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The population mean and sample mean are both measures of central tendency, but they are used in different contexts within statistics.

Population Mean

- **Definition**: The population mean is the average of all the values in a population. Calculated from the entire population.
- **Notation**: It is often denoted by the Greek letter μ (mu).

  Formula: $\mu = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i$, where:

  - N is the total number of values in the population.
  - X_i represents each value in the population.
- **Variability**: **Population Mean**: A fixed value for a given population.
- **Usage**: The population mean is used when you have data for every member of the population you're studying. It's a fixed value that describes the entire population.

Sample Mean

- **Definition**: The sample mean is the average of the values in a sample, which is a subset of the population. Calculated from a sample of the population.
- **Notation**: It is often denoted by (X-bar).

  Formula: $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$, where:

  - n is the total number of values in the sample.
  - x_i represents each value in the sample.
- **Variability**: **Sample Mean**: May vary from sample to sample and is used to estimate the population mean.
- **Usage**: The sample mean is used when it's impractical or impossible to measure every member of a population. It provides an estimate of the population mean.

Population variance and sample variance are both measures of the spread or dispersion of a set of data points, but they differ in their calculations and applications.

Population Variance

- **Definition**: Population variance is the average of the squared differences between each data point and the population mean. It measures the spread of an entire population.

Notation: It is often denoted by σ^2 (sigma squared).

Formula: $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(X_i - \mu)^2$, where:

- N is the total number of values in the population.
- X_i represents each value in the population.
- μ is the population mean.

- **Denominator**: **Population Variance**: Divides by NNN, the total number of values in the population.
- **Variability**: **Population Variance**: A fixed value for a given population.
- **Usage**: Population variance is used when data for the entire population is available. It is a fixed value describing the variability within the entire population.

Sample Variance

- **Definition**: Sample variance is the average of the squared differences between each data point in a sample and the sample mean. It estimates the spread of a population based on a sample.

Notation: It is often denoted by s^2.

Formula: $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \bar{X})^2$, where:

- n is the total number of values in the sample.
- x_i represents each value in the sample.
- $\bar{X}$ is the sample mean.

- **Denominator**: **Sample Variance**: Divides by n−1, which is known as Bessel's correction. This correction is used to provide an unbiased estimate of the population variance.
- Variability: **Sample Variance**: May vary from sample to sample and is used to estimate the population variance.
- **Usage**: Sample variance is used when it is impractical or impossible to measure every member of a population. It provides an estimate of the population variance.

In statistics, a variable is a characteristic or attribute that can take on different values. Variables are used to represent data that can be measured, counted, or categorized. There are two main types of variables: quantitative and qualitative.

Quantitative Variables

Quantitative variables represent numerical data that can be measured or counted. They are associated with quantities and can be subjected to mathematical operations. Quantitative variables are further divided into two types: continuous and discrete.

1. **Continuous Variables**:
   - **Definition**: Continuous variables can take on any value within a given range. They are often measured and can have an infinite number of values within that range.
   - **Examples**: Height, weight, temperature, and time.
   - **Characteristics**: Continuous variables can be represented with decimal points and

fractions (e.g., 5.3, 12.75).

2. **Discrete Variables**:
    - **Definition**: Discrete variables can take on specific, distinct values. They are often counted and have a finite number of possible values.
    - **Examples**: Number of children in a family, number of cars in a parking lot, and number of students in a class.
    - **Characteristics**: Discrete variables are often whole numbers (e.g., 1, 2, 3).

Qualitative Variables

Qualitative variables, also known as categorical variables, represent data that can be categorized based on attributes or qualities. They describe non-numerical characteristics and can be divided into two types: nominal and ordinal.

1. **Nominal Variables**:
    - **Definition**: Nominal variables represent categories that do not have a natural order or ranking. They are used to label or name different categories.
    - **Examples**: Gender (male, female), blood type (A, B, AB, O), and eye color (blue, green, brown).
    - **Characteristics**: Nominal variables cannot be meaningfully ordered or compared in terms of magnitude.
2. **Ordinal Variables**:
    - **Definition**: Ordinal variables represent categories with a meaningful order or ranking, but the differences between the categories are not quantified.
    - **Examples**: Education level (high school, bachelor's, master's, doctorate), satisfaction rating (very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, neutral, satisfied, very satisfied), and class ranking (first, second, third).
    - **Characteristics**: Ordinal variables can be ordered, but the intervals between the categories are not necessarily equal or meaningful.