

What is Variance?

Variance is a measure of how much the data points **differ from the average (mean)** value.

It shows how **spread out** the values are in a dataset.

Example Student Marks

Let's compare marks of two classes:

Class A (Low Variance)

Student	Marks
A1	69
A2	70
A3	71

- x_i : each data value
 - μ : mean
 - N : number of data points
- It's the **average of the squared differences** from the mean.

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{1}{N} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2$$

- Mean = $(69 + 70 + 71) / 3 = 70$
- All marks are **close to the mean**
- **Low Variance**

Class B (High Variance)

Student	Marks
B1	50
B2	70
B3	90

- Mean = $(50 + 70 + 90) / 3 = 70$
- Marks are **spread far from the mean**
- **High Variance**

What is Standard Deviation?

Standard Deviation (SD) is the **square root of variance**.

It tells you **how much the data varies from the mean** in the **original units** (like marks, rupees, etc.).

$$\text{Standard Deviation} = \sqrt{\text{Variance}}$$

Example: score={10,20,30,40,50}

◆ Step 1: Calculate the Mean (μ)

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{10 + 20 + 30 + 40 + 50}{5} = \frac{150}{5} = 30$$

✓ So, the average score is **30**.

◆ Step 2: Find Deviations from the Mean

Score (X)	Deviation ($X - \mu$)	Squared Deviation ($(X - \mu)^2$)
10	$10 - 30 = -20$	$(-20)^2 = 400$
20	$20 - 30 = -10$	$(-10)^2 = 100$
30	$30 - 30 = 0$	$0^2 = 0$
40	$40 - 30 = 10$	$10^2 = 100$
50	$50 - 30 = 20$	$20^2 = 400$

- **Mean** is the average score: 30
 - **Variance** shows the average of the squared differences from the mean: 200
 - **Standard Deviation** is the square root of variance: ≈ 14.14
 - A **low standard deviation** means scores are tightly clustered around the mean.
 - A **high standard deviation** means the scores are more spread out.
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◆ Step 3: Calculate Variance (σ^2)

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{\sum(X - \mu)^2}{N} = \frac{400 + 100 + 0 + 100 + 400}{5} = \frac{1000}{5} = 200$$

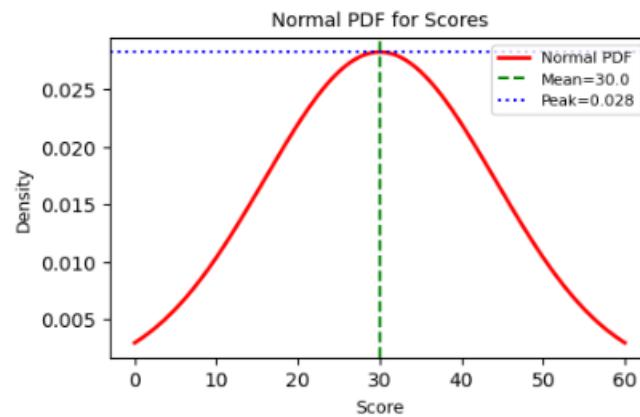
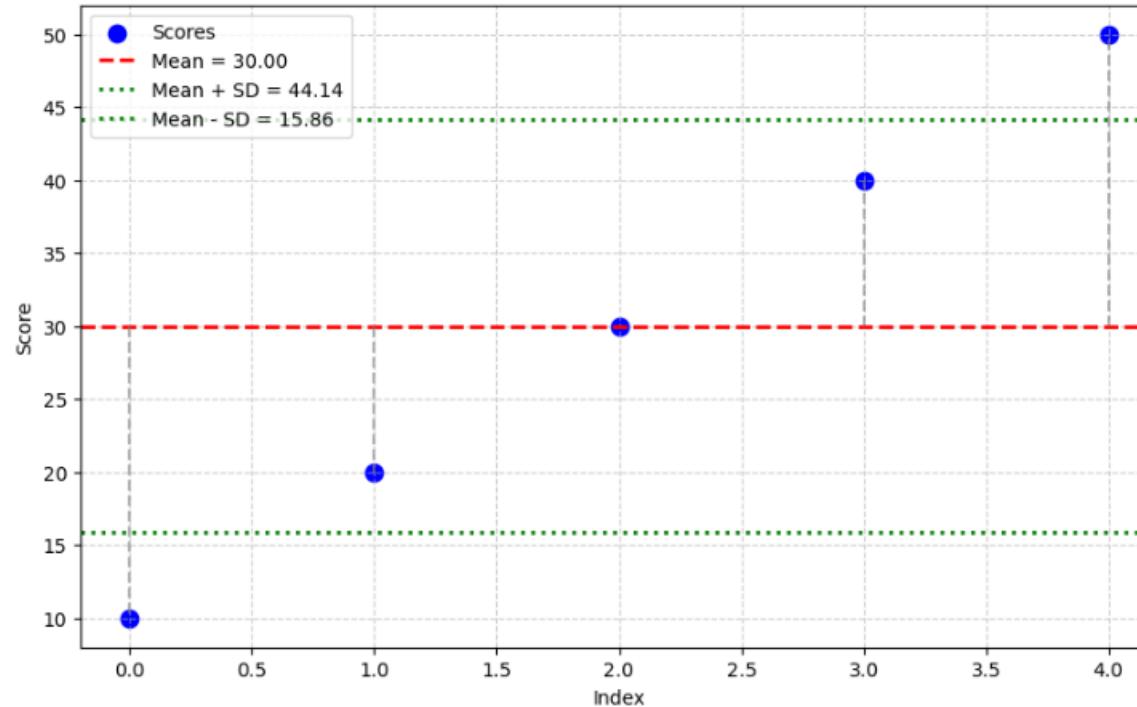
★ Variance tells us how **spread out** the data is (in squared units).

◆ Step 4: Calculate Standard Deviation (σ)

$$\text{Standard Deviation} = \sqrt{\text{Variance}} = \sqrt{200} \approx 14.14$$

★ This means, on average, each score is about **14.14 points away** from the mean.

Variance and Standard Deviation
Mean=30.00, Variance=200.00, SD=14.14



Percentile

- A percentile is a number that tells us what percentage of the data lies below that value.
- It helps us understand where a particular data point stands in the dataset.

Dataset:[12, 18, 25, 26, 30, 34, 40, 45, 50]

Number of elements, **n = 9**

$$position = (n - 1) * q$$

Where:

- **n** is the number of elements
 - **q** is the desired quantile (e.g., 0.25, 0.5, 0.75)
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Step-by-Step Example

Q1 (25th percentile):

- $Position = (9 - 1) * 0.25 = 2.0 \rightarrow index2$
 - Value at index 2 = **25.0**
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Q2 (50th percentile / Median):

- $Position = (9 - 1) * 0.50 = 4.0 \rightarrow index4$
 - Value at index 4 = **30.0**
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Q3 (75th percentile):

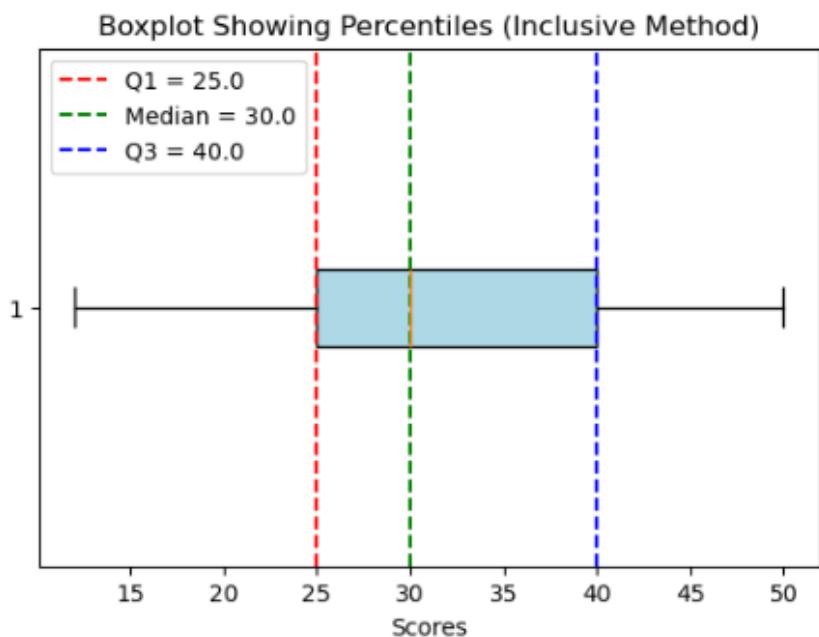
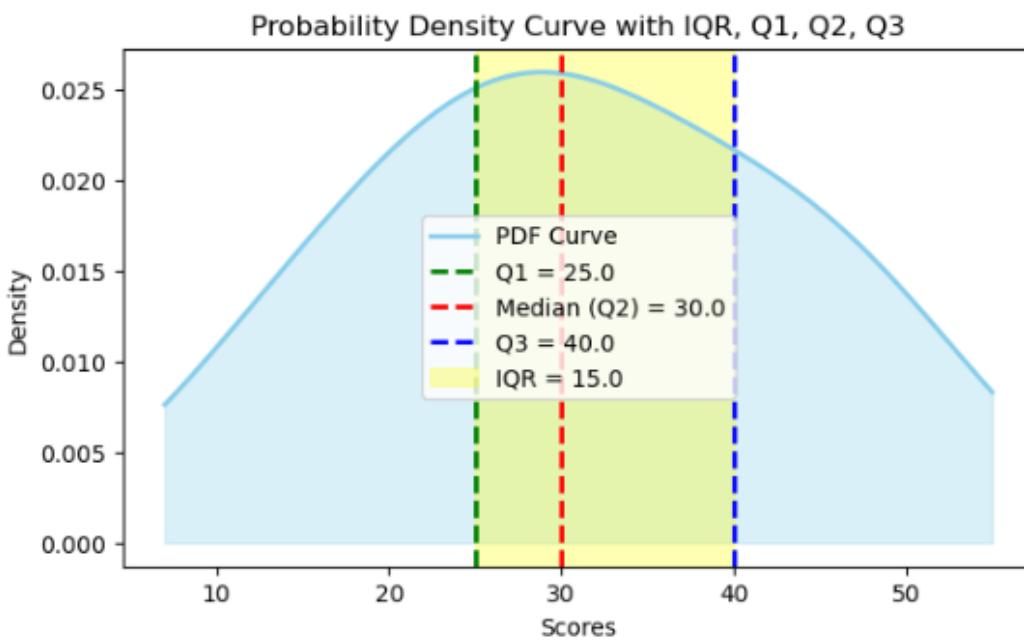
- $Position = (9 - 1) * 0.75 = 6.0 \rightarrow index6$
- Value at index 6 = **40.0**

$$IQR = Q3 - Q1 = 40.0 - 25.0 = 15.0$$

$$Lower Bound = Q1 - 1.5 \times IQR = 25.0 - 1.5 \times 15.0 = 25.0 - 22.5 = ** 2.5 **$$

$$Upper Bound = Q3 + 1.5 \times IQR = 40.0 + 1.5 \times 15.0 = 40.0 + 22.5 = ** 62.5 **$$

Metric	Value
Q1	25.0
Q2 (Median)	30.0
Q3	40.0
IQR	15.0
Lower Bound	2.5
Upper Bound	62.5



Scaling

Scaling is the process of transforming features (variables) so they fit into a specific range or distribution.

1. Standardization (Z-score Scaling)

- **Definition:** Rescales data so it has mean = 0 and standard deviation = 1.
- **Formula:**

$$Zscore = \frac{X - \bar{x}}{s}$$

- **Example:**

Data: [10, 20, 30]

- Mean (x') = 20, Std (s) \approx 8.16
- Transformed: [-1.22, 0, +1.22]

Z-Score Standardization

- **Formula:** $(X - \mu) / \sigma$
- **Range:** Not fixed (can be negative, >1, or < -1).
- Typically: most values lie between **-3 and +3** (for normal data).



Z-Score and Probability Examples

We'll explore how to calculate:

- Z-scores
- Probabilities from Z-scores
- Number of values above or below a certain score in a dataset

Example 1: How many values are **below 80**?

Step 1: Z-score for $X = 80$

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{80 - 80}{14.14} = 0$$



Dataset Used:



Step 2: Z-table Probability

$$P(Z < 0) = 0.5$$



This means **50%** of values are less than 80.



Step 3: Apply to Dataset

$$0.5 \times 5 = 2.5 \approx 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ values}$$

Student	Score
A	60
B	70
C	80
D	90
E	100



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Example 2: How many values are **greater than 90**?



Step 1: Z-score for $X = 90$

$$Z = \frac{90-80}{14.14} \approx 0.71$$



Dataset Used:



Step 2: Z-table Probability

$$P(Z < 0.71) \approx 0.7611$$

$$P(Z > 0.71) = 1 - 0.7611 = 0.2389$$

So **23.89%** of values are greater than 90.

Step 3: Apply to Dataset

$$0.2389 \times 5 = 1.1945 \approx 1 \text{ value}$$

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A	60
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E	100

