

## Step-1

Given  $m$  independent measurements of pulse rate are  $b_1, \dots, b_m$  are weighted by  $w_1, \dots, w_m$ .

$$\bar{x}_w = \frac{w_1^2 b_1 + w_2^2 b_2}{w_1^2 + w_2^2}.$$

We have to find the weighted average that replaces

## Step-2

We have the weighted error is  $E^2 = w_1^2 (x - b_1)^2 + w_2^2 (x - b_2)^2 + \dots + w_m^2 (x - b_m)^2$

And the minimizing process is  $\frac{dE^2}{dx} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2w_1^2 (x - b_1) + 2w_2^2 (x - b_2) + \dots + 2w_m^2 (x - b_m) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[w_1^2 (x - b_1) + w_2^2 (x - b_2) + \dots + w_m^2 (x - b_m)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w_1^2 (x - b_1) + w_2^2 (x - b_2) + \dots + w_m^2 (x - b_m) = 0$$

## Step-3

Continuation to the above

$$\Rightarrow w_1^2 x - w_1^2 b_1 + w_2^2 x - w_2^2 b_2 + \dots + w_m^2 x - w_m^2 b_m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w_1^2 x + w_2^2 x + \dots + w_m^2 x - (w_1^2 b_1 + w_2^2 b_2 + \dots + w_m^2 b_m) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_m^2) = w_1^2 b_1 + w_2^2 b_2 + \dots + w_m^2 b_m$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{w_1^2 b_1 + w_2^2 b_2 + \dots + w_m^2 b_m}{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_m^2}$$

$$\text{Hence the weighted average is } \boxed{x = \bar{x}_w = \frac{w_1^2 b_1 + w_2^2 b_2 + \dots + w_m^2 b_m}{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_m^2}}.$$