**Topics: Descriptive Statistics and Probability**

1. Look at the data given below. Plot the data, find the outliers and find out

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| **Name of company** | **Measure X** |
| Allied Signal | 24.23% |
| Bankers Trust | 25.53% |
| General Mills | 25.41% |
| ITT Industries | 24.14% |
| J.P.Morgan & Co. | 29.62% |
| Lehman Brothers | 28.25% |
| Marriott | 25.81% |
| MCI | 24.39% |
| Merrill Lynch | 40.26% |
| Microsoft | 32.95% |
| Morgan Stanley | 91.36% |
| Sun Microsystems | 25.99% |
| Travelers | 39.42% |
| US Airways | 26.71% |
| Warner-Lambert | 35.00% |



Answer the following three questions based on the box-plot above.

1. What is inter-quartile range of this dataset? (please approximate the numbers) In one line, explain what this value implies.

Ans- approximately q1=5 q3=12

Inter-quartile range IQR= q3-q1 that is 12-5=7

IQR is equal to median

1. What can we say about the skewness of this dataset?

Ans- We can say that it is not a normal distribution .

The distribution is Right Skewed.

1. If it was found that the data point with the value 25 is actually 2.5, how would the new box-plot be affected?

Ans- If it was found that the data point with the value 25 is actually 2.5 then there would be no Outliers on the given dataset because of the outlier the data had positive skewness it will reduce.



Answer the following three questions based on the histogram above.

1. Where would the mode of this dataset lie?

Ans- The mode of this data set lie in between 5 to 10 and approximately between 4 to 8

1. Comment on the skewness of the dataset.

Ans- +ve skewed as mean>median

1. Suppose that the above histogram and the box-plot in question 2 are plotted for the same dataset. Explain how these graphs complement each other in providing information about any dataset.

Ans- As both the graph are right-skewed and both have outliers .

In boxplot median is easily found and in histogram mode is easily found.

1. AT&T was running commercials in 1990 aimed at luring back customers who had switched to one of the other long-distance phone service providers. One such commercial shows a businessman trying to reach Phoenix and mistakenly getting Fiji, where a half-naked native on a beach responds incomprehensibly in Polynesian. When asked about this advertisement, AT&T admitted that the portrayed incident did not actually take place but added that this was an enactment of something that “could happen.” Suppose that one in 200 long-distance telephone calls is misdirected. What is the probability that at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number? (Assume independence of attempts.)

**Ans:  IF** 1 in 200 long-distance telephone calls are getting misdirected.

probability of call misdirecting   = 1/200

Probability of call not Misdirecting = 1-1/200 = 199/200

**The** probability for at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number

Number of Calls = 5

n = 5

p = 1/200

q = 199/200

P(x) = at least one in five attempted telephone calls reaches the wrong number

P(x) = ⁿCₓ pˣ qⁿ⁻ˣ

P(x) = (nCx) (p^x) (q^n-x) #nCr=n!/r!\*(n-r)!

P(1) = (5C1) (1/200)^1 (199/200)^5-1

P(1) = 0.024503

1. Returns on a certain business venture, to the nearest $1,000, are known to follow the following probability distribution

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| x | P(x) |
| -2,000 | 0.1 |
| -1,000 | 0.1 |
| 0 | 0.2 |
| 1000 | 0.2 |
| 2000 | 0.3 |
| 3000 | 0.1 |

1. What is the most likely monetary outcome of the business venture?

Ans- As for 2000 the probability is 0.3 which is maximum as compared to others so the likely monetary outcome is 2000

1. Is the venture likely to be successful? Explain

Ans- : Yes, the probability that the venture will make more than 0 or a profit

p(x>0)+p(x>1000)+p(x>2000)+p(x=3000) = 0.2+0.2+0.3+0.1 = 0.8 this states that there is a good 80% chances for this venture to be making a profit

1. What is the long-term average earning of business ventures of this kind? Explain

Ans- : The long-term average is Expected value = Sum (X \* P(X)) = 800 which means on an average the returns will be + 800

1. What is the good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind? Compute this measure

Ans- The good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind depends on the Variability in the distribution. Higher Variance means more chances of risk

Var (X) = E(X^2) –(E(X))^2

= 2800000 – 800^2

= 2160000