# Day 1: Standard Deviation



# **Objective**

In this challenge, we practice calculating *standard deviation*. Check out the *Tutorial* tab for learning materials and an instructional video!

### **Task**

Given an array, X, of N integers, calculate and print the standard deviation. Your answer should be in decimal form, rounded to a scale of 1 decimal place (i.e., 12.3 format). An error margin of  $\pm 0.1$  will be tolerated for the standard deviation.

## **Input Format**

The first line contains an integer, N, denoting the number of elements in the array. The second line contains N space-separated integers describing the respective elements of the array.

#### **Constraints**

- 5 < N < 100
- ullet  $0 < x_i \le 10^5$  , where  $x_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  element of array X .

## **Output Format**

Print the *standard deviation* on a new line, rounded to a scale of 1 decimal place (i.e., 12.3 format).

#### Sample Input

5 10 40 30 50 20

## **Sample Output**

14.1

## **Explanation**

First, we find the *mean*:

$$\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i}{N} = 30.0$$

Next, we calculate the squared distance from the mean,  $(x_i - \mu)^2$  , for each  $x_i$ :

1. 
$$(x_0 - \mu)^2 = (10 - 30)^2 = 400$$

2. 
$$(x_1 - \mu)^2 = (40 - 30)^2 = 100$$

3. 
$$(x_2 - \mu)^2 = (30 - 30)^2 = 0$$

4. 
$$(x_3 - \mu)^2 = (50 - 30)^2 = 400$$

5. 
$$(x_4 - \mu)^2 = (20 - 30)^2 = 100$$

Now we can compute  $\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(x_i - \mu
ight)^2 = 400 + 100 + 0 + 400 + 100 = 1000$ , so:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{rac{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(x_i - \mu
ight)^2}{N}} = \sqrt{rac{1000}{5}} = \sqrt{200} = 14.1421356$$

Once rounded to a scale of 1 decimal place, our result is 14.1.