



Day 1: Standard Deviation ★

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What is a "Standard Deviation?" and ...



Terms you'll find helpful in completing today's challenge are outlined below.

Expected Values

The expected value of a discrete random variable, \mathbf{X} , is more or less another way of referring to the mean (μ). We can also refer to this as the mathematical expectation (or just the expectation) of \mathbf{X} .

Variance σ^2

This is the average magnitude of fluctuations of \mathbf{X} from its expected value, μ . You can also think of it as the expectation of a random variable's squared deviation from its mean. Given a data set, \mathbf{X} , of size n :

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

where x_i is the i^{th} element of the data set and μ is the mean of all the elements.

Standard Deviation σ

The standard deviation quantifies the amount of variation in a set of data values. Given a data set, \mathbf{X} , of size n :

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

where x_i is the i^{th} element of the data set and μ is the mean of all the elements.

