

How to Calculate Standard Deviation

Formula:

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Example:

$$\bar{x} = \text{mean} = \textcircled{8}$$

$$n = \text{sample size} = \textcircled{4}$$

$$\text{sample size minus } 1 = \textcircled{n} - 1 = 3$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^4 (x_i - 8)^2}$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{(2-8)^2 + (8-8)^2 + (10-8)^2 + (12-8)^2}{3}}$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{36 + 0 + 4 + 16}{3}} = \sqrt{18.7} = 4.32$$