

PHY153:

Homework1: 4 problems DUE Sept 5 (THURSDAY)

Please bring hardcopies / printouts to class.

HW1 problem1:

Consider the following set of data (average temperature in January in NY):

<http://www.weather.gov/media/okx/Climate/CentralPark/monthlyannualtemp.pdf>

Use the following average temperatures (N=60) in January (subset of existing data):

temperature=[38.0, 34.5, 29.9, 28.6, 35.1, 37.3, 29.7, 32.5, 27.9, 36.5, 37.5, 40.9, 31.3, 24.7, 27.5, 39.9, 33.6, 31.3, 33.9, 40.0, 32.2, 30.5, 37.5, 25.6, 36.3, 35.7, 34.9, 41.4, 37.4, 29.5, 32.3, 34.1, 28.8, 29.9, 34.5, 26.1, 26.3, 33.7, 33.6, 28.0, 22.1, 27.4, 37.3, 35.3, 35.5, 35.1, 27.0, 25.1, 31.8, 26.7, 37.4, 32.2, 29.7, 35.7, 30.1, 32.6, 27.7, 33.9, 31.1, 31.9]

- a) Find the range of data.
- b) Decide what are the best values to use for the range of a histogram.
- c) Decide what are the best values to use for the number of bins.
- d) Draw a histogram (on paper)
- e) What is the best estimate of January temperature and its uncertainty?
- f) What is a single temperature measurement's uncertainty (standard deviation) based on the collected data?

Homework1: Problem2

- A. $(1.9 \pm 0.189) \text{ [m]}$
- B. $(1.89999679) \pm 0.189 \text{ [m]}$
- C. $(1.90 \pm 0.19) \text{ [m]}$
- D. $(1.9 \pm 0.2) \text{ [m]}$

- E. $(23.24555 \pm 2.234) \text{ [m]}$
- F. $(23.2 \pm 2.2) \text{ [m]}$
- G. $(23 \pm 2) \text{ [m]}$

- H. $(0.00012378 \pm 0.00000568) \text{ [m]}$
- I. $(0.0001238 \pm 0.0000057) \text{ [m]}$
- J. $(0.000124 \pm 0.000006) \text{ [m]}$
- K. $(1.24 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-4} \text{ [m]}$

Which are
correct and which are
incorrect? Round
properly incorrect ones.

Homework1: Problems 2.3 and 2.4 (Section 2, Taylor textbook).