



Measures of dispersion



Dispersion

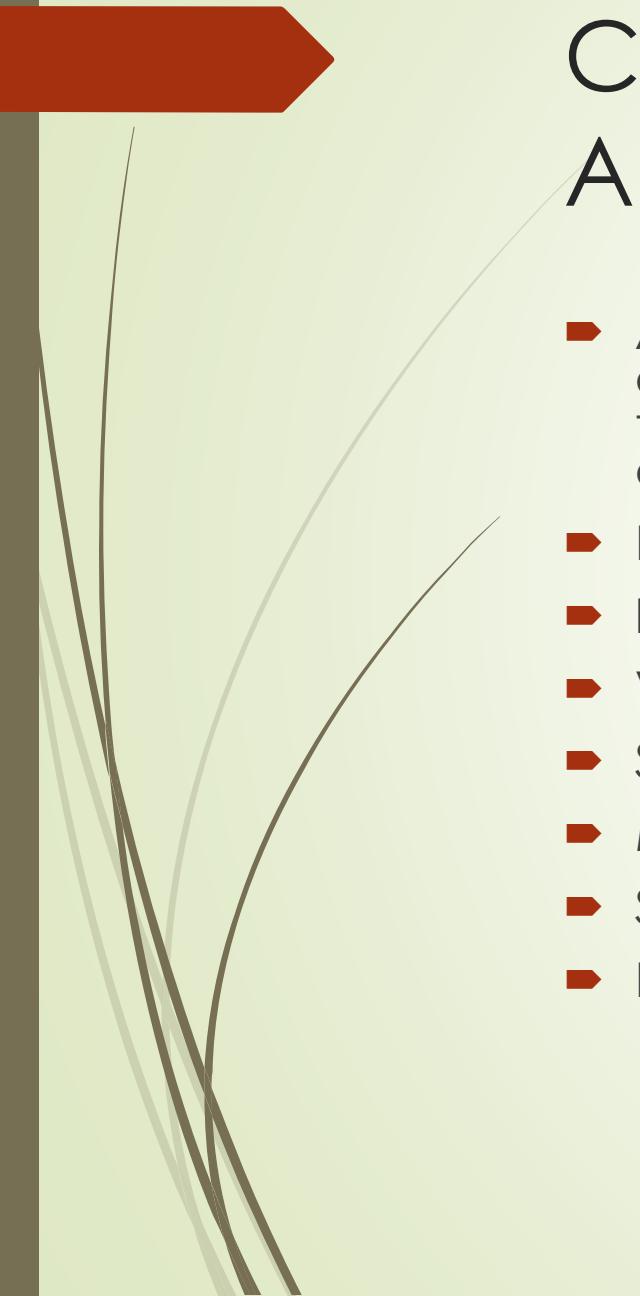
- ▶ Definition: “Dispersion (also called variability, scatter or spread) is the extent to which a distribution is stretched or squeezed.”
- ▶ Common examples of measures of statistical dispersion are the variance, standard deviation and interquartile range.



Types of Measures of Dispersion

There are two main types of dispersion methods in statistics which are:

- Absolute Measure of Dispersion
- Relative Measure of Dispersion



Common measures of Dispersion

Absolute dispersion

- ▶ An absolute measure of dispersion contains the same unit as the original data set. Absolute dispersion method expresses the variations in terms of the average of deviations of observations like standard or means deviations. It includes range, standard deviation, quartile deviation, etc
- ▶ Range
- ▶ Inter-quartile range (IQR)
- ▶ Variance
- ▶ Standard deviation
- ▶ Mean deviation
- ▶ Standard error of the mean
- ▶ Lorenz Curve

Relative Measure of Dispersion

- ▶ The relative measures of depression are used to compare the distribution of two or more data sets. This measure compares values without units. Common relative dispersion methods include:
 - ▶ Co-efficient of Range
 - ▶ Co-efficient of Variation
 - ▶ Co-efficient of Standard Deviation
 - ▶ Co-efficient of Quartile Deviation
 - ▶ Co-efficient of Mean Deviation



The common coefficients of dispersion are:

C.D. In Terms of	Coefficient of dispersion
Range	$C.D. = (X_{\max} - X_{\min}) / (X_{\max} + X_{\min})$
Quartile Deviation	$C.D. = (Q_3 - Q_1) / (Q_3 + Q_1)$
Standard Deviation (S.D.)	$C.D. = S.D. / \text{Mean}$
Mean Deviation	$C.D. = \text{Mean deviation} / \text{Average}$

Range

- ▶ The range of a data set is the difference between the largest and smallest data values.
- ▶ Example:
- ▶ Range of the sample: 53, 55, 70, 58, 64, 57, 53, 69, 57, 68, 53
- ▶ $R = H - L$
- ▶ Where, R= Range H = Highest value in the observation= 70
- ▶ L = Lowest value in the observation= 53
- ▶ Range, $R = H - L = 70 - 53 = 7$

RANGE

Example: Calculate the range and coefficient of range of the given dataset –

13, 20, 7, 15, 29, 35

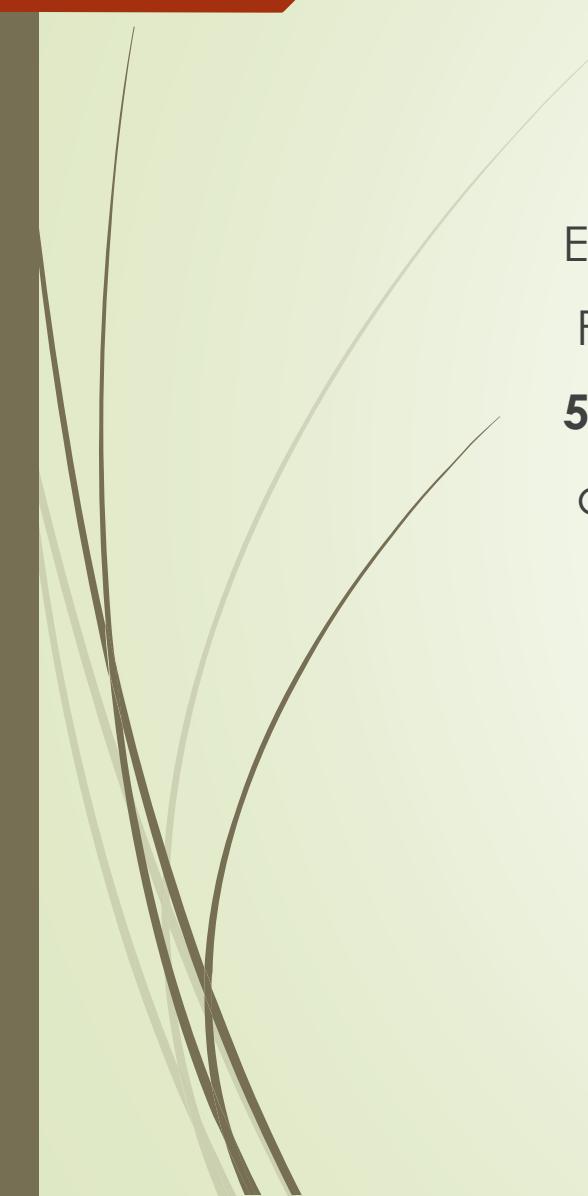
Solution:

$$R = L-S$$

$$= 35 - 7 = \mathbf{28}$$

$$\text{Coefficient of range} = \frac{L-S}{L+S} \times 100$$

$$= (35-7/35+7) \times 100 = 66.66\%$$



Example:

Find out the Range and coefficient of range of following data.

59,46,30,23,27,40,52,35,29

ans. 36, 0.44

Find range of coefficient

Calculate the coefficient of range for the following data:

Heights in cm.	120–124	125–129	130–134	135–139	140–144
No. of students	6	9	10	12	8

Answer

First let us find the limits of heights (limits of class intervals) and their mid points.

Height Height limits Midpoint of heights No. of students

120 – 124	119.5 – 124.5	122	6
125 – 129	124.5 – 129.5	127	9
130 – 134	129.5 – 134.5	132	10
135 – 139	134.5 – 139.5	137	12
140 – 144	139.5 – 144.5	142	8

Upper limit of the highest height, $H = 144.5$, lower limit of the lowest height, $L = 119.5$.

$$\text{Coefficient of range} = \frac{H - L}{H + L} = \frac{144.5 - 119.5}{144.5 + 119.5} = \frac{25}{264} = 0.095.$$

Advantages & disadvantages of the Range

- ▶ **Advantages:**

- ▶ Easy to compute.
- ▶ Easy to understand.
- ▶ Scores exist in the data set.

- ▶ **Disadvantages:**

- ▶ Value depends only on two scores.
- ▶ Influenced by sample size.
- ▶ Very sensitive to outliers.
- ▶ Insensitive to the distribution of scores within the two extremes.
- ▶ For example: 1,2,2,3,4,6,7 vs. 1,1,1,1,1,1,7 both have Range, $R=6$

Inter-quartile Range (IQR)

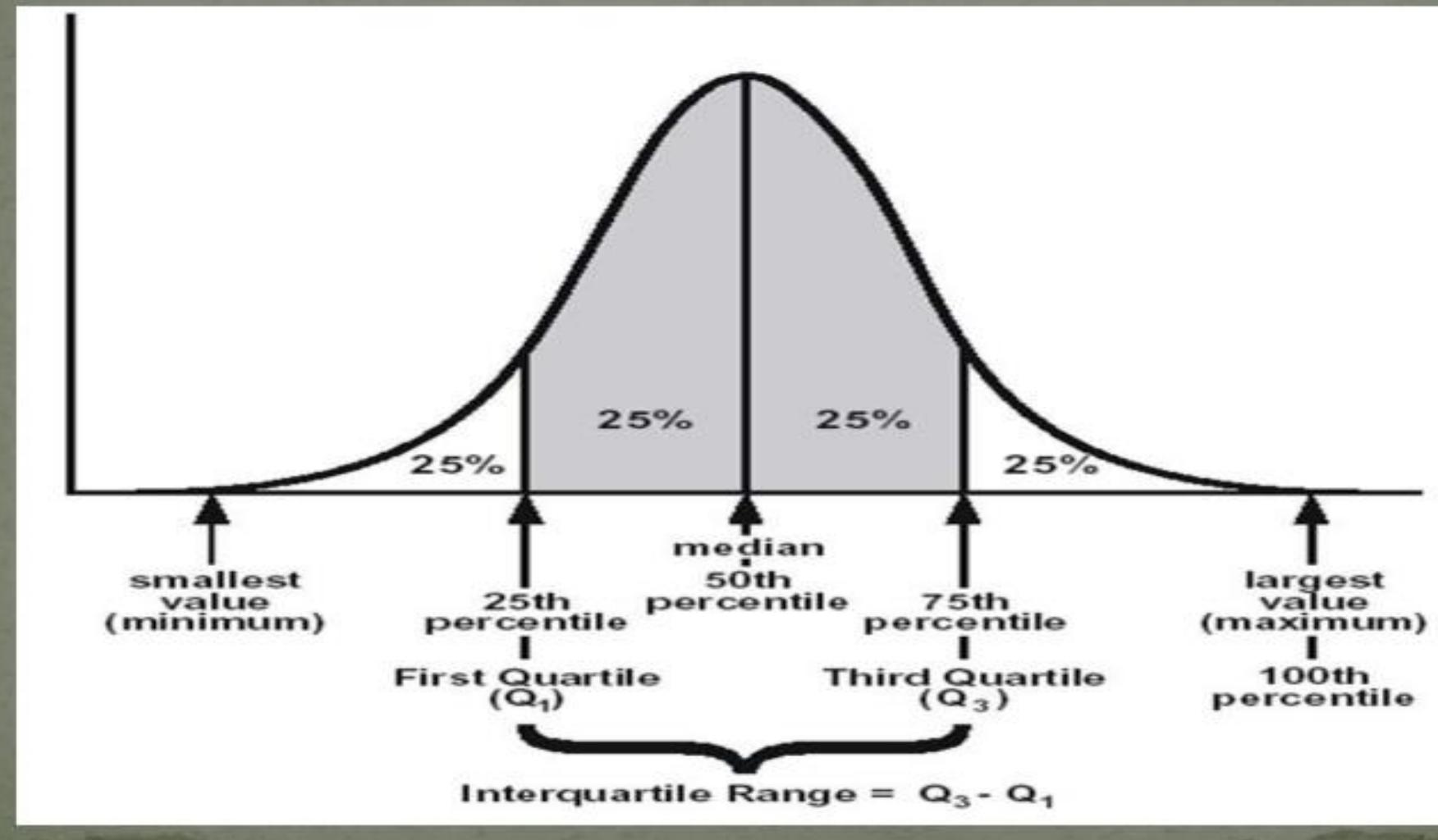
- ▶ The inter-quartile range of a data set is the difference between the third quartile(75%) and the first quartile(25%).
- ▶ It is the range for the middle 50% of the data.
- ▶ It overcomes the sensitivity to extreme data values.

$$\mathbf{IQR= Q_3 - Q_1}$$

- ▶ Where, Q_1 = First quartile Q_3 = Third quartile
- ▶ Semi-inter-quartile range is also known as quartile deviation,

$$\mathbf{QD = IQR/2 = Q_3 - Q_1 /2}$$

Graphical Representation of IQR





► **Advantages of IQR**

- It is not affected by extreme values as in the case of range.
- It is useful in estimating dispersion in grouped data with open ended class.

► **Disadvantages of IQR**

- IQR as a measure of dispersion is most reliable only with symmetrical data series. Unfortunately, in social sciences most of data distributions are generally asymmetrical in nature. So, its use in social sciences is usually limited to data which are moderately skewed.

MEAN DEVIATION

It is the average of the absolute values of the deviation from the mean (or median or mode).

$$\text{Mean deviation or MD or } \delta = \sum |x| \div N$$

where, MD= mean deviation;

x = deviation from actual mean

$| |$ = not considering sign (+ve or -ve)

$$\text{Deviation, } x = X - \bar{X}$$



► MERITS AND DEMERITS OF MEAN DEVIATION

- Mean deviation is easy to calculate but since mean deviation has less mathematical value , it is rarely applied for biological statistical analysis. It is also not meaningful because negative sign of deviations is ignored.

STANDARD DEVIATION

- ▶ It may be defined as “the square root of the arithmetic mean of the squares of deviations from the arithmetic mean.”
- ▶ □ Sample Standard Deviation, $s=\sqrt{s^2}$
- ▶ □ Population Standard Deviation, $\sigma= \sqrt{\sigma^2}$

Variance

Thus, we can take $\frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ as a quantity which leads to a proper measure of dispersion. This number, i.e., mean of the squares of the deviations from mean is called the *variance* and is denoted by σ^2 (read as sigma square). Therefore, the variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

15.5.1 Standard Deviation In the calculation of variance, we find that the units of individual observations x_i and the unit of their mean \bar{x} are different from that of variance, since variance involves the sum of squares of $(x_i - \bar{x})^2$. For this reason, the proper measure of dispersion about the mean of a set of observations is expressed as positive square-root of the variance and is called *standard deviation*. Therefore, the standard deviation, usually denoted by σ , is given by

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \quad \dots (1)$$

Standard Deviation

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↳ Population Standard Deviation Formula :-

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \mu)^2}{N}}$$

x = Terms / observations / values.

μ = Population mean / \sum = Sum of.

$\mu = \frac{\sum x_i}{N}$ [N = number of items in the Population]

N = number of values in Population

Ex.

Sr. No.	Students	Marks (x_i)
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1	Tulsi	600
2	Visha	470
3	Raj	170
4	Tirthesh	430
5	Khushi	300

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \frac{\sum x}{N} = \frac{(600 + 470 + 170 + 430 + 300)}{5} \\ &= 1970 / 5 \\ &= 394 \\ \therefore \mu &= 394\end{aligned}$$

Students	Mark (X)	$X - \bar{X}$	$(X - \bar{X})^2$
Tulsi	600	206	42436
Vishal	470	76	5776
Raj	170	-226	51076
Tirthesh	430	36	1296
Khushi	300	-94	8836
			$\sum (X - \bar{X})^2 =$
			109420
		$\bar{X} = 394$	
		$X - \bar{X} = 600 - 394 = 206$	$(206)^2$
		$470 - 394 = 76$	$(76)^2$
		$170 - 394 = -226$	$(-226)^2$
		$430 - 394 = 36$	$(36)^2$
		$300 - 394 = -94$	$(-94)^2$
		$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{N}}$	
		$= \sqrt{\frac{109420}{5}}$	
		$= \sqrt{21884}$	
		$\sigma = 147.93$	Standard deviation for Population

↳ Sample Standard deviation :-

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

\bar{x} = Sample mean/Average

x = Individual values in Sample

n = number of Individual Values in Sample.

Eg.

Students	Marks (x_i)	$x - \bar{x}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$
Tulsi	600	206	42436
Visha	470	76	5776
Raj	170	-226	51076
Tirthesh	430	430	1296
Khushi	300	300	8836
	$\Sigma x = 1970$		$\Sigma = 109420$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\Sigma x}{n} = \frac{1970}{5} = 394$$

$$x - \bar{x} = 600 - 394 = 206$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{109420}{5-1}} = \sqrt{27355}$$
$$\therefore S = 165.39$$

↳ Standard Deviation of a discrete and continuous frequency.

$$(I) \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Actual Mean
method or
Direct

$$N = \sum f_i$$

Discrete frequency		Continuous frequency	
Marks	Students	Class	Frequency
x_i	f_i	0 - 10	3
5	3	10 - 20	4
6	4	20 - 30	2
7	2	30 - 40	6
8	6	40 - 50	5
10	5	50 - 60	10
12	10	Class Interval = 10	

Inclusive Class	Frequency	Upper Limit and Lower Limit at (2 nd) class case not same = Inclusive .
0 - 9	1	
10 - 19	2	
20 - 29	3	
30 - 39	4	
40 - 49	5	
50 - 59	6	

For class boundaries -

$$\text{Exclusive} = \text{Lower boundary of 2nd class} - \text{Upper boundary of 1st class}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 9}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

Reduce 0.5 from lower limit of all
Add 0.5 to upper limit of all class.

Exclusive class

$$- 0.5 \rightarrow 9.5$$

$$9.5 \leftarrow 19.5$$

$$19.5 \leftarrow 29.5$$

$$29.5 \leftarrow 39.5$$

$$39.5 \leftarrow 49.5$$

$$49.5 \leftarrow 59.5$$

(2) Short-Cut method or Actual

Assumed mean method :-

for discrete and continuous frequency

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum d^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum d}{n} \right)^2}$$

$$d = x - A$$

A = assumed mean

n = Total number of observation

$$n = \sum f$$

b) Standard Deviation formula for Grouped Data :-

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{N \sum f_i x_i^2 - (\sum f_i x_i)^2}{N}}$$

c) Another Formula for Standard deviation :-

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{N \sum f_i y_i^2 - (\sum f_i y_i)^2}{N}}$$

h = width of class intervals
 $y_i = \frac{x_i - A}{h}$, A = assumed mean.

(3) Step Deviation Method :-

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum f d_i^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum f d_i}{n} \right)^2} \times i$$

Where,
 i = common class interval

$$d = \frac{x - A}{i}, A = \text{assumed mean.}$$

Formulas for Standard Deviation

Population Standard Deviation Formula

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\mu)^2}{n}}$$

Sample Standard Deviation Formula

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(X-\bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

Notations for Standard Deviation

- σ = Standard Deviation
- x_i = Terms Given in the Data
- \bar{x} = Mean
- n = Total number of Terms



15.5.2 Standard deviation of a discrete frequency distribution Let the given discrete frequency distribution be

$$\begin{array}{ll} x: & x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n \\ f: & f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n \end{array}$$

In this case standard deviation $(\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i - \bar{x})^2}$... (2)

where $N = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i$.



15.5.3 Standard deviation of a continuous frequency distribution The given continuous frequency distribution can be represented as a discrete frequency distribution by replacing each class by its mid-point. Then, the standard deviation is calculated by the technique adopted in the case of a discrete frequency distribution.

If there is a frequency distribution of n classes each class defined by its mid-point x_i with frequency f_i , the standard deviation will be obtained by the formula

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2},$$

where \bar{x} is the mean of the distribution and $N = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i$.

Standard Deviation Formula Based on Discrete Frequency Distribution

For discrete frequency distribution of the type:

x: $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots x_n$ and

f: $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots f_n$

The formula for standard deviation becomes:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Here, N is given as:

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i$$

Standard Deviation Formula for Grouped Data

There is another standard deviation formula which is derived from the variance. This formula is given as:

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i)^2}$$



Another formula for standard deviation :

$$\sigma_x = \frac{h}{N} \sqrt{N \sum_{i=1}^n f_i y_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i y_i \right)^2}$$

... (5)

where h is the width of class intervals and $y_i = \frac{x_i - A}{h}$ and A is the assumed mean.

MERITS AND DEMERITS OF STD. DEVIATION

- ▶ Std. Dev. summarizes the deviation of a large distribution from mean in one figure used as a unit of variation.
- ▶ It indicates whether the variation of difference of a individual from the mean is real or by chance.
- ▶ Std. Dev. helps in finding the suitable size of sample for valid conclusions.
- ▶ It helps in calculating the Standard error.
- ▶ DEMERITS-
- ▶ It gives weightage to only extreme values. The process of squaring deviations and then taking square root involves lengthy calculations.



CALCULATION OF STANDARD DEVIATION- DISCRETE SERIES OR GROUPED DATA

Three Methods

- a) Actual Mean Method or **Direct Method**
- b) Assumed Mean Method or **Short-cut Method**
- c) Step Deviation Method

Example : During a survey, 6 students were asked how many hours per day they study on an average? Their answers were as follows: 2, 6, 5, 3, 2, 3. Evaluate the sample standard deviation.

Solution:

Find the mean of the data:

$$\frac{(2+6+5+3+2+3)}{6} = 3.5$$

Step 2: Construct the table:

x_1	$x_1 - \bar{x}$	$(x_1 - \bar{x})^2$
2	-1.5	2.25
6	2.5	6.25
5	1.5	2.25
3	-0.5	0.25
2	-1.5	2.25
3	-0.5	0.25
= 13.5		

Step 3: Now, use the Standard Deviation formula

$$\text{Sample Standard Deviation} = s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{13.5/[6-1]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[2.7]}$$

$$= 1.643$$

Example : Find the mean respiration rate per minute and its standard deviation when in 4 cases the rate was found to be : 16, 13, 17 and 22.

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum d^2}{n}}$$

• **Solution:**

Here **Mean** = $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{16+13+17+22}{4} = \frac{68}{4} = 17$

(x)	$d = x - \bar{x}$	$d^2 = (x - \bar{x})^2$
16	-1	1
13	-4	16
17	0	0
22	5	25
$\sum x = 68$		$\sum d^2 = 42$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum d^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{42}{4}} = 3.2$$

Example 11 Find the standard deviation for the following data :

x_i	3	8	13	18	23
f_i	7	10	15	10	6

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum f_i x_i^2 - (\sum f_i x_i)^2}$$

x_i	f_i	$f_i x_i$	$\frac{(f_i x_i) x_i}{f_i x_i^2}$	
3	7	21	63	
8	10	80	640	
13	15	195	2535	$= (\sum f_i x_i)^2$
18	10	180	3240	$= (614)^2$
23	6	138	3174	$- 376996$
	$\sum f_i = 48$	$\sum f_i x_i = 614$	$\sum f_i x_i^2 = 9652$	

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{48} (9652) - 376996}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{86300}{48}}$$
$$= \frac{293}{48}$$
$$\therefore \boxed{\sigma = 6.12}$$

Solution : In the given data,

$$f_i x_i = 21, 80, 195, 180, 138$$

$$f_i x_i^2 = 63, 640, 2535, 3240, 3174$$

Now, standard deviation is given by,

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{N \sum f_i x_i^2 - \left(\sum f_i x_i \right)^2}$$

$$\text{Here, } N = \sum f_i = 48$$

$$\sum f_i x_i = 614$$

$$\sum f_i x_i^2 = 9652$$

So, putting these values,

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{48} \sqrt{48(9652) - 614^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{1}{48} \sqrt{463296 - 376998}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{1}{48} \sqrt{86300} = \frac{293.76}{48}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = 6.12$$

Example 9 Find the variance and standard deviation for the following data:

x_i	4	8	11	17	20	24	32
f_i	3	5	9	5	4	3	1

Table 15.8

x_i	f_i	$f_i x_i$	$x_i - \bar{x}$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$	$f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2$
4	3	12	-10	100	300
8	5	40	-6	36	180
11	9	99	-3	9	81
17	5	85	3	9	45
20	4	80	6	36	144
24	3	72	10	100	300
32	1	32	18	324	324
	30	420			1374

$$N = 30, \sum_{i=1}^7 f_i x_i = 420, \sum_{i=1}^7 f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 1374$$

Therefore

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 f_i x_i}{N} = \frac{1}{30} \times 420 = 14$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{variance } (\sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^7 f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{30} \times 1374 = 45.8 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{Standard deviation } (\sigma) = \sqrt{45.8} = 6.77$$

Example 10 Calculate the mean, variance and standard deviation for the following distribution:

Class	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100
Frequency	3	7	12	15	8	3	2

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Class	Freq. f_i	Mid Point x_i	$f_i x_i$	$f_i x_i^2$
30-40	3	35	105	3675
40-50	7	45	315	14175
50-60	12	55	660	36300
60-70	15	65	975	63375
70-80	8	75	600	45000
80-90	3	85	255	21675
90-100	2	95	190	18050
	50		3100	202250

$$(f_i x_i)^2 = (3100)^2 = 9100$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum f_i x_i^2 - (\sum f_i x_i)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{50} (202250) - 9100000}$$

$$= \sqrt{502500}$$

$$= 74.177$$

$$\boxed{\sigma = 74.18}$$

Class	Frequency (f_i)	Mid-point (x_i)	$f_i x_i$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$	$f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2$
30-40	3	35	105	729	2187
40-50	7	45	315	289	2023
50-60	12	55	660	49	588
60-70	15	65	975	9	135
70-80	8	75	600	169	1352
80-90	3	85	255	529	1587
90-100	2	95	190	1089	2178
	50		3100		10050

Thus Mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^7 f_i x_i = \frac{3100}{50} = 62$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Variance } (\sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^7 f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{50} \times 10050 = 201 \end{aligned}$$

and Standard deviation (σ) = $\sqrt{201} = 14.18$

Examples 12 Calculate mean, variance and standard deviation for the following distribution.

Classes	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100
Frequency	3	7	12	15	8	3	2

Solution Let the assumed mean $A = 65$. Here $h = 10$
 We obtain the following Table 15.11 from the given data :

Table 15.11

Class	Frequency	Mid-point	$y_i = \frac{x_i - 65}{10}$	y_i^2	$f_i y_i$	$f_i y_i^2$
30-40	3	35	-3	9	-9	27
40-50	7	45	-2	4	-14	28
50-60	12	55	-1	1	-12	12
60-70	15	65	0	0	0	0
70-80	8	75	1	1	8	8
80-90	3	85	2	4	6	12
90-100	2	95	3	9	6	18
	N=50				-15	105

Therefore

$$\bar{x} = A + \frac{\sum f_i y_i}{N} \times h = 65 - \frac{15}{50} \times 10 = 62$$

Variance

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= \frac{h^2}{N^2} \left[N \sum f_i y_i^2 - (\sum f_i y_i)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{(10)^2}{(50)^2} \left[50 \times 105 - (-15)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{25} [5250 - 225] = 201\end{aligned}$$

and standard deviation (σ) = $\sqrt{201}$ = 14.18



► Example.

Find the variance and standard deviation of the following data by using assume mean method.

6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24

► Solution:

x_i	$d_i = \frac{x_i - 14}{2}$	Deviations from mean ($x_i - \bar{x}$)	$(x_i - \bar{x})$
6	-4	-9	81
8	-3	-7	49
10	-2	-5	25
12	-1	-3	9
14	0	-1	1
16	1	1	1
18	2	3	9
20	3	5	25
22	4	7	49
24	5	9	81
	5		330

Therefore

$$\text{Mean } \bar{x} = \text{assumed mean} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i}{n} \times h = 14 + \frac{5}{10} \times 2 = 15$$

and

$$\text{Variance } (\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \frac{1}{10} \times 330 = 33$$

$$\text{Thus Standard deviation } (\sigma) = \sqrt{33} = 5.74$$

9. Find the mean, variance and standard deviation using short-cut method

Height in cms	70-75	75-80	80-85	85-90	90-95	95-100	100-105	105-110	110-115
No. of children	3	4	7	7	15	9	6	6	3

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