

# MS 302 In-class Problems

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## Chapter 1 Section 1

Suppose that you produce structural metal bars by heat treating them using induction heating and that they must withstand 10,000 lbs.

You set as your goal a breaking point of 15,000 lbs.

Will the breaking point be exactly 15,000 lbs?

Almost every procedure we deal with has some form of variation built into it.

1. The failure point of structural metal bars
2. How long it takes to brush your teeth in the morning
3. The location that a basketball hits as you practice your free throw shot.

In order to understand and maybe even control the *uncertainty* and *variation* we use

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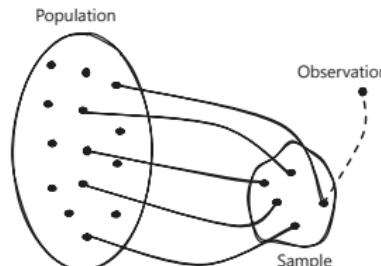
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In addition to *Inferential statistics* there is *Descriptive statistics*.

### Definition 6 (Descriptive statistics)

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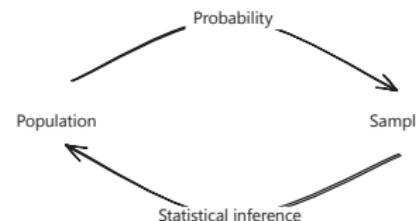
**Ex** The average height (in inches) of a male JSU student is  $\mu_M = 68$  and the standard deviation is  $\sigma_M = 3$  and for women  $\mu_F = 63$  and  $\sigma_F = 2.7$ . Now suppose that someone believes that the average male JSU student height is  $\mu_M = 63$ . How can we show that this is not true without measuring almost every male JSU student? We can show that it is *probably* not true using statistical inference. Take a sample of heights

69.8, 68.0, 70.2, 70.6, 65.4, 72.0, 73.3, 63.1, 73.5, 69.1, 66.8, 64.8,

64.0, 66.4, 65.1, 70.8, 75.4, 71.5, 67.1, 66.0, 64.1, 64.9, 69.4, 68.2, 69.0

This  $n = 25$  sample data set has a sample mean  $\bar{x} = 68.4$  and sample standard deviation  $s = 3.3$ , but let's use  $\sigma_M = 3$ .

Population with known features + Probability: allow us to draw conclusions about characteristics of hypothetical data taken from the population.



Sample + Inferential Statistics: allow us to draw conclusions about the population.

## Chapter 1 Section 2

Note to myself: Open mpg.csv

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Because while every store has an equally likely chance of being chosen, there is no way to get a store from mall 1 and mall 2 in a sample at the same time. Therefore there are samples that could never be chosen.

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### Measures of Location

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**Problem** is that it is influenced by outliers. Note that as a single value gets larger so does the mean.

**Ex** Find the sample mean of

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## Definition 10 (Sample median)

*If the observations in a sample are  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are arranged in increasing order, then the sample median is*

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{cases} x_{\frac{n+1}{2}}, & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( x_{\frac{n}{2}} + x_{\frac{n}{2}+1} \right), & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

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### Measures of Variability

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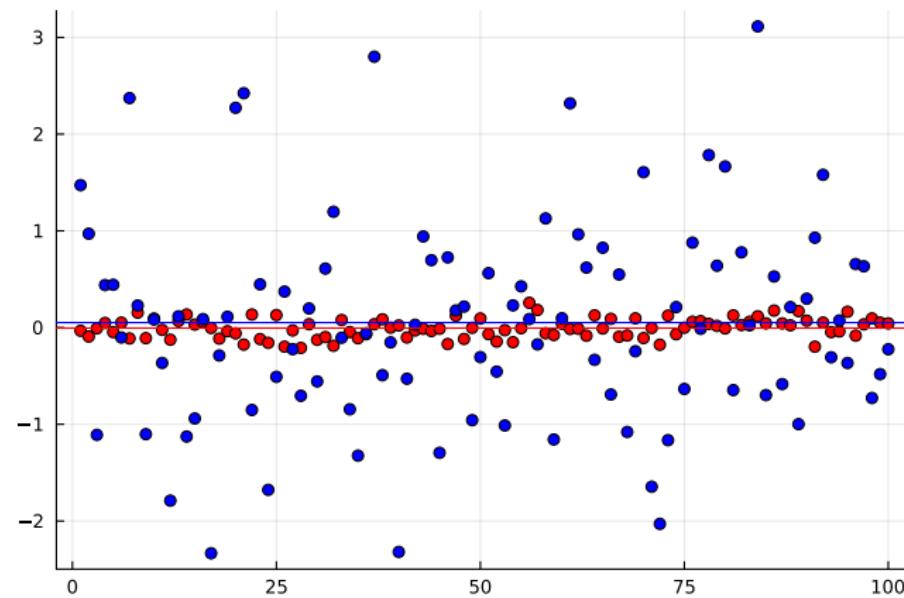
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But the data sets are clearly different.

These two data sets of 100 points each have slightly different centers (means)

$$\mu_{red} = -0.006, \quad \mu_{blue} = 0.051$$

but their spreads are very different.



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sample standard deviation

$$s = \sqrt{s^2}$$

**Ex** Find the sample range, variance, and standard deviation for

1.7, 2.2, 3.9, 3.11, 14.7

## Chapter 1 Section 5

### Discrete and Continuous Distributions

Definition 12 (Discrete data)  
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### Example 5.1

1. *Number of students in my class, e.g. 0, 1, 2, . . . , 35*
2. *FM radio station frequencies can be from 88.1 MHz to 108.1 (or 107.9) MHz with a step size of 0.2 MHz, e.g. 106.9, 100.7, 103.5, 95.3, 95.1*

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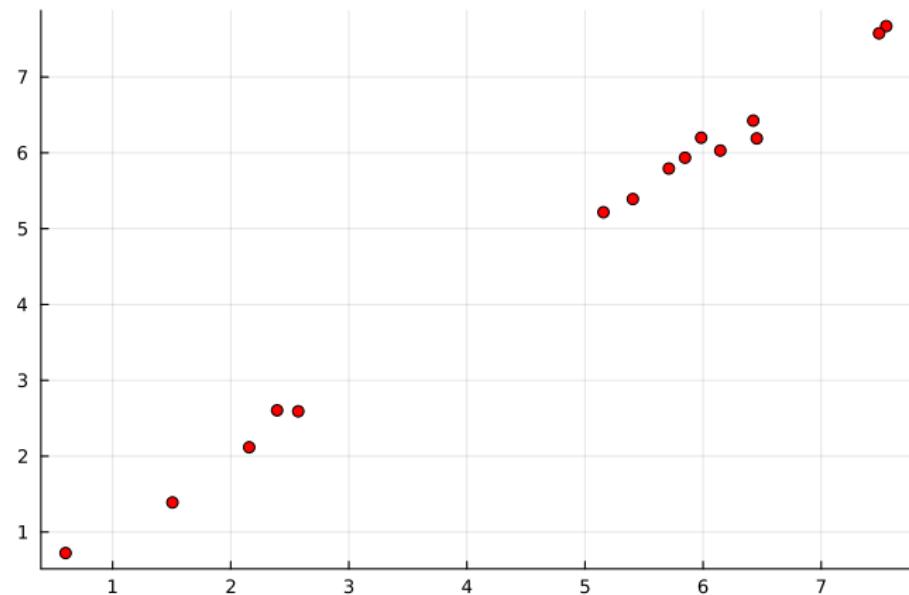
### Example 5.2

*Heights of adult humans can be anything from 20 inches to 110 inches.*

## Chapter 1 Section 6

## Scatter plot

$x$	$y$
0.601	0.723
1.507	1.390
2.156	2.118
2.393	2.605
2.572	2.592
5.156	5.216
5.405	5.391
5.710	5.793
5.847	5.935
5.984	6.199
6.146	6.030
6.425	6.424
6.455	6.190
7.490	7.575
7.551	7.670



# Steam and leaf

Ordered data:

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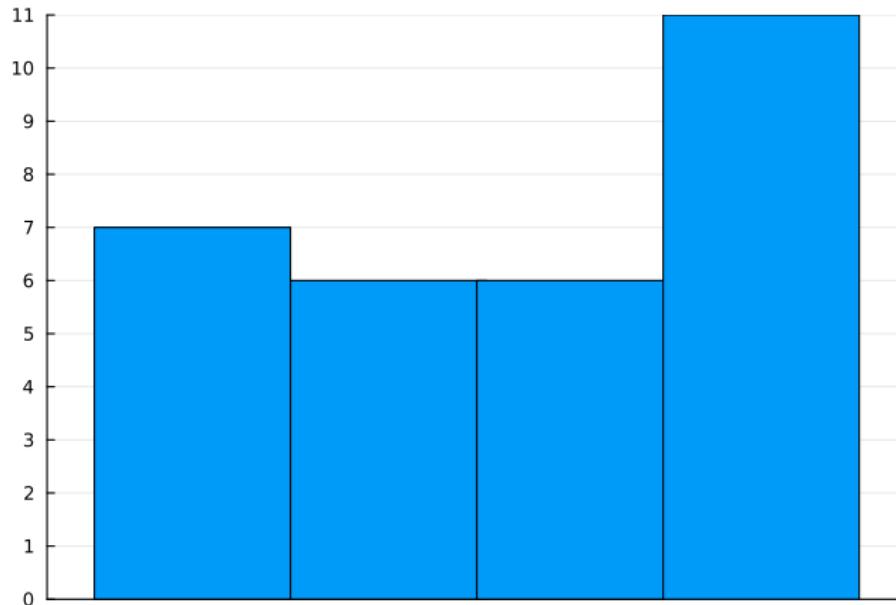
2	0001237
3	335899
4	567788
5	02233446668

Key 3|5 = 35

# Histogram

Same data as before:

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## Chapter 2 Section 1

Definition 14 (Experiment)

Definition 15 (Sample space)

**Ex** Flip a coin. What is the sample space as a set and a tree.

**Ex** Flip a coin twice. What is the sample space as a set and a tree.

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**Ex** Flip a coin until you get a H. What is the sample space as a set and a tree.

**Ex** Consider the set  $S$  to be all of the points that make up a circle with radius 5 that is centered at the origin.

List the sample space.

## Chapter 2 Section 2

Definition 16 (Event)

Definition 17 (Null (Empty) Set)

Denoted by  $\emptyset$ .

**Ex** Flip a coin. List all events.

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4.  $E_4 \equiv$  the coin lands on it's edge.

**Ex** Let  $S = \{x : x \geq 0\}$  be the distance Forrest Gump ran before he tripped.

What is the event:

1.  $A$  that he trips after the 50<sup>th</sup> mile and before the 90<sup>th</sup> mile?
2.  $B$  that he never trips?

## Definition 18 (Complement)

*of the event  $A$  with respect to  $S$  is the set of all elements in  $S$  not in  $A$ .*

Denoted as  $A'$

**Ex 2.15** Consider the sample space

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and the events

$$A = \{\text{copper, sodium, zinc}\},$$

$$B = \{\text{sodium, nitrogen, potassium}\},$$

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List the elements of the sets corresponding to the following events:

(a)  $A'$

Definition 19 (Intersection of the events  $A$  and  $B$ )

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## Definition 20 (Mutually disjoint)

*Events A and B are mutually disjoint if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .*

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Which pairs of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are disjoint?

Definition 21 (Union of the events  $A$  and  $B$ )

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$$A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

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(b)  $A \cup C$

(c)  $(A \cap B') \cup C'$

**Ex 2.15**(d)  $B' \cap C'$ (e)  $A \cap B \cap C$ (f)  $(A' \cup B') \cap (A' \cap C)$