

An outlier is an extremely high or low data value when compared with the rest of the data values.

**10,20,30,40,500**

- Find the outliers from the following data set.  
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10,206,240,300,350

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$Q_3 -$   $Q_1$

A data value less than  $Q_1 - 1.5(IQR)$  or greater than  $Q_3 + 1.5(IQR)$  can be considered an outlier.

### Steps to find outliers

- ▶ Arrange the data in order from lowest to highest and find  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$ .
- ▶ Find the interquartile range  $Q_3 - Q_1$ .
- ▶ Multiply IQR by 1.5.
- ▶ Subtract step 3 from  $Q_1$  and add in  $Q_3$ .
- ▶ Check the data set for any data value that is smaller than  $Q_1 - 1.5(IQR)$  or larger than  $Q_3 + 1.5(IQR)$ .

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$-22.5 \Rightarrow Q_1 - 1.5 * IQR > \text{dataset}$

$68 > Q_3 + 1.5 * IQR \Rightarrow 65.5 \Rightarrow \text{true}$

$68 \Rightarrow \text{outlier}$

Example; find the outliers from the following data set.

**10, 11, 15, 25, 35, 30, 7, 68**

..Arrange the data in order from lowest to highest and find  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$ .

7, **10, 11**, 15, 25, **30, 35**, 68  
 $Q_1 = 10.5$   $Q_3 = 32.5$

2. Find the interquartile range  $Q_3 - Q_1$ .

$$= 32.5 - 10.5$$

$$= 22$$

3. Multiply IQR by 1.5

$$= 33$$

4. Subtract IQR from  $Q_1$  and add in  $Q_3$

$$10.5 - 33 = -22.5$$

$$32.5 + 33 = 65.5$$

5. Check the data set for any data value that is smaller than  $Q_1 - 1.5(IQR)$  or larger than  $Q_3 + 1.5(IQR)$ .

68 is the outlier