Descriptive Statistics: Part 2/2 (Ch 3)

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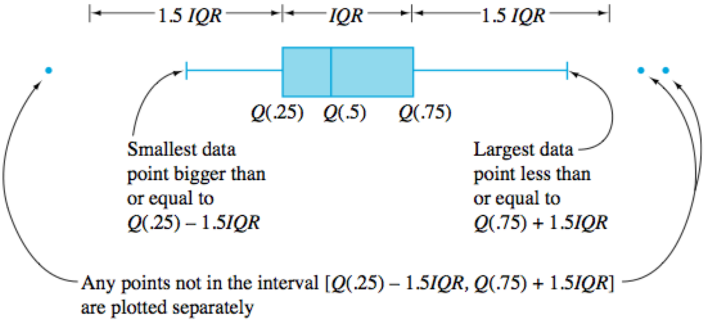
Generic Boxplot



Example: bullet data

Quantiles of the Bullet Penetration Depth Distributions

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18	.875	51.25	67.75
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Example: bullet data (230-grain bullets)

$$Q(.25) = .5Q(.225) + .5Q(.275) = .5(38.75) + .5(39.75) = 39.25 \text{ mm}$$
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$$Q(.75) = .5Q(.725) + .5Q(.775) = .5(47.90) + .5(48.15) = 48.025 \text{ mm}$$

So

$$IQR = 48.025 - 39.25 = 8.775 \text{ mm}$$
$$1.5IQR = 13.163 \text{ mm}$$
$$Q(.75) + 1.5IQR = 61.188 \text{ mm}$$
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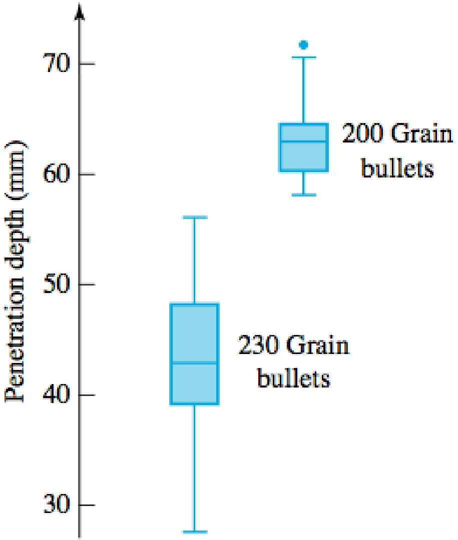

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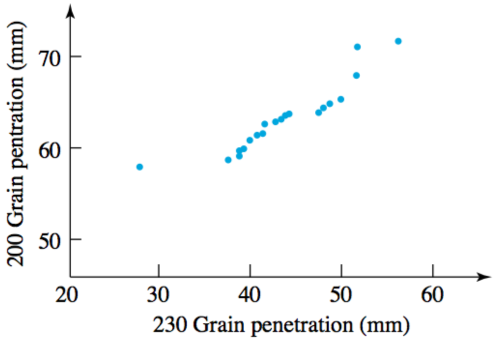

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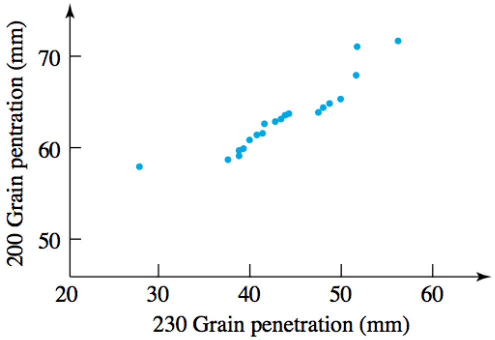

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Example: towel breaking strength data

Breaking Strength and Standard Normal Quantiles

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4	.35	8,577	−.39
5	.45	9,011	−.13
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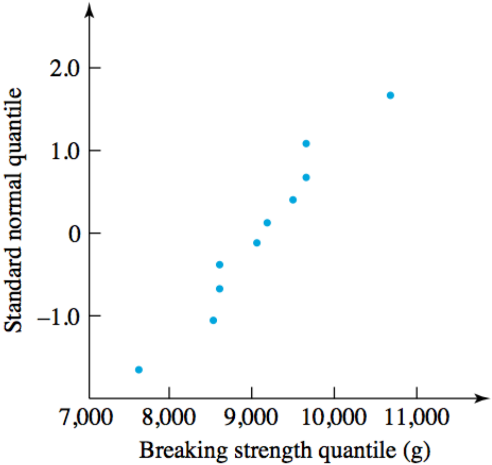
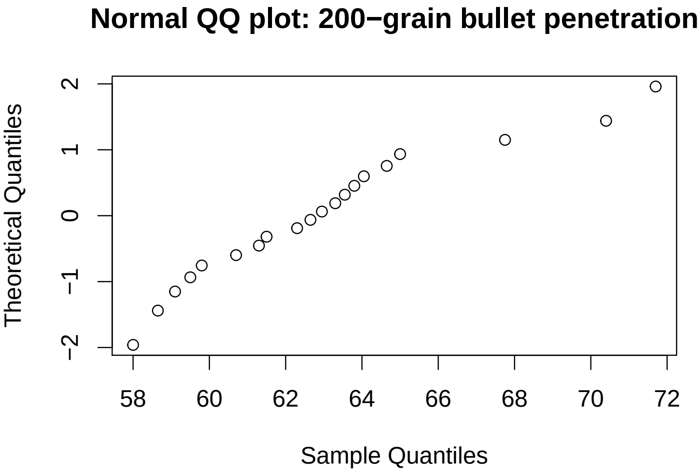


- The points are roughly straight-line-shaped, so the breaking strength data is roughly bell-shaped.


Normal QQ plot: 200−grain bullet penetration
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Sample Quantiles

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  - Here, $s = \sqrt{3.2} = 1.7889$
- Range
  - Range = Maximum - Minimum
  - Here, Range = 5 - 0 = 5
- Interquartile range
  - IQR $= Q(0.75) - Q(0.25)$
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Your turn: sensitivity to outliers

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which measures of center and spread differ drastically between the x_i's and the y_i's? Which ones are about the same?

Answers: sensitivity to outliers

Data	x_i	y_i
Mean	2	1.3621×10^8
Median	1.5	1.5
Mode	1	1
Sample Variance	3.2	1.1132×10^{17}
Sample Std. Dev.	1.7889	3.3365×10^8
Range	5	8.1726×10^8
IQR	2	2

Sensitivity of numerical summaries

- Numerical summaries sensitive to outliers *and* skewness:
  - Mean
  - Sample variance
  - Sample standard deviation
  - Range
- Less sensitive numerical summaries:
  - Median
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