

## Measure of Dispersion

- ① Variance } → [spread of data]  
② Standard Deviation }

### \* Variance :

It is a measure that tells about spread of data. It is nothing but the square of standard deviation.

#### Population (N)

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2}{N}$$

#### Sample (n)

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$$

(n-1) → Bessel's correction  
Degree of freedom

Eg :

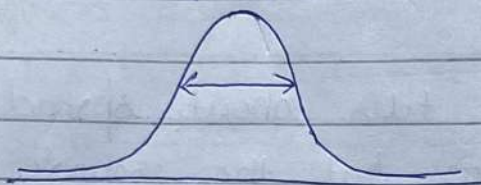
$x_i$	$\bar{x}$	$(x_i - \bar{x})$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$
1	3	-2	4
2	3	-1	1
3	3	0	0
4	3	1	1
5	3	2	4
$\bar{x} = 3$			$\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 10$

$$\therefore s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{10}{4} = 2.5$$

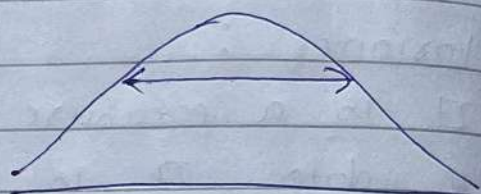


Note: spread of data when:

variance is small  
 $s^2 = 2.5$



variance is large  
 $s^2 = 20$



Q why we divide sample variance by  $n-1$ ?

A It is used to create an unbiased estimator of population variance.

\* Standard Deviation:

It tells us how far the value is away from the mean. It is nothing but the square root of variance.

Population ( $N$ )

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{variance}}$$

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

Sample ( $n$ )

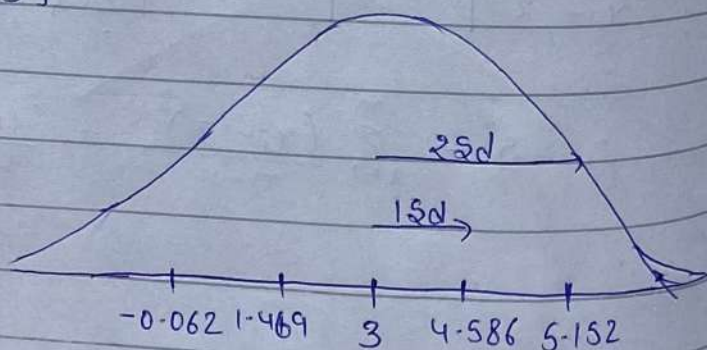
$$s = \sqrt{\text{variance}}$$

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

Eg:  $x: \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$$\bar{x} = 3$$

$$s = 1.531$$





### INTERPRET:

we can get how much far it is away from mean.  
Eg: 5.152 is 2SD away from mean (3) and  
1.419 is 1SD away from mean (3).