

## Topics: Descriptive Statistics and Probability

1. Look at the data given below. Plot the data, find the outliers and find out  $\mu, \sigma, \sigma^2$

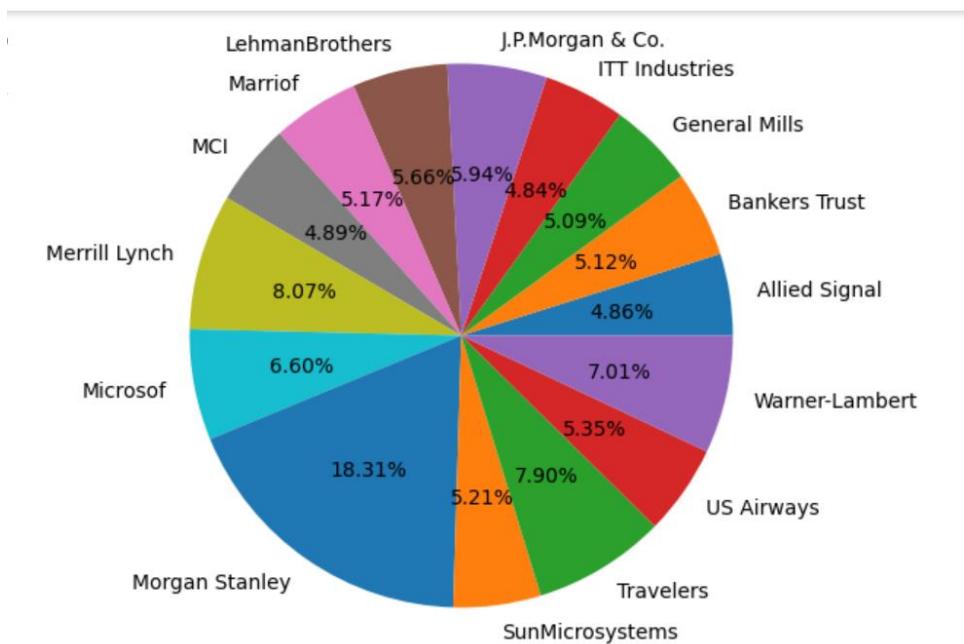
Name of company	Measure X
Allied Signal	24.23%
Bankers Trust	25.53%
General Mills	25.41%
ITT Industries	24.14%
J.P.Morgan & Co.	29.62%
Lehman Brothers	28.25%
Marriott	25.81%
MCI	24.39%
Merrill Lynch	40.26%
Microsoft	32.95%
Morgan Stanley	91.36%
Sun Microsystems	25.99%
Travelers	39.42%
US Airways	26.71%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

$$\mu = 0.33$$

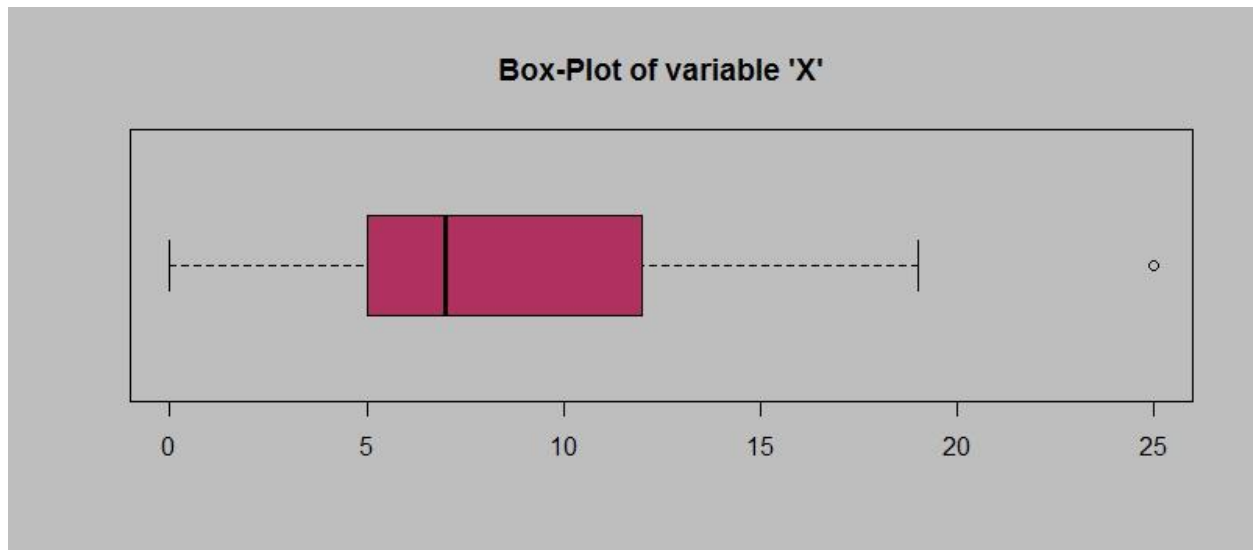
$$\sigma = 0.16$$

$$\sigma^2 = 0.028$$

Outliers of array [24.23 25.23 25.41 24.14 29.62 28.25 25.81 24.39 40.26 32.95 91.36 25.99 39.42 26.71 35.] is: [91.36]



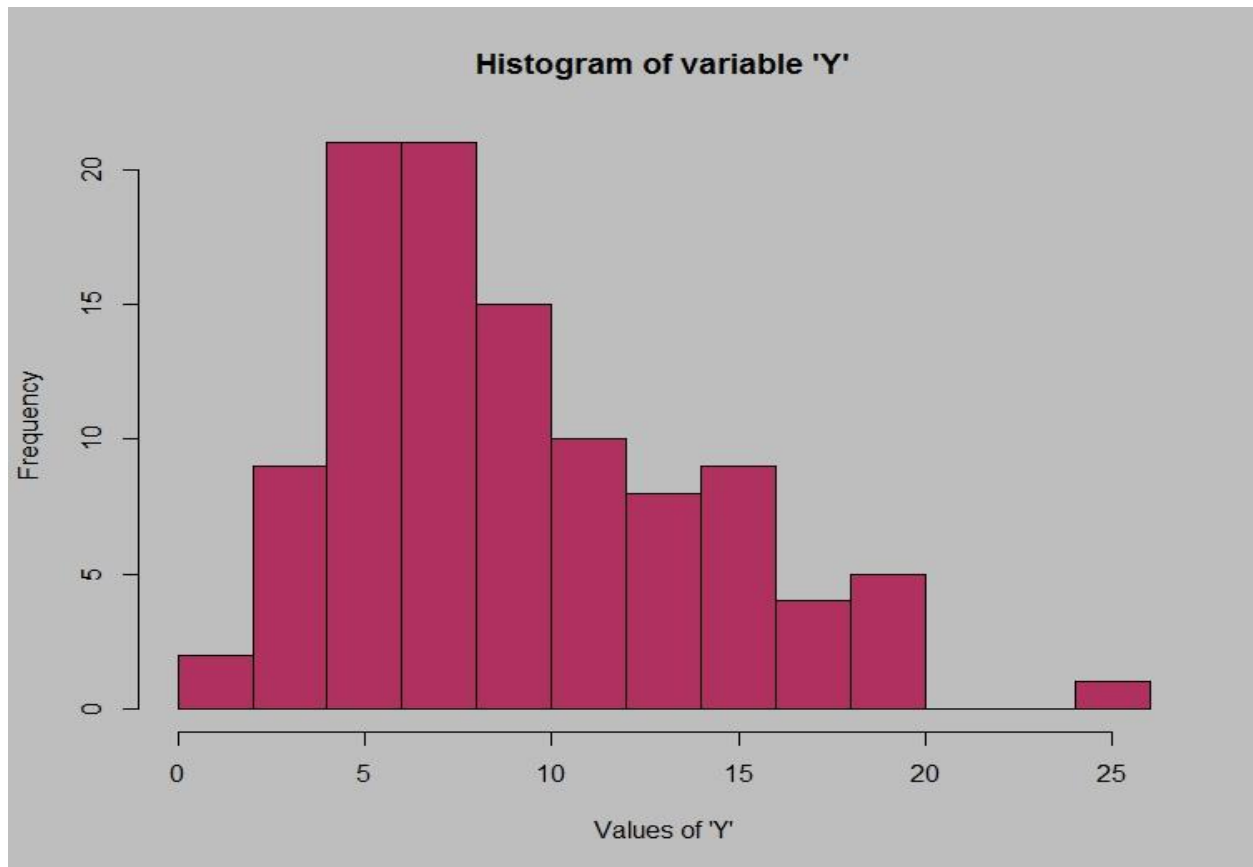
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Answer the following three questions based on the box-plot above.

- (i) What is inter-quartile range of this dataset? (please approximate the numbers) In one line, explain what this value implies.  
IQR =  $Q3 - Q1 = 12 - 5 = 7$  (approximately). It means 50% of data points lie in the range of 5 and 12
- (ii) What can we say about the skewness of this dataset?  
The dataset is positively skewed. Tail is found extending towards right side of the curve.
- (iii) If it was found that the data point with the value 25 is actually 2.5, how would the new box-plot be affected?  
The new Box plot will not have any outlier in the data.  
It will affect skewness, The new data will be normally distributed, there will be no skewness in the dataset.

3.



Answer the following three questions based on the histogram above.

- (i) Where would the mode of this dataset lie?  
 Mode is the highest bar; it lies on 20.  
 Mode = 20
- (ii) Comment on the skewness of the dataset.  
 As per the above data set, it's more tilting to right side, so it is right skewed. Its not normal distribution.
- (iii) 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.  
 They both are right-skewed and both have outliers the median can be easily visualized in box plot where as in histogram mode is more visible.

4. 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.)

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  $P(x) = {}^nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$   $P(x) = ({}^nC_x) (p^x) (q^{n-x})$   $\# {}^nC_r = n! / r! * (n - r)!$   $P(1) = ({}^5C_1) (1/200)^1 (199/200)^{5-1}$   $P(1) = 0.0245037$

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

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

- (i) What is the most likely monetary outcome of the business venture?  
The most likely monetary outcome of the business venture is 2000\$. As for 2000\$ the probability is 0.3 which is maximum as compared to others.
- (ii) Is the venture likely to be successful? Explain  
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.
- (iii) What is the long-term average earning of business ventures of this kind? Explain  
The long-term average is Expected value =  $\sum (X * P(X)) = 800\$$  which means on an average the returns will be + 800\$
- (iv) What is the good measure of the risk involved in a venture of this kind? Compute this measure.  
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  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 2800000 - 800^2 = 2160000$