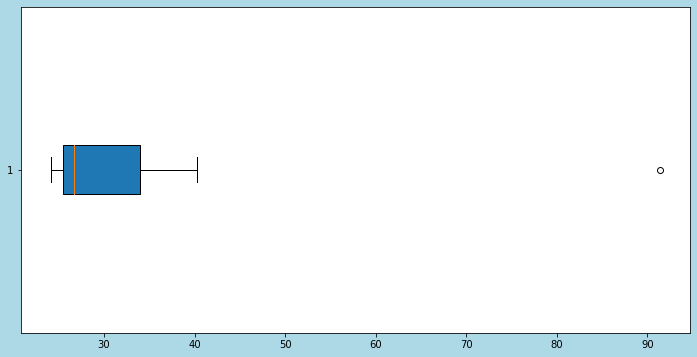
**Topics: Descriptive Statistics and Probability**

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% |

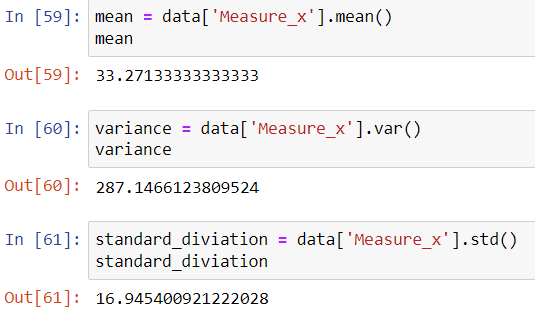
Ans :

33.271

287.14

16.94

Morgan Stanley is outlier of 91.36



2.



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.
2. What can we say about the skewness of this dataset?
3. 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 :

1. Approximately First Quantile Range, Q1 = 5

Q3 = 12,

Inter-Quartile Range i,e. IQR = Q3 – Q1

= 12 – 5 = 7

Median (Second Quartile Range) = 7

Second Quartile Range is the Median Value

1. It is a left skewed dataset and it is not a normal distribution
2. Then there would be no out liars in the dataset and may be the dataset would be normal distribution

3.



Answer the following three questions based on the histogram above.

1. Where would the mode of this dataset lie?
2. Comment on the skewness of the dataset.
3. 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 :

1. The mode of this data set lie in between 5 to 10 and approximately between 4 to 8 .
2. It is a Right-Skewed dataset. Mean>Median>Mode
3. They both are right-skewed and both have outliers the median can be easily visualized in box plot where as in histogram mode is more visible
4. 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 1 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 at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number

Number of Calls = 5

n = 5

p = 1/200

q = 199/200

P(x) = at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number

P(x) = ⁿCₓ pˣ qⁿ⁻ˣ

P(x) = (nCx) (p^x) (q^n-x) # nCr = n! / r! \* (n - r)!

P(1) = (5C1) (1/200)^1 (199/200)^5-1

P(1) = 0.0245037

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?
2. Is the venture likely to be successful? Explain
3. What is the long-term average earning of business ventures of this kind? Explain
4. What is the good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind? Compute this measure

(i)

Ans : $2000 as it has the highest probability of occurrence.

(ii)

Ans : if Success = positive returns as a measure

Then there is a 60% probability that the venture would be successful (0.3+0.2+0.1 =

0.6=&gt;0.6\*100=&gt;60%).

(iii)

Ans : (-2000\*0.1)+(-1000\*0.1)+(0\*0.2)+(1000\*0.2)+(2000\*0.3)+(3000\*0.1)=800

The long-term average earning for these type of ventures would be around $800

(iv)

Ans : A good measure to evaluate the risk would be variance and standard deviation of

the variable x

Var = 3500004.8889

Sd = 1870.83

The large value of standard deviation of $1870 is considered along with the average

returns of $800

Indicates that this venture is highly risky.