#### **SOEN 6011**

### Software Engineering Processes

Function 8 : Standard Deviation  $\sigma$ 

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  $\sigma$ . 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.

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

Where:

 $\sigma = \text{Standard Deviation}$ 

n =Size of the population

x = each value from population

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

### 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.

## 4 Context of Use Model

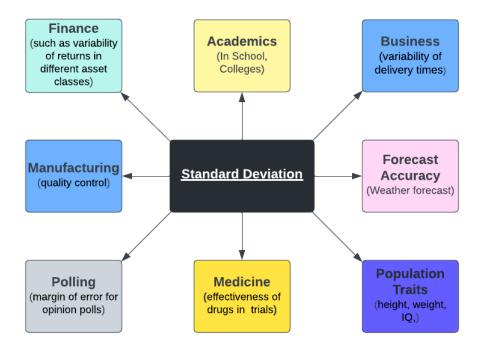


Figure 1: Context of use model

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