

# II Measure of Dispersion

two imp. topics to understand in measure of dispersion :-

- ① Variance
- ② Standard Deviation.

## 2.1 Variance :-

### Population Variance

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

- $x_i$  = Data points
- $\mu$  = Population mean
- $N$  = Population size

### Sample Variance

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

WHY DOES THE SAMPLE VARIANCE HAVE  $n-1$  IN THE DENOMINATOR? The reason we use  $n-1$  rather than  $n$  is so that the sample variance will be what is called an unbiased estimator of the population variance

Proved from: "Bessel Correction"

- $x_i \rightarrow$  Data points
- $\bar{x} \rightarrow$  Sample mean
- $n \rightarrow$  Sample size

Ex 1: Sample :- {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

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

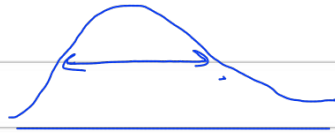
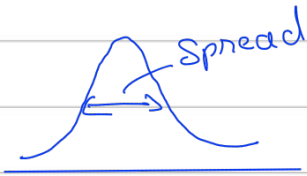
$x_i$	$\bar{x}$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$
1	3	4
2	3	1
3	3	0
4	3	1
5	3	4

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 10 \Rightarrow s^2 = \frac{10}{4} = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5$$

Q1: What does Variance Value Signifies?

Soln -  $\sigma^2 = 2.5$

$\sigma^2 = 6.5$



So, Variance specifies the spread of the distribution as variance value  $\uparrow$  spread also  $\uparrow$ .

## 2.27 Standard Deviation:-

Population Std

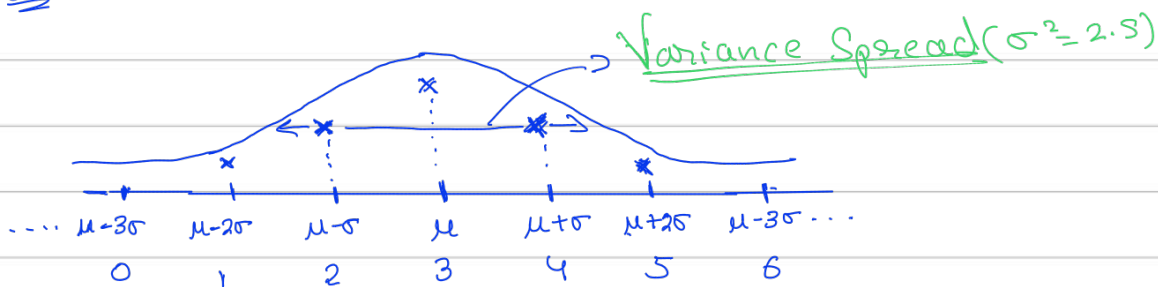
Sample Std.

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

$$s = \sqrt{\text{Sample Variance}}$$

Ex: Suppose for a given data set:  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\mu=3$  and  $\sigma=1$  are the mean & std. deviation. Then Explain the std. deviation.

Soln:-



# Most of the element in a dataset are always present b/w 1<sup>st</sup> 3 std. deviations ( $\mu-\sigma, \mu, \mu+\sigma$ ).

