

# Statistics

Descriptive Data Analysis

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### Indexes

So far, we have seen...

- Data
  - Data organized as a matrix
  - ▶ List of observations:  $y_1, ..., y_n$
- Frequency distributions
  - List of modalities and frequencies
  - List of class of modalities and frequencies

► Visualizations

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But what are distributions and plots used for?

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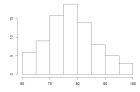
### Sum up the data

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### Classes distribution

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[60,70]	15
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(80,90]	22
(90,100]	8

# Graphical representation



### The aim is:

- Summarize data
- ► Shred light on some specific aspects

Distributions and plots help gain a quick understanding of your data. However, it's important to remember that when you summarize data you also lose some detailed information.

### Summarizing data

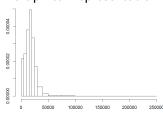
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(50000,75000]	148
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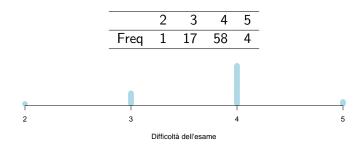


### New tools

There are other tools available to summarize data In particular, the aim is to summarize 3 different aspects of data distribution:

- central tendency
- variability
- shape

### Example: how difficult is the exam of Statistics?



How would you describe this distribution? In particular, around which value is the distribution positioned? In other words, where is the distribution center?

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### "Position" of the distribution

The previous question asks us to summarize the *entire* distribution into a single value which, in some way, indicates where the distribution itself is "positioned".

It could be said that the distribution is positioned on the value that appears most frequently.



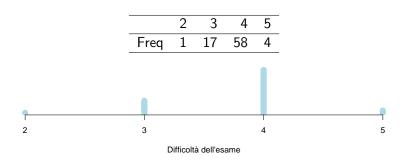
This value is called mode of the distribution.

### Central tendency measure: the mode

The mode of a distribution is the value that presents the highest relative frequency.

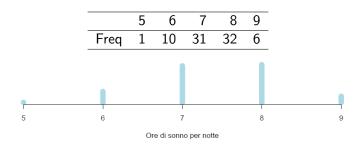
- ▶ Mode expresses the most frequent value in the distribution.
- ▶ It is defined for both qualitative and quantitative variables.

### Mode as summarizing tool



Mode is able to summarize quite well the overall distribution of the perceived difficulty of the exam.

### Mode as summarizing tool



For the hours of sleep per night, mode seems to work not as well as before...

# Mode as summarizing tool

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Neither for the high school final mark.

### Central tendency measures

The center of a distribution could also be thought of as that value that leaves to its right and to its left exactly 50% of the observations.

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90	90	92	93	93	94	95	96	98	100

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# Other central tendency measure: the median

Let  $y_1, y_2, \cdots, y_N$  be a disaggregated statistical distribution Let  $y_{(1)}, y_{(2)}, \cdots, y_{(N)}$  the corresponding distribution of the ordered (sorted) values

- $> y_{(1)} = \min(y_1, \dots, y_N), \quad y_{(N)} = \max(y_1, \dots, y_N);$
- ►  $y_{(1)} \le y_{(2)} \le \ldots \le y_{(N)}$ .

The median, indicated with m, is computed as:

$$m = \begin{cases} y_{\left(\frac{N+1}{2}\right)} & \text{if } N \text{ odd} \\ \\ \frac{y_{\left(\frac{N}{2}\right)} + y_{\left(\frac{N}{2}+1\right)}}{2} & \text{if } N \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

The median is a particular quantile.

### Quantiles

- ▶ The quantile of level  $\alpha$ , indicated as  $q_{\alpha}$ , defined for  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ , is the value that leaves to its left a fraction  $\alpha$ % of the data  $q_{\alpha}$  and a fraction  $(1 \alpha)$ % to its right
- ▶ Median is, so, the quantile of level 0.5, that is  $m = q_{0.5}$ .
- ▶ Of the quantiles, median is the most used but also  $q_{0.25}$  and  $q_{0.75}$  are common. They are based on a quarter-division of the sample. They are called first quartile and third quartile, respectively (the median is, in fact, the second quartile).

Let's calculate  $q_{0.25}$ , m and  $q_{0.75}$  for the variable height. Starting from the raw data...

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### Central tendency measures: arithmetic mean

▶ The arithmetic mean, in symbol  $\bar{y}$ , is calculated as:

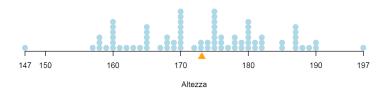
$$\bar{y} = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_N}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i,$$

where  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N)$  represents the sample of N observed values of the variable Y.

► There different types of "means". Arithmetic one is undoubtedly the most commonly used. For this reason, it is often referred to as "the average" without any further specifications.

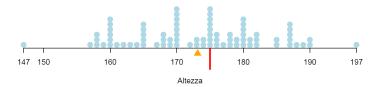
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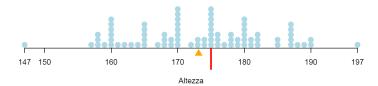
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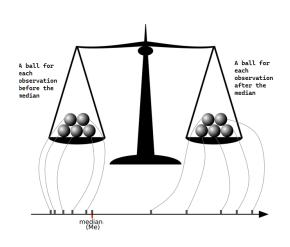
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Also for high school final mark, the mean (78.4) and the median (77.5) are close to each other.

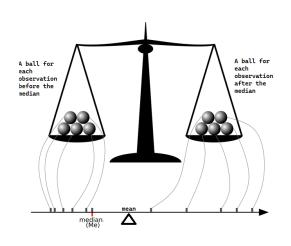
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### In a nutshell...

- ► The mode, the median and the arithmetic mean are the most used measures for the position (central tendency) of a distribution.
- ▶ If we deal with the entire population (we have a census), the measures are called of the population (it is traditional to indicate them with different symbols, often Greek letters). As we have said, it is rare to collect the data of the whole population.
- ▶ If we deal with a sample (most of the time, this is the real case), the measurements are called <u>sampling measures</u>. If the sample is representative, in general the sampling measures are good "indications" of the measures calculated on the entire population.

### Marginal and conditional measures

The central tendency measures for conditional variables are, for simplicity, labeled as conditional central tendency measures, to distinguish them from the central tendency measures calculated on the variable not conditional, that is marginal..

### Example: height

Let Y being the height and let X the sex (let's assume, for simplicity, only the values M e F). We can calculate sex-conditional height measures and marginal measures

- ▶ Median of  $Y|X = M \longrightarrow 180$  (condizional median)
- ▶ Mean of  $Y|X = M \longrightarrow 180.2$  (condizional mean)
- ▶ Median of  $Y|X = F \longrightarrow 165$  (condizional median)
- ▶ Mean of  $Y|X = F \longrightarrow 165.7$  (condizional mean)
- ▶ Median of  $Y \longrightarrow 174.5$  (marginal median)
- ▶ Mean of  $Y \longrightarrow 173.1$  (marginal mean)

### Some, just some, formulas

So far, we have already introduced some formulas for calculating central tendency measurements, in the case of having raw data available (i.e. the disaggregated statistical distribution).

Sometimes, even starting from the raw data, there may be ambiguities in the calculation of the measures (or indicators). More generally, the data can be provided in aggregate form.

Now we will see what to do in these cases.

Suppose we have the following frequency distribution:

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The data has size N = 12. The median should be chosen from  $6^{th}$  and the  $7^{th}$  observation from below. Possible answers:

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  - ►  $y_{(6)} = 2.\overline{20}$ ,  $y_{(7)} = 2.40$ ,  $y_{(8)} = 2.60$ ,  $y_{(9)} = 2.80 \longrightarrow m = \frac{2.20 + 2.40}{2} = 2.30$

Suppose we have a frequency distribution for classes of the following type:

intervals 
$$(c_0, c_1]$$
  $(c_1, c_2]$   $\cdots$   $(c_{k-1}, c_k]$  absolute frequency  $n_1$   $n_2$   $\cdots$   $n_k$ 

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A proxy often used in this case is:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} y_i n_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{k} y_i n_i$$

where  $y_i$  is the central value of the class i, that is:

$$y_i = \frac{c_{i-1} + c_i}{2}$$

## Example: high school mark

mark	frequency	central value	
(class)	absolute	of the class	
$(c_{i-1},c_i]$	n <sub>i</sub>	Уi	$y_i n_i$
[60,70]	15	65.0	975.0
(70,80]	35	75.5	2642.5
(80,90]	22	85.5	1881.0
(90,100]	8	95.5	764.0
		Total	6262.5

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$$\bar{y} = \frac{6262.5}{80} = 78.28$$

Mean computed from raw data is: $\bar{y} = 80$ 

### Weighted mean calculation

The arithmetic mean calculated for grouped data is an example of weighted arithmetic mean

$$\bar{y}_w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k y_i w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i}$$

where to each modality  $y_i$  is assigned a non-negative weight  $w_i$ .

### Marginal mean and conditional mean

We can calculate a marginal mean starting from the conditional means.

Let's assume we have N statistical units divided into L groups, following the modalities  $x_1, \ldots x_L$  of the variable X. Now,  $N_j$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,L$  are the number of observations for each group. Obviously,

$$N = \sum_{j=1}^{L} N_j.$$

Let's indicate in  $y_{i,j}$  the observation i belonging to the group j,

$$i = 1, \ldots, N_i, j = 1, \ldots, L.$$

### Marginal and conditional means

In general, let us indicate with

the i observation of the j group.

Then, j = 1, ..., L and  $i = 1, ..., N_j$  (i depending on the group!).

For each group j is possibile to calculate the conditional mean:

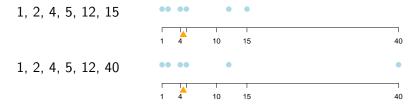
$$\overline{y}_j = \frac{1}{N_j} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} y_{i,j}.$$

Let's highlight that:

$$N_j \overline{y}_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} y_{i,j}.$$

### Median as a summarizing measure

Imagine two different samples, but sharing the same value for the median...



Median is not affected by the last *extreme* value (often called as **outlier**) This *property* of the median is not always a PRO or a CON, it depends...just take it into account!

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An alternative measure, very sensitive to extreme values, is the arithmetic mean:

$$1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 15 \rightarrow (1 + 2 + 4 + 5 + 12 + 15)/6 = 6.5$$
  
 $1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 40 \rightarrow (1 + 2 + 4 + 5 + 12 + 40)/6 = 10.67$ 

### Mean is not enough...

Two different group of individuals, we analyze the height in (cm)

150, 151, 156, 146, 157

121, 150, 190, 180, 119





The mean is equal to 152*cm* for both groups. But groups are pretty different!

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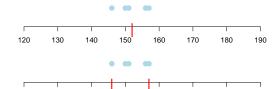
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## Elementary Measures of variability

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## Elementary Measures of variability: range

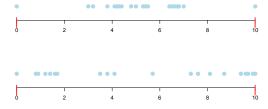
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An intuitive measure of the variability of a set of data is the difference (distance) between minimum and maximum, called Range

$$\mathsf{Range} = y_{(N)} - y_{(1)}$$

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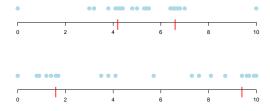
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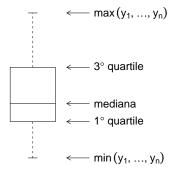
An alternative is to consider the difference (distance) between quartiles, or interquartile distance, interquartile range (IQR)

$$IQR = q_{0.75} - q_{0.25}$$

## Box and whiskers plot

It gives a schematic idea of a data set (of a distribution) based on quartiles and few other measures.

It consists, as the name implies, of a box and of two whiskers built according to the drawing below.



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### Boxplot, a common type

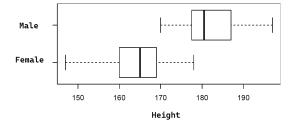
A variant of the box diagram predicts that the whiskers do not always extend to the most extreme observations, and is constructed as follows:

- 1. the box is constructed as described above starting from the three quartiles.
- 2. the whiskers extend to the furthest data that is however or not farther than  $cost \times (Interquartile\ deviation)$  from the box (we do not accept very long whiskers).
- 3. cost is an arbitrary constant, usually equal to 1.5.
- 4. Observations that are beyond the whiskers are drawn appropriately on the graph (for example using a dot to highlight them).

The logic is to point out the extreme observations.

# Graphical visualization: Conditional Boxplot

Also median and quantiles can be calculated for conditional distributions, and as a consequence *Conditional Boxplot* can be drawn:



To put *boxplots* side-by-side is a very straightforward way to compare distributions

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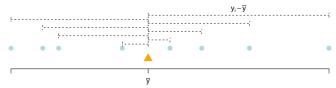
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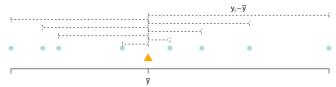
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As last step, we make the mean of such quantities:

$$\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(y_i-\bar{y})^2$$

#### variance

#### Variance

The Variance of the observations  $y_1, \ldots, y_N$  is the mean of the squares of the deviation (distance) of each observation from the mean.

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{N}$$

The variance of the variable Y in symbol is  $\sigma_Y^2$  or V(Y).

## Variance: an example

Example: variance for 5 observations, the mean is  $\bar{y} = 2.8$ 

Observations	deviations	$(deviations)^2$
Уi	$y_i - \bar{y}$	$(y_i - \bar{y})^2$
-1	-3.80	14.44
1	-1.80	3.24
3	0.20	0.04
4	1.20	1.44
7	4.20	17.64
	Total	36.8

The variance is:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{36.8}{5} = 7.36$$

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Example: hours of sleep per night, N = 80,  $\bar{y} = 7.4$ 

Modality	Frequency	deviation	(deviation) <sup>2</sup>	weighted deviations
Уi	$n_i$	$y_i - \bar{y}$	$(y_i - \bar{y})^2$	$n_i(y_i-\bar{y})^2$
5	1	-2.40	5.7600	5.7600
6	10	-1.40	1.9600	19.6000
7	31	-0.40	0.1600	4.9600
8	32	0.60	0.3600	11.5200
9	6	1.60	2.5600	15.3600
			Total	57.2

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The variance is:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{57.2}{80} = 0.72$$

### Standard deviation

The Standard deviation is the square root of the variance and the advantage is that it is expressed in the same unit of measures of the variable:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$$

Standard deviation for hours of sleep is as follows:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{0.72} = 0.85$$

## Sum of squares

The sum of squares, is the quantity at the numerator of the variance.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

The sum of squares represents hence the sum of the squared deviations of the observations from their mean.

### Correction for variance

When dealing with samples:

$$y_1, \ldots, y_N$$

often it is used Bessel's correction for variance, that differs from the variance only for the denominator:

$$s^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_{i} - \bar{y})^{2}}{N - 1}$$

There are some theoretical properties linked to the  $s^2$  that makes it a better solution when making statistical inference.

### Marginal and conditional variances

Marginal variance is:

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{L} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{j}} (y_{i,j} - \overline{y})^{2}$$

Conditional variances are:

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{N_j} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} (y_{i,j} - \overline{y}_j)^2.$$

### Decomposition of the variance: a formula

It can be proofed that:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{L} N_j \sigma_j^2 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{L} N_j (\overline{y}_j - \overline{y})^2$$

On the first part of the formula there is the mean of the conditional variances  $\sigma_j^2$  with their weights  $N_j$ , it is the Within groups variance,  $V_w$ .

The second part is the variance of the conditional means, with their weights  $N_j$ , called Between groups variance,  $V_b$ .

## Index $\eta^2$

This index measures how different groups are:

$$\eta^{2} = \frac{\text{(Betw groups variance)}}{\text{(total variance)}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{(Betw groups variance)}}{\text{(Betw groups variance)} + \text{(With groups variance)}}$$

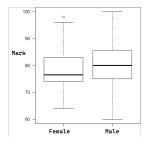
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{L} N_{j} (\overline{y}_{j} - \overline{y})^{2}}{\sigma^{2}}$$

- ▶ it ranges between 0 and 1
- the closer it is to 1, the more different the groups (in terms of mean)

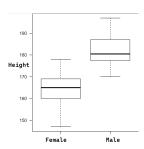
Groups

## Variance decomposition: why is it useful

It is a tool to study to what extent groups diverge in terms of mean with respect to a quantitative variable.



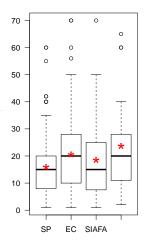
$$\eta^2 = \frac{0.71}{72.4} = 0.01$$



$$\eta^2 = \frac{66.69}{112.37} = 0.59$$

There is no difference in the groups for the mean of the mark, but there is in terms of height

## Variance decomposition: hours of study



	$N_j$	$ar{y}_j$	$\sigma_j^2$
SP	225	15.89	104.92
EC	366	20.45	136.07
SIAFA	51	18.59	183.10
CTF	27	23.67	274.15

Decomposition is as follows:

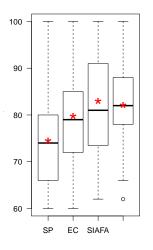
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{L} N_j \sigma_j^2 = 134.8$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{L} N_j (\overline{y}_j - \overline{y})^2 = 5.294$$

The index to measure how different 4 groups are, is:

$$\eta^2 = \frac{5.294}{140} = 0.0378$$

## Variance decomposition: high school mark



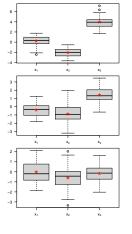
	$N_j$	$ar{y}_j$	$\sigma_j^2$
SP	230	74.50	108.28
EC	375	79.73	103.73
SIAFA	47	82.98	127.04
CTF	29	82.10	74.51

Decomposition is as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{L}N_{j}\sigma_{j}^{2}}{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{L}N_{j}(\overline{y}_{j}-\overline{y})^{2}} = 105.6$$

The index to measure how differents groups are, is:

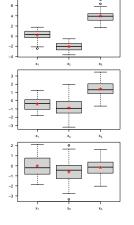
$$\eta^2 = \frac{8.124}{113.8} = 0.07139$$



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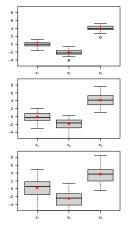
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where

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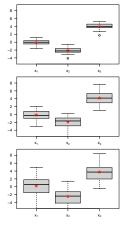
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 $V_w$  grows with the variance within groups increasing.