**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.

Answer - IQR = 12-5 = 7, this represents the range which contains 50% of the data points.

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

Answer - 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?

Answer - 2.5 will not be considered as outlier. The boxplot will start from 0 to 20 in representation.



Answer the following three questions based on the histogram above.

1. Where would the mode of this dataset lie?

Answer- Mode lies between 4 and 8

1. Comment on the skewness of the dataset.

Answer – Dataset is 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.

Answer – Median in boxplot and mode in histogram.

Histogram provides the frequency distribution so we can see how many times each data point is occurring however boxplot provides the quantile distribution i.e. 50% data lies between 5 and 12.

Boxplot provides whisker length to identify outliers, no information from histogram. We can only guess at the gap that 25 may be an outlier.

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.)

Answer - one in 200 long - distance telephone calls is misdirected

* Probability of call misdirecting is p=1/200
* Probability of calls not being misdirected is 1-p =1-1/200=199/200

Number of calls = 5

p=1/200

q=199/200

P(x) = nCxp^x q^n-x

Therefore, at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number.

= 1 - none of the call reaches the wrong number

=1 - P(0)

= 1 - 5C0(1/200)^0(199/200)^5-0

= 1 – (199/200)^5

= 0.02475

Probability that at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches wrong number = 0.02475

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?

Answer – Pmax = 0.3 for P(2000). So most likely outcome is 2000

1. Is the venture likely to be successful? Explain

Answer – P(x>0) = 0.6 , implies 60% chance that the venture would yield profits or greater than expected returns. P(incurring losses) is only 0.2. So the venture is likely to be successful.

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

Answer – Weighted Average = x\*P(x) = 800. This means the average expected earnings over a long period of time would be 800(including all losses and gain over period of time)

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

Answer - P(loss) = P(x= -2000) + P(x= -1000) =0.2 . So the risk associated with this venture is 20%.