SOEN 6011

Software Engineering Processes

Function 8 : Standard Deviation σ

Problem 2

Assumptions

Any variable, as long as it can be sorted, can have its variance and standard deviation determined. However, the standard deviation is only a useful indicator of dispersion for a measurement variable when the data have a symmetrical distribution, which is frequently a normal distribution. If these presumptions are not true, using the standard deviation to show the variability of observations in range plots and box-and-whisker plots is misleading. This assumption is also a prerequisite for assumptions on the percentage of observations that fall within the range of agreement.

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Requirements

- 1. First Requirement
 - ID = F1
 - Type = Functional Requirement
 - Version = 1.0
 - **Priority** = High
 - **Description** = Standard deviation only deals with numbers and not strings.
- 2. Second Requirement
 - ID = F2
 - Type = Functional Requirement
 - Version = 1.0
 - **Priority** = High
 - **Description** = Standard deviation is the square root of Variance, hence it's value should not be negative.
- 3. Third Requirement
 - **ID** = F3
 - Type = Functional Requirement
 - Version = 1.0
 - **Priority** = Moderate
 - **Description** = It's important to keep in mind that the standard deviation occurs together with the variance.

4. Fourth Requirement

- ID = F4
- Type = Functional Requirement
- Version = 1.0
- **Priority** = High
- **Description** = For calculating the mean, natural and real numbers should be considered.

5. Fifth Requirement

- ID = F5
- Type = Functional Requirement
- Version = 1.0
- Priority = High
- **Description** = For calculating standard deviation, at-least two numbers should be given as input.

6. Sixth Requirement

- ID = F6
- Type = Functional Requirement
- Version = 1.0
- **Priority** = High
- **Description** = If all the data values are same then the standard deviation should be 0.

7. Seventh Requirement

- ID = F7
- Type = Non Functional Requirement
- Version = 1.0
- Priority = Low
- **Description** = Code should be well indented and easy to understand with proper documentation.