

# **SOME OTHER STATISTICAL MEASURES (MEASURES OF POSITION)**

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# MEASURES OF POSITION

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Used to describe the position of a data value **in relation to the rest of the data.**

There are three types:

1. Quartiles
2. Percentiles
3. Deciles

# 1: QUARTILES:

Values which divide the arranged data into four equal parts, denoted by  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$ .

$Q_1$  : (Lower Quartile)

At most, 25% of data is smaller than  $Q_1$ , It divides the lower half of a data set in half.

$Q_2$  : (Median)

50% of the data values fall below the median and 50% fall above.

$Q_3$  : (Upper Quartile)

At most, 25% of data is larger than  $Q_3$  . It divides the upper half of the data set in half.

For arranged ungrouped data:

$$Q_i = i \left( \frac{n+1}{4} \right) \text{th value, where } i=1,2,3$$

For grouped frequency distribution:

$$Q_i = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{i \sum f}{4} - C.f \right), \text{ where } i = 1, 2, 3$$

where,

$l$  = lower class boundary of quartile class

$h$  = width of quartile class

$f$  = frequency of quartile class

$\sum f$  = total frequency ( $n$ )

$C.f$  = cumulative frequency of preceding the quartile class

Q1

Q2

Q3

25%

25%

25%

25%

## Example 1:

Find  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  for the following data.

2, 3, 3, 9, 6, 6, 12, 11, 8, 2, 3, 5, 7, 5, 4, 4, 5, 12, 9

### Solution :

First, arrange the data in ascending order:

2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 11, 12, 12

↑  
5th

$Q_1$

↑  
10th

$Q_2$

↑  
15th

$Q_3$

Here  $n = 19$ , then  $Q_1 = \left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)$ th value  $= \left(\frac{19+1}{4}\right) = 5$ th value  $= 3$

$$Q_1 = 3$$

$$Q_2 = 2\left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)\text{th value} = 2\left(\frac{19+1}{4}\right) = 10\text{th value} = 5$$

$$Q_2 = 5$$

$$Q_3 = 3\left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)\text{th value} = 3\left(\frac{19+1}{4}\right) = 15\text{th value} = 9$$

$$Q_3 = 9$$



## Example 2:

From the following grouped frequency distribution, Calculate  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$

Wages in Rs.	150 - 170	170 - 190	190 - 210	210 - 230	230 - 250
No. of workers	30	50	80	30	10

Solution :

C.B.	$f$	C.f.
150 - 170	30	30
170 - 190	50	80
190 - 210	80	160
210 - 230	30	190
230 - 250	10	200
Total	200	

50th value

150th value

Since  $Q_1 = \left( \frac{\sum f}{4} \right)$ th value  $= \left( \frac{200}{4} \right)$ th value  $= 50$ th value.

Therefore, class of  $Q_1$  is ( 170 - 190)

$$Q_1 = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{\sum f}{4} - C.f. \right)$$

$$Q_1 = 170 + \frac{20}{50} ( 50 - 30 ) = 178$$

$$Q_1 = 178$$

Since  $Q_3 = 3 \left( \frac{\sum f}{4} \right)$ th value  $= 3 \left( \frac{200}{4} \right)$ th value  $= 150$ th value

Therefore, class of  $Q_3$  is ( 190 - 210)

$$Q_3 = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{3 \sum f}{4} - C.f. \right) = 190 + \frac{20}{80} (150 - 80) = 207.5$$

$$Q_3 = 207.5$$

Note: Same as we did for finding median, for grouped frequency distribution, first we have to locate our quartile class. For that we find class boundaries to make our data continuous one and the cumulative frequencies to count our number of observations easily then we can determine our quartile class by finding where our  $\frac{\sum f}{4}$ th value lies in the data. The class interval is called quartile class

## 2: DECILES:

Values which divide the arranged data into **ten** equal parts, denoted by  $D_1, D_2, D_3, \dots, D_9$ .



Note that  $D_5 = Q_2 = \text{Median}$  because all divides data into two equal parts.

For arranged ungrouped data:

$$D_i = i \left( \frac{n+1}{10} \right) \text{th value, where } i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$$

Again remember that for grouped frequency distribution, first we have to locate our decile class. For that we find class boundaries to make our data continuous one and the cumulative frequencies to count our number of observations easily then we can determine our decile class by finding where our  $\frac{\sum f}{10}$  th value lies in the data. The class interval is called decile class

For grouped frequency distribution:

$$D_i = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{i \sum f}{10} - C.f \right), \text{ where } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9$$

where,

$l$  = lower class boundary of decile class

$h$  = width of decile class

$f$  = frequency of decile class

$\sum f$  = total frequency ( $n$ )

$C.f$  = cumulative frequency of preceding the decile class



## Example 1:

Find  $D_4$  and  $D_6$  from the following weights in kg.

19, 27, 24, 39, 57, 44, 56, 50, 59, 67, 62, 42, 47, 60, 26, 34, 57, 51, 59, 45

### Solution :

First we array the data. i.e. 19, 24, 26, 27, 34, 39, 44, 44, 45, 47, 50, 51, 56, 57, 57, 59, 59, 60, 62, 67. Here  $n = 20$

$$D_4 = 4 \left( \frac{n+1}{10} \right) \text{th value}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_4 &= 4 \left( \frac{20+1}{10} \right) \text{th value} = 8.4 \text{th value} = 8 \text{th value} + 0.4 [9 \text{th value} - 8 \text{th value}] \\ &= 44 + 0.4 [45 - 44] = 44 + 0.4 = 44.4 \text{ kg.} \end{aligned}$$

$$D_4 = 44.4 \text{ kg}$$

$$D_6 = 6 \left( \frac{n+1}{10} \right) \text{th value} = 6 \left( \frac{20+1}{10} \right) \text{th value} = 12.6 \text{th value}$$

$$D_6 = 12 \text{th value} + 0.6 [13 \text{th value} - 12 \text{th value}] = 51 + 0.6 [56 - 51] = 54 \text{ kg.}$$

## Example 2:

Calculate  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  from the following data:

$x$	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 25
$f$	7	18	25	30	20

Solution :

$C.B.$	$f$	$C.f.$
0 - 5	7	7
5 - 10	18	25
10 - 15	25	50
15 - 20	30	80
20 - 25	20	100
Total	100	

20th value

50th value



Since  $D_2 = 2 \left( \frac{\sum f}{10} \right)$ th value  $= 2 \left( \frac{100}{10} \right)$ th value  $= 20$ th value.

Therefore,  $D_2$  lies in the class (5 – 10), then

$$D_2 = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{2 \sum f}{10} - C.f. \right) = 5 + \frac{5}{18} (20 - 7) = 8.6$$

$$D_2 = 8.6$$

Since  $D_3 = 3 \left( \frac{\sum f}{10} \right)$ th value  $= 3 \left( \frac{100}{10} \right)$ th value  $= 30$ th value.

Therefore,  $D_3$  lies in the class (10 – 15), then

$$D_3 = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{3 \sum f}{10} - C.f. \right) = 10 + \frac{5}{25} (30 - 25) = 11.0$$

$$D_3 = 11.0$$

### 3: PERCENTILES:

Values which divide the arranged data into **hundred** equal parts, denoted by  $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_{99}$ .



Note that  $P_{50} = D_5 = Q_2 = \text{Median}$  because all divides data into two equal parts.

For arranged ungrouped data:

$$P_i = i \left( \frac{n+1}{100} \right) \text{th value, where } i=1, 2, 3, \dots, 99$$

Again remember that for grouped frequency distribution, first we have to locate our percentile class. For that we find class boundaries to make our data continuous one and the cumulative frequencies to count our number of observations easily then we can determine our percentile class by finding where our  $\frac{\sum f}{100}$ th value lies in the data.

The class interval is called percentile class.

For grouped frequency distribution:

$$P_i = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{i \sum f}{100} - C.f \right), \text{ where } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 99$$

where,

$l$  = lower class boundary of percentile class

$h$  = width of percentile class

$f$  = frequency of percentile class

$\sum f$  = total frequency ( $n$ )

$C.f$  = cumulative frequency of preceding the percentile class

For the following data calculate  $P_{25}$ ,  $P_{59}$  and  $P_{80}$

10, 11, 15, 16, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 14, 16, 17, 20, 14, 13 and 10

**Solution :**

First we arrange the data i.e.

10, 10, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14, 15, 15, 16, 16, 17, 20

Here  $n = 16$

then  $P_{25} = 25 \left( \frac{n+1}{100} \right)$ th value

$$P_{25} = 25 \left( \frac{16+1}{100} \right) \text{th value} = 4.25 \text{th value}$$

$$= 4 \text{th value} + 0.25 [ 5 \text{th value} - 4 \text{th value} ]$$

$$= 11 + 0.25 [ 12 - 11 ] = 11.25$$



$$P_{59} = 59 \left( \frac{n+1}{100} \right) \text{th value}$$

$$P_{59} = 59 \left( \frac{16+1}{100} \right) \text{th value} = 10.03 \text{th value}$$

$$= 10 \text{th value} + 0.03 [11 \text{th value} - 10 \text{th value}]$$

$$= 14 + 0.03 [15 - 14] = 14.03$$

$$\text{Now } P_{80} = 80 \left( \frac{n+1}{100} \right) \text{th value}$$

$$P_{80} = 80 \left( \frac{16+1}{100} \right) \text{th value} = 13.6 \text{th value}$$

$$= 13 \text{th value} + 0.6 [14 \text{th value} - 13 \text{th value}]$$

$$= 16 + 0.6 [16 - 16] = 16$$

## Example 2:

For grouped frequency distribution, I picked the following data.

Find  $P_{20}$ ,  $P_{60}$  and  $P_{75}$  from the following grouped frequency distribution.

Gr.	2-12	12-22	22-32	32-42	42-52	52-62	62-72	72-82	82-92	92-102
$f$	2	5	8	12	15	20	16	14	10	8

## Solution :

<i>Groups</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>C.f.</i>
2 - 12	2	2
12 - 22	5	7
22 - 32	8	15
32 - 42	12	27
42 - 52	15	42
52 - 62	20	62
62 - 72	16	78
72 - 82	14	92
82 - 92	10	102
92 - 102	8	110
<i>Total</i>	110	

22nd value

66th value



Since,  $P_{20} = 20 \left( \frac{\sum f}{100} \right)$ th value  $= 20 \left( \frac{110}{100} \right)$ th value  $= 22$ nd value

Therefore,  $P_{20}$  lies in the group (32 - 40).

$$\text{Hence; } P_{20} = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{20 \sum f}{100} - C.f. \right)$$

$$P_{20} = 32 + \frac{10}{12} (22 - 15) = 37.83$$

$$P_{20} = 37.83$$

Since  $P_{60} = 60 \left( \frac{\sum f}{100} \right)$ th value  $= 60 \left( \frac{110}{100} \right)$ th value  $= 66$ th value.

Therefore,  $P_{60}$  lies in the group (62 – 72)

$$\text{Hence; } P_{60} = l + \frac{h}{f} \left( \frac{60 \sum f}{100} - C.f. \right)$$

$$P_{60} = 62 + \frac{10}{12} (66 - 62) = 64.50$$

$$P_{60} = 64.50$$

## TASK:

You can choose any grouped frequency data or you may use your previous data which you used for your last task, calculate  $Q1$ ,  $Q3$ ,  $D4$ ,  $D8$ ,  $P15$  and  $P75$ .

