

1. Problem

From a very large population, a small sample of measurements was taken.

170	187	168	173	172	174
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Please calculate the average absolute deviation using the following formula:

$$AAD = \frac{\sum |x - \bar{x}|}{n}$$

Solution

We fill out the table column by column.

x	$x - \bar{x}$	$ x - \bar{x} $
170	-4	4
187	13	13
168	-6	6
173	-1	1
172	-2	2
174	0	0
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$\sum x = 1044$		$\sum x - \bar{x} = 26$
$\bar{x} = 174$		

We are ready for the formula.

$$s = \frac{\sum |x - \bar{x}|}{n}$$

$$= \frac{26}{6}$$

$$= \boxed{4.3333333}$$

2. Problem

From a very large population, a small sample of measurements was taken.

192	191	206	204	202
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Please calculate the (Bessel corrected) sample standard deviation using the following formula:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

Solution

We fill out the table column by column.

x	$x - \bar{x}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$
192	-7	49
191	-8	64
206	7	49
204	5	25
202	3	9
=====	=====	=====
$\sum x = 995$		$\sum (x - \bar{x})^2 = 196$
$\bar{x} = 199$		

We are ready for the formula.

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{196}{5 - 1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{49}$$

$$= \boxed{7}$$