

# Chapter 14: Statistics and Probability

## ◆ A. STATISTICS

Statistics involves collecting, organizing, and analyzing numerical data.

### Key Definitions

- **Data:** A collection of numerical facts.
- **Primary Data:** Collected directly by the investigator.
- **Secondary Data:** Collected from already existing sources.
- **Raw Data:** Unorganized data (just numbers).
- **Range:** Difference between the highest and lowest value in data.  
 $\text{Range} = \text{Maximum} - \text{Minimum}$

### Organizing Data

1. **Frequency:** Number of times a value occurs.
2. **Frequency Distribution Table:** A table that organizes data into classes and shows frequencies.
3. **Class Interval:** A group like 10–20, 20–30, etc.
4. **Class Width:** Difference between upper and lower class limits.  
 $\text{Width} = \text{Upper Limit} - \text{Lower Limit}$
5. **Class Mark (Mid-point):** Average of lower and upper limits of a class.  
 $\text{Class Mark} = (\text{Lower Limit} + \text{Upper Limit}) / 2$

### Graphical Representation

1. **Bar Graph:**
  - Uses rectangles to represent data.
  - Suitable for discrete data.
2. **Histogram:**
  - Bars touch each other.
  - For continuous frequency distribution.
  - Height represents frequency.
  - When class widths are unequal, we adjust heights using:  
 $\text{Adjusted height} = (\text{Frequency} / \text{Width}) \times \text{Common Width}$
3. **Frequency Polygon:**
  - Uses midpoints (class marks) plotted and joined by lines.
  - Can be drawn with or without histogram.

### Measures of Central Tendency

These are the values that represent the entire data set.

### ✓ Mean (Average):

- For ungrouped data:  
 $\text{Mean} = (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) / n$
- For frequency data:  
 $\text{Mean} = (\sum f_i x_i) / \sum f_i$   
(where  $f_i$  = frequency,  $x_i$  = data value)

### ✓ Median:

- Arrange data in ascending order.
- If  $n$  is odd: Median = value at  $(n + 1)/2$  position.
- If  $n$  is even: Median = average of  $n/2$  and  $(n/2 + 1)$ th values.

### ✓ Mode:

- The value that appears most frequently.
- No mode if all values are different.
- Can have one, two (bimodal), or multiple modes.

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## ◆ B. PROBABILITY

Probability is the measure of the chance of an event happening.

### 🧠 Key Concepts:

- Experiment: An action like tossing a coin, rolling a die.
- Outcome: Result of an experiment.
- Trial: Each performance of an experiment.

### ✓ Empirical (Experimental) Probability:

$P(E) = (\text{Number of trials in which event E happened}) / (\text{Total number of trials})$

### 📝 Notes:

- Probability of any event lies between 0 and 1.
- $P(E) = 0 \rightarrow$  Impossible event
- $P(E) = 1 \rightarrow$  Certain event

### 🧠 Example:

If a die is rolled 200 times and number 6 appears 40 times:

$P(\text{rolling a 6}) = 40 / 200 = 0.2$

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## ✓ Summary Table

Concept	Formula / Rule
Mean (ungrouped data)	$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) / n$
Mean (frequency table)	$\Sigma f_i x_i / \Sigma f_i$
Median (odd n)	Value at $(n+1)/2$ position
Median (even n)	Average of $(n/2)$ th and $(n/2 + 1)$ th values
Mode	Most frequent observation
Probability	$P(E) = \text{successful trials} / \text{total trials}$
Range	Max value – Min value
Class mark (midpoint)	$(\text{Lower limit} + \text{Upper limit}) / 2$
Adjusted height (histogram)	$\text{Frequency} / \text{Class width} \times \text{Common width}$

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#### Example Explanation:

Q: Find mean of: 6, 14, 15, 17, 19

Mean =  $(6 + 14 + 15 + 17 + 19) / 5 = 71 / 5 = 14.2$

Q: What is the probability of getting head if coin tossed 400 times, and head appears 210 times?

$P(\text{head}) = 210 / 400 = 0.525$  