

measures of dispersion:

[2, 4, 6, 8, 10]

$$\text{mean} = \frac{2+4+6+8+10}{5} = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{variance} = \sigma^2 &= \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{N} \\&= \frac{(2-6)^2 + (4-6)^2 + (6-6)^2 + (8-6)^2 + (10-6)^2}{5} \\&= \frac{(-4)^2 + (-2)^2 + 0 + 2^2 + 4^2}{5} = \frac{16 + 4 + 4 + 16}{5} \\&= \frac{40}{5} = 8\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Standard deviation} &= \sqrt{\sigma^2} \\ \sigma &= \sqrt{8} = 2.828\end{aligned}$$

Here, the spread of data (variance) is 8 and the distance of points from the mean (stdv) is 2.828