**Topics: Descriptive Statistics and Probability**

1. Look at the data given below. Plot the data, find the outliers and find out

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| **Name of company** | **Measure X** |
| Allied Signal | 24.23% |
| Bankers Trust | 25.53% |
| General Mills | 25.41% |
| ITT Industries | 24.14% |
| J.P.Morgan & Co. | 29.62% |
| Lehman Brothers | 28.25% |
| Marriott | 25.81% |
| MCI | 24.39% |
| Merrill Lynch | 40.26% |
| Microsoft | 32.95% |
| Morgan Stanley | 91.36% |
| Sun Microsystems | 25.99% |
| Travelers | 39.42% |
| US Airways | 26.71% |
| Warner-Lambert | 35.00% |



Answer the following three questions based on the box-plot above.

1. What is inter-quartile range of this dataset? (please approximate the numbers) In one line, explain what this value implies.

Ans : First Quantile Range Q1=5(Third Quantile Range)Q3

= 12

Median(Second Quantile Range) = 7 (IQR)

= Q3- Q1

= 12-5

=7

Second Quartile range is the median value.

1. What can we say about the skewness of this dataset?

Ans : Right skewed

1. If it was found that the data point with the value 25 is actually 2.5, how would the new box-plot be affected?

Ans : In that case there will be no outlier. The data had positive skewness because of the oulier, and so the data will be normally distributed.



Answer the following three questions based on the histogram above.

1. Where would the mode of this dataset lie?

Ans: The mode of this data set will lie approximately between 4 to 8.

1. Comment on the skewness of the dataset.

Ans: Right Skewed

1. Suppose that the above histogram and the box-plot in question 2 are plotted for the same dataset. Explain how these graphs complement each other in providing information about any dataset.

Ans: Both are right skewed, and both have outliers.

The median can be easily visualized in boxplot; whereas in histogram, mode is more visible.

1. AT&T was running commercials in 1990 aimed at luring back customers who had switched to one of the other long-distance phone service providers. One such commercial shows a businessman trying to reach Phoenix and mistakenly getting Fiji, where a half-naked native on a beach responds incomprehensibly in Polynesian. When asked about this advertisement, AT&T admitted that the portrayed incident did not actually take place but added that this was an enactment of something that “could happen.” Suppose that one in 200 long-distance telephone calls is misdirected. What is the probability that at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number? (Assume independence of attempts.)

Ans: If in 200- long distance telephone calls are getting misdirected, probability of call misdirecting

= 1/200

Probability of call not misdirecting = 1 – 1/200

= 199/200

The probability for atleast one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number

= 0.0245

1. Returns on a certain business venture, to the nearest $1,000, are known to follow the following probability distribution

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| x | P(x) |
| -2,000 | 0.1 |
| -1,000 | 0.1 |
| 0 | 0.2 |
| 1000 | 0.2 |
| 2000 | 0.3 |
| 3000 | 0.1 |

1. What is the most likely monetary outcome of the business venture?

The most likely monetary outcome of the business venture is 2000$, and the probability is 0.3 , which is maximum compared to others.

1. Is the venture likely to be successful? Explain

Yes, the probability that the venture will make more than 0 or a profit

P(x>0)+p(x>1000)+p(x>2000)+p(x=3000)= 0.2+0.2+0.3+0.1

= 0.8

This states that there is 80% chances for this venture to be making a profit.

1. What is the long-term average earning of business ventures of this kind? Explain

The long term average is Expected value= Sum(x\*p(x)

= 800$ which means on an average the returns will be +800$

1. What is the good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind? Compute this measure

The good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind depends on the Variability in the distribution. Higher the variance means more chance of risk

Var(x) = 2800000-800^2

= 2160000