

Exercise: You are given the following dataset representing students' scores in a Statistics exam:

Data = [45, 48, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 65, 68, 70, 72, 75, 78, 80]

Discretize the data into 3 bins using the following two methods:

- Equal Width Binning
- Equal Frequency Binning **For each binning method:**

- ❖ Sort the values in each bin in ascending order.
- ❖ Apply data smoothing using the following techniques:
 - Smoothing by Mean
 - Smoothing by Median
 - Smoothing by Boundaries

Solution

Discretizing:

1. **Equal Width Binning:** Range = $80 - 45 = 35 \rightarrow 35 / 3 = 11.67$

Bin 1: {45, 56.67} \rightarrow [45, 48, 52, 54, 56]

Bin 2: {56.67, 68.34} \rightarrow [58, 60, 62, 65, 68]

Bin 3: {68.34, 80} \rightarrow [70, 72, 75, 78, 80]

2. **Equal Frequency Binning:** $15 / 3 = 5 \rightarrow$ so five values per bin

Bin 1: [45, 48, 52, 54, 56]

Bin 2: [58, 60, 62, 65, 68]

Bin 3: [70, 72, 75, 78, 80]

Handwritten calculations and bin contents:

12
45 57
58 70
71 83

[45, 48, 52, 54, 56, 58]
60, 62, 65, 68, 70, 72,
75, 78, 80

And as it seems both ways resulted the same bins
So the smoothing will be the same
(no need to do it twice I mean)

Smoothing:

1. **By Mean:**

- Bin 1: $(45 + 48 + 52 + 54 + 56) / 5 = 51 \rightarrow$ Bin 1: [51, 51, 51, 51, 51] 52,52,52,52,52
- Bin 2: $(58 + 60 + 62 + 65 + 68) / 5 = 62.6 \rightarrow$ Bin 2: [62.6, 62.6, 62.6, 62.6, 62.6] 66,66,66,66,66
- Bin 3: $(70 + 72 + 75 + 78 + 80) / 5 = 75 \rightarrow$ Bin 3: [75, 75, 75, 75, 75] 78,78,78

2. **By Median:**

- Bin 1 median = 52 \rightarrow Bin 1: [52, 52, 52, 52, 52] 53,53,53,53,53
- Bin 2 median = 62 \rightarrow Bin 1: [62, 62, 62, 62, 62] 66,66,66,66,66
- Bin 3 median = 75 \rightarrow Bin 1: [75, 75, 75, 75, 75] 78,78,78

3. **By Boundaries:**

- Bin 1: min = 45, max = 56 \rightarrow Bin 1: [45, 45, 56, 56, 56] 45,45,58,58,58,58
- Bin 2: min = 58, max = 68 \rightarrow Bin 1: [58, 58, 58, 68, 68] 60,60,60,72,72,72
- Bin 3: min = 70, max = 80 \rightarrow Bin 1: [70, 70, 80, 80, 80] 75,80,80