**Topics: Descriptive Statistics and Probability**

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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% |

The following is the outlier in the boxplot: Morgan Stanley 91.36%  
#Mean(μ)

measure.mean()  
33.27

#variance(σ^2)

measure.var()

287.14

#Standard Deviation(σ)

measure.std()

16.94

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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 (First Quantile Range) Q1 = 5 (Third Quantile Range) Q3 = 12, Median (Second Quartile Range) = 7 (Inter-Quartile Range) IQR = Q3 – Q1 = 12 – 5 = 7 Second Quartile Range is the Median Value

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

Ans: Right-Skewed median is towards the left side it is not normal distribution

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: In that case there would be no Outliers on the given dataset because of the outlier the data had positive skewness it will reduce and the data will normal distributed . 2.5 will be not considered an outliner.The box plot will start from 0 and end at 20 in representation.

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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: Right-Skewed. Mean>Median>Mode

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: 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.

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) = 0.0245037

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: The most likely monetary outcome of the business venture is 2000$

0 As for 2000$ the probability is 0.3 which is maximum as compared to others

1. **Is the venture likely to be successful? Explain**

Ans: P(x>0) = 0.6, implies there is a 60% chance that the venture would yield profits or greater than expected returns. P(Incurring losses) is only 0.2. So the venture is likely to be successful.

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: P(loss) = P(x= -2000)+P(x=-1000)=0.2. So the risk associated with this venture is 20%.