chapter 3: Data Representations

Cumulative Frequency

Cumulative Frequency Diagrams

These graphs are intended to show the running total of people/things up to a particular value, and are particularly useful in estimating the median and quartiles.

Time (s)	Frequency	Cumul Freq	
$9.6 < t \leq 9.7$	1	1	Plot
$9.7 < t \leq 9.9$	4	5	Plot
$9.9 < t \leq 10.05$	10	15	Plot
$10.05 < t \leq 10.2$	17	32	Plot

Cumulative Frequency

32

28

24

20

16

12

8

4

0

Estimate of $Q_2 = 10.07s$

Estimate of $Q_1 = 9.95s$

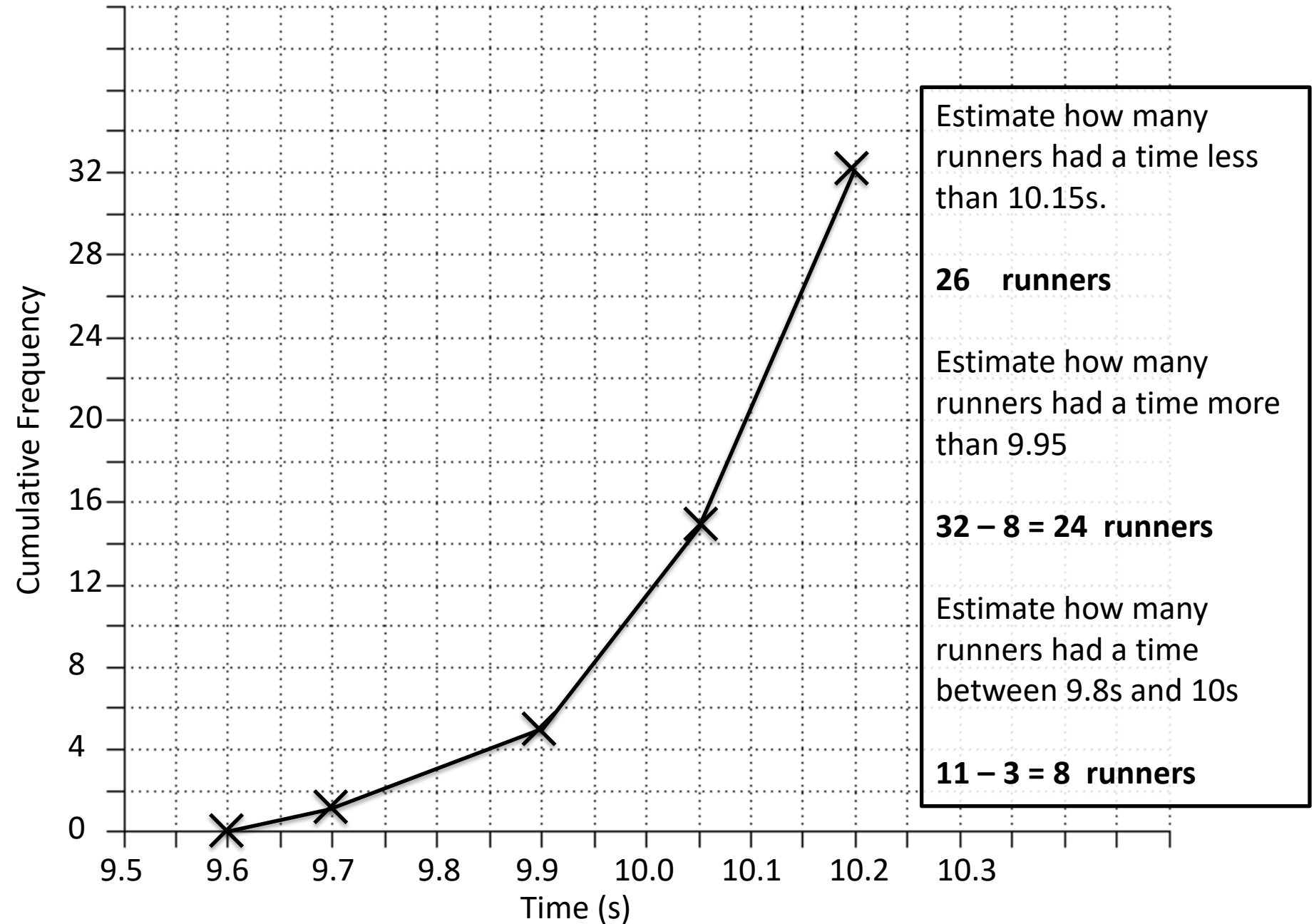
Estimate of $Q_3 = 10.13s$

Interquartile Range
= **0.18s**

9.5 9.6 9.7 9.8 9.9 10.0 10.1 10.2 10.3

Time (s)

Cumulative Frequency Diagrams



Exercise 3.3

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Homework Exercise

- 1 The table shows the masses, in kilograms, of 120 Coulter pine cones.
 - a Draw a cumulative frequency diagram for this data.
 - b Estimate the median mass.
 - c Find the interquartile range and the 10th to 90th interpercentile range.
 - d Draw a box plot to show this data.

- 2 The table shows the lengths, in cm, of 70 earthworms.
 - a Draw a cumulative frequency diagram for this data.
 - b Estimate the median and quartiles.
 - c Estimate how many earthworms are
 - i longer than 8.2 cm
 - ii shorter than 7.3 cm.
 - d Draw a box plot to show this data.

Mass, m (kg)	Frequency
$1.0 \leq m < 1.2$	7
$1.2 \leq m < 1.4$	18
$1.4 \leq m < 1.6$	34
$1.6 \leq m < 1.8$	41
$1.8 \leq m < 2.0$	15
$2.0 \leq m < 2.2$	5

Length, l (cm)	Frequency
$6.0 \leq l < 6.5$	3
$6.5 \leq l < 7.0$	13
$7.0 \leq l < 7.5$	14
$7.5 \leq l < 8.0$	26
$8.0 \leq l < 8.5$	10
$8.5 \leq l < 9.0$	4

Homework Exercise

- 3 The table shows the times taken by 80 men and 80 women to complete a crossword puzzle.

- a Draw cumulative frequency diagrams for both sets of data on the same axes.
- b Which gender had the lower median time?
- c Which gender had the bigger spread of times?
- d The qualifying time for the next round of a national competition is 7.5 minutes. Estimate the numbers of men and women who qualified for the competition.

Time, t (min)	Frequency (men)	Frequency (women)
$5 \leq t < 6$	2	3
$6 \leq t < 7$	14	15
$7 \leq t < 8$	17	21
$8 \leq t < 9$	40	35
$9 \leq t < 10$	7	6

Problem-solving

To compare spread you could use the interquartile range or the 10th to 90th percentile range.

- 4 A vet measures the masses, in kg, of male and female domestic shorthair cats. Her results are given in the table.

- a Draw cumulative frequency diagrams for both sets of data on the same axes.
- b Which gender has the greater spread of masses?

A female domestic shorthair cat is considered underweight if its mass is below 3.2 kg.

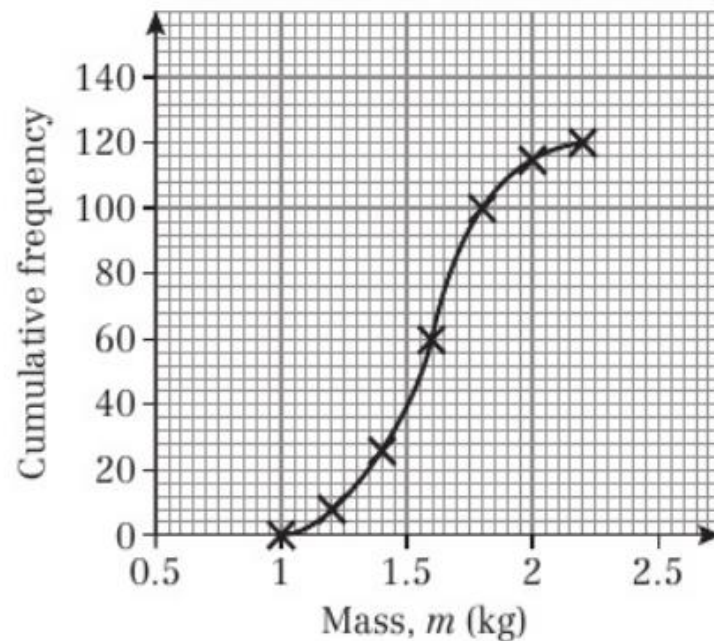
A male domestic shorthair cat is considered underweight if its mass is below 3.8 kg.

- c Which gender has fewer underweight cats?

Mass, w (kg)	Frequency (male)	Frequency (female)
$2.5 \leq w < 3.0$	1	5
$3.0 \leq w < 3.5$	12	17
$3.5 \leq w < 4.0$	20	32
$4.0 \leq w < 4.5$	27	12
$4.5 \leq w < 5.0$	7	4
$5.0 \leq w < 5.5$	3	0

Homework Answers

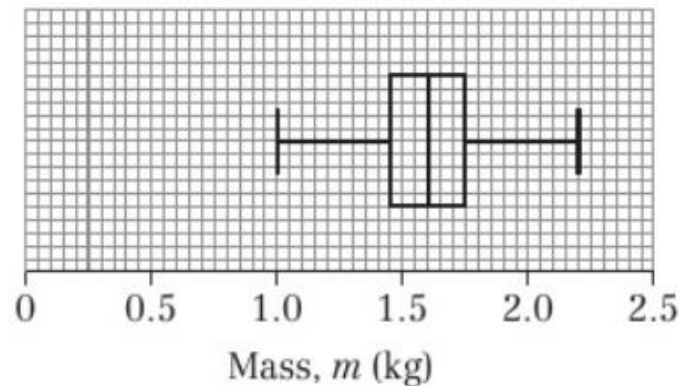
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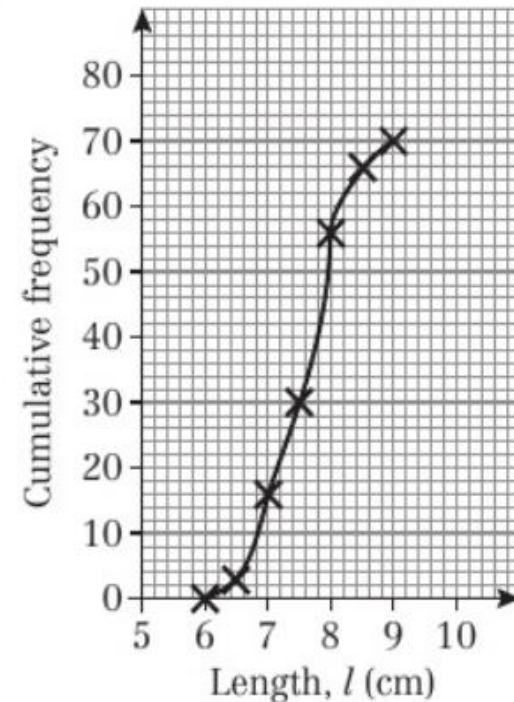
b ≈ 1.6 kg

c IQR ≈ 0.3 , 10th to 90th interpercentile range ≈ 0.65

d Masses of Coulter pine cones



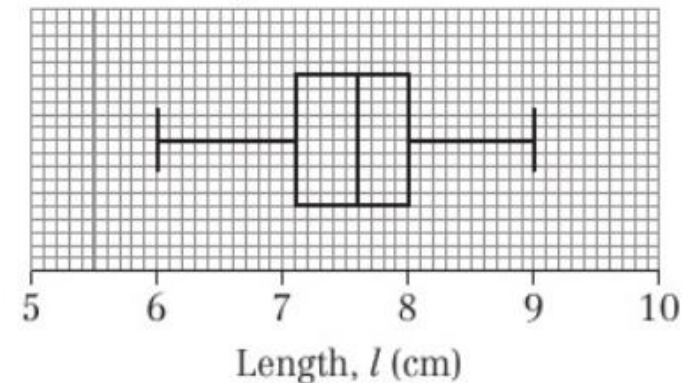
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b Median ≈ 7.6 , $Q_1 \approx 7.1$, $Q_3 \approx 8$

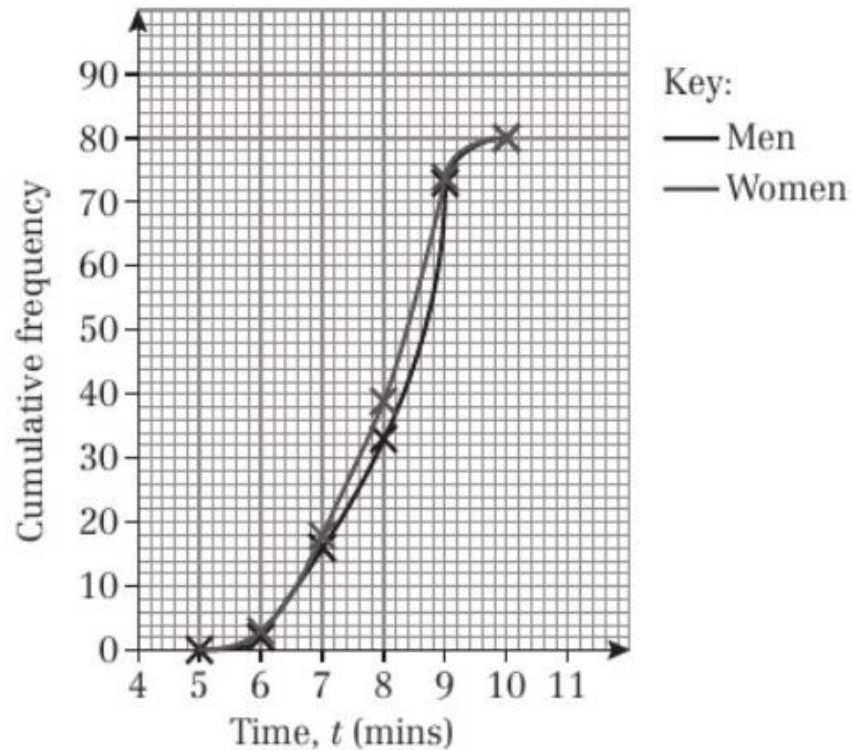
c i ≈ 8 ii ≈ 24

d Length of earthworms



Homework Answers

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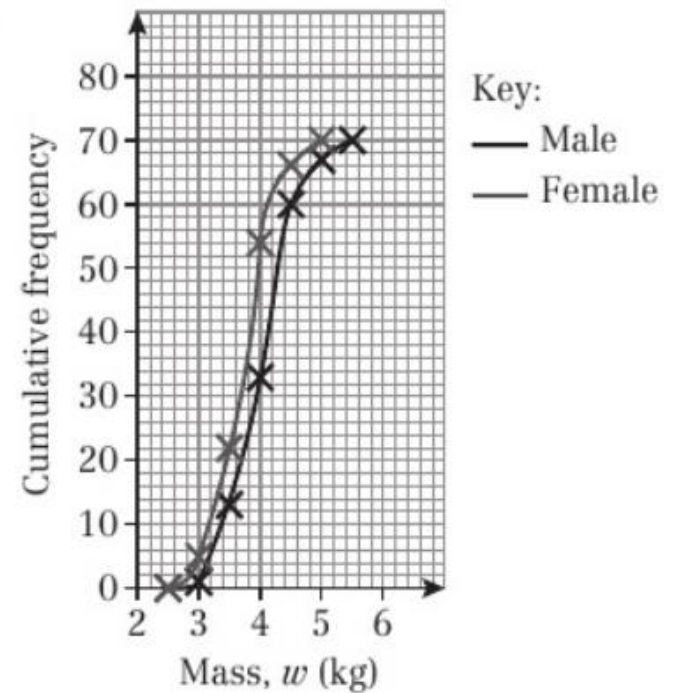


b Women

c Men

d Men ≈ 24 , women ≈ 28

4 a



b Male

c Female