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The Scale for Understanding of Statistics (SUS) consists of two subtests: Understanding of Concepts, which has mean $\mu_1 = 50.2$ and standard deviation $\sigma_1 = 7.5$, and Statistical Computation, which has mean $\mu_2 = 48.1$ and standard deviation $\sigma_2 = 7.1$. In addition, the correlation between the two subtests is r = 0.28.

- Compute the mean composite score for the SUS.
- Compute the standard deviation for the composite SUS.
- Suppose you score 94 on the composite SUS. What is your percentile rank?

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Four students took an exam, consisting of three short answer questions scored on a continuous scale of 0-10. The raw scores are below.

	Q1	Q2	Q3
$\overline{s1}$	9	10	6
s2	7	5	6
s3	5	8	4
s4	3	5	4

- Calculate the mean and standard deviation for each item.
- Compute the pairwise correlations between each item.
- Compute the variance-covariance matrix for the three items.
- Compute the mean and standard deviation of the composite test score.

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This semester, we will work with a scale to measure statistics anxiety – it is called the SAQ-8 – i.e., an 8-item "statistics anxiety questionnaire". Each item is Likert scaled with 1 = strongly disagree and 5 = strongly agree. Items:

- 1. Statistics makes me cry
- 2. My friends will think I'm stupid for not being able to use statistical software
- 3. Standard deviations excite me
- 4. I dream that Pearson is attacking me with correlation coefficients
- 5. I don't understand statistics
- 6. I have little experience with computers
- 7. All computers hate me
- 8. I have never been good at mathematics

On Canvas, you can download a file called SAQ8.csv. Let's open that file in JASP.

One subscale called *Computer Self Concept* is a composite of items 2, 6, and 7. Using JASP, compute the mean and standard deviation of this composite subscale.