Math 4720: Statistical Methods

1st Week Summary (08/31/14)

- What is statistics?
- Population vs Sample.
- Observational studies vs Experiments
- Individuals and variables
- Confunding variable
- Two types of data: categorical [Nominal and Ordinal] and quantitative [Continuous and Discrete]
- Ways to chart categorical data: frequency table, bar graphs and pie charts
- Ways to chart quantitative data: histograms, box-plots
- Measure of the center

Mean:
$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

Median:

- Five number summary: Min, Q1, Median, Q3, Max
- Measure of Spread

Variance :
$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$
, Standard deviation : $s = \sqrt{s^2}$

$$IQR: IQR = Q3 - Q1$$

- What is outlier?
- Explanatory and response variables
- Relationship between two variables :

Comparing data using box-plot

