# Standardabweichung berechnen

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Standard deviation  $(\sigma)$  equals the square root  $(\surd)$  of the squared  $(^2)$  sum  $(\sum)$  of the difference between each value and the mean  $(x_{1...n}-\mu)$ , divided by the number of values minus 1 (N-1):

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{N - 1}}\tag{1}$$

Let's try doing this step-by-step:

- 1. Save values as object
- 2. Determine N
- 3. compute mean  $(\mu)$
- 4. compute difference between each value and the mean (subtract mean from each value;  $x_{1...n} \mu$ )

- 5. square these values (2)
- 6. sum the squared values  $(\sum)$
- 7. divide this value by N-1
- 8. compute the squareroot  $(\sqrt{})$

## Save values as object

```
werte <- c(13, 0, 2000, 5, 19)
Print values
  werte</pre>
```

0 2000

#### **Determine** N

13

\* By hand: print values and count how many there are

19

werte

[1]

- [1] 13 0 2000 5 19
- \* Or, use the length() function

```
length(werte)
```

[1] 5

# Compute mean

The mean  $(\mu)$  is the sum  $(\sum)$  of the values (x) divided by the number of values (N):

$$\mu = \frac{\sum x}{N}$$

```
* By hand
```

Typing out all the values:

```
(13 + 0 + 2000 + 5 + 19)/5
[1] 407.4
```

\* Or by using the functions sum() and length()

```
sum(werte)/length(werte)
```

```
[1] 407.4
```

\* Or by simply using the function mean()

```
mean(werte)
```

[1] 407.4

#### Subtract mean from each value

This can also be done several different ways

\* By hand (tedious and prone to human error)

```
(13 - 407.4)
```

[1] -394.4

$$(0 - 407.4)$$

[1] -407.4

$$(2000 - 407.4)$$

[1] 1592.6

```
(5 - 407.4)
[1] -402.4
  (19 - 407.4)
[1] -388.4
* Or using the object name
  werte - mean(werte)
[1] -394.4 -407.4 1592.6 -402.4 -388.4
Square these values
* By hand
  (13 - 407.4)^2
[1] 155551.4
  (0 - 407.4)^2
[1] 165974.8
  (2000 - 407.4)^2
```

[1] 2536375

[1] 161925.8

 $(5 - 407.4)^2$ 

```
(19 - 407.4)^2
[1] 150854.6

* Or by using ^2 with the variable name
  (werte - mean(werte))^2
[1] 155551.4 165974.8 2536374.8 161925.8 150854.6
```

# Sum the squared values

\* By hand

```
(13 - 407.4)^2 +
(0 - 407.4)^2 +
(2000 - 407.4)^2 +
(5 - 407.4)^2 +
(19 - 407.4)^2
```

- [1] 3170681
- \* Or with the object name and some functions

```
sum((werte - mean(werte)) ^ 2)
```

[1] 3170681

# Divide by N-1

\* By hand

```
((13 - 407.4) ^2 + (0 - 407.4) ^2 + (2000 - 407.4) ^2 +
```

```
(5 - 407.4) ^ 2 +
(19 - 407.4) ^ 2)/(5-1)

[1] 792670.3

* Or with the object name and some functions

sum((werte - mean(werte)) ^ 2) / (length(werte) - 1)

[1] 792670.3
```

# Compute the squareroot

\* By hand

```
sqrt(((13 - 407.4)^2 + (0 - 407.4)^2 + (2000 - 407.4)^2 + (5 - 407.4)^2 + (19 - 407.4)^2)/(5-1))
```

[1] 890.3203

\* Or with the object name and some functions

```
sqrt(sum((werte - mean(werte)) ^ 2) / (length(werte) - 1))
```

[1] 890.3203

### Check with sd() function

```
sd(werte)
```

[1] 890.3203