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Software Engineering Processes

Function 8 : Standard Deviation σ

Problem 1

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1 Introduction

The Standard Deviation is a measure of how spread out numbers are around the mean. It is denoted by Greek letter sigma σ . A low standard deviation implies that the data are grouped around the mean, whereas a large standard deviation shows that the data are more dispersed. In contrast, a high or low standard deviation indicates that the data points are, respectively, above or below the mean. A standard deviation that is close to zero implies that the data points are close to the mean.

(Standard Deviation)
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(x - \overline{x})^2}{n}}$$

Where:

 $\sigma = \text{Standard Deviation}$

n =Size of the population

x = each value from population

 $\overline{x} = \text{Mean of the population}$

2 Domain and Co-Domain

Domain: Domain are the values which are given as input to the function. Hence in this case data values with natural and real numbers till infinity can be considered as domain.

Co-Domain: Co-Domain are the value which are given as output by the function. Therefore real numbers which are non negative and excluding imaginary numbers comes under Co-Domain.

3 Characteristics of Standard Deviation

- Only the spread or dispersion around a data set's mean is measured using the standard deviation.
- It can never be negative.
- The standard deviation is zero when all of the values in a data collection are the same because each value is equal to the mean.
- The higher the spread, the higher the standard deviation is for data with about the same mean.
- It is sensitive to outliers.

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