
Chapter 1. Overview and Descriptive Statistics

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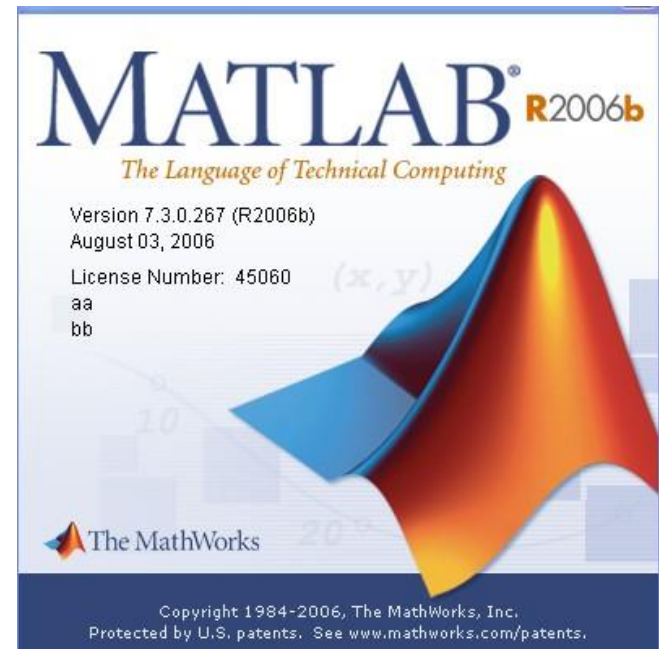


■ MATLAB

A powerful software with various toolboxes, including

- **Statistics Toolbox**
- Image Processing Toolbox
- Signal processing Toolbox
- Robust Control Toolbox
- Curve Fitting Toolbox
- Fuzzy Logic Toolbox

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■ Prerequisite Courses

- SE-101 Advanced Mathematics
- SE-103 Linear Algebra

■ Successive Courses

- SE-328 Digital Signal Processing
- SE-343 Digital Image Processing
- SE-352 Information Security
- Pattern Recognition & Machine learning
- etc.



What is Uncertainty?

■ Uncertainty

It can be assessed informally using the language such as “it is unlikely” or “probably”.



玩法	期号	最新开奖结果
双色球	2011099期	10 12 13 21 26 27 14
3D	2011231期	8 2 7
36选7	2011231期	11 14 16 17 21 31 20
好彩1	2011231期	20 羊 秋 北
26选5	2011099期	03 04 14 15 19
快乐十分	2011082584期	17 12 18 16 20 04 07 11

This science came of gambling in 7th century

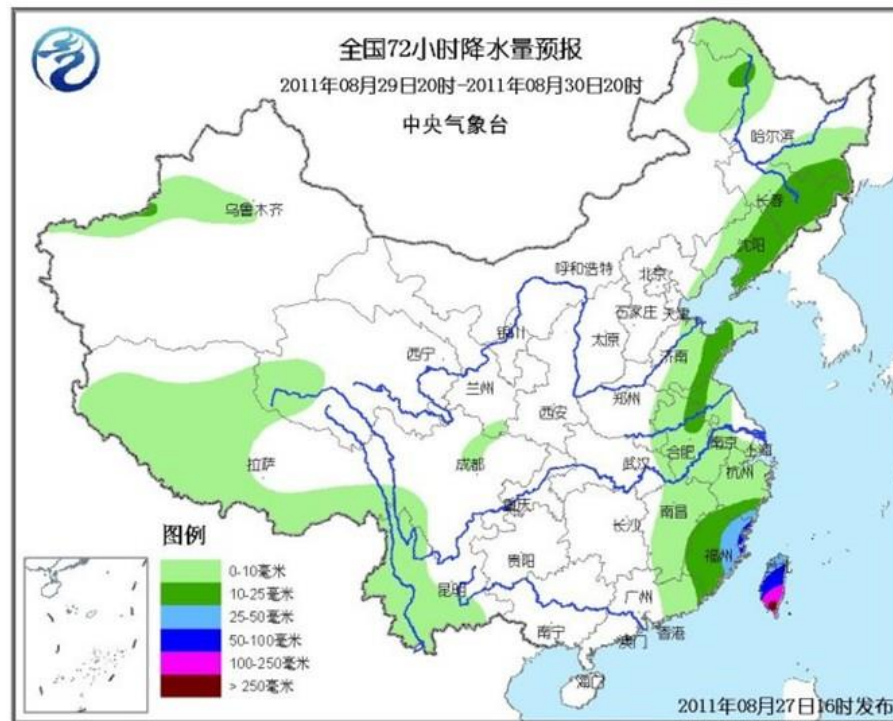
Why Study Probability & Statistics?

- **Probability** measures uncertainty formally, quantitatively. It is the mathematical language of uncertainty.
- **Statistics** show some useful information from the uncertain data, and provide the basis for making decisions or choosing actions.



Applications

■ Weather Forecast



Applications

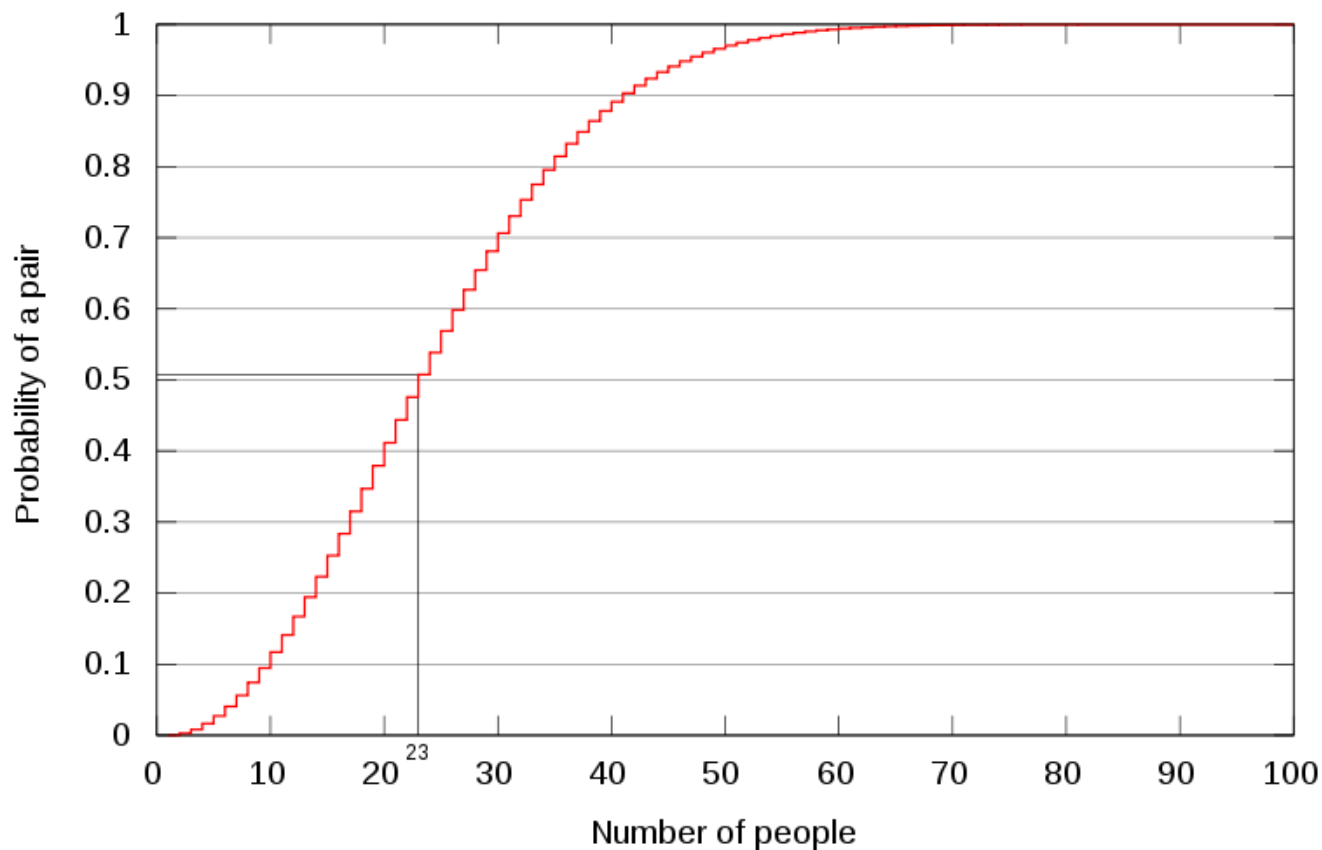
- In medical treatment

e.g. Relationship between smoking and lung cancer



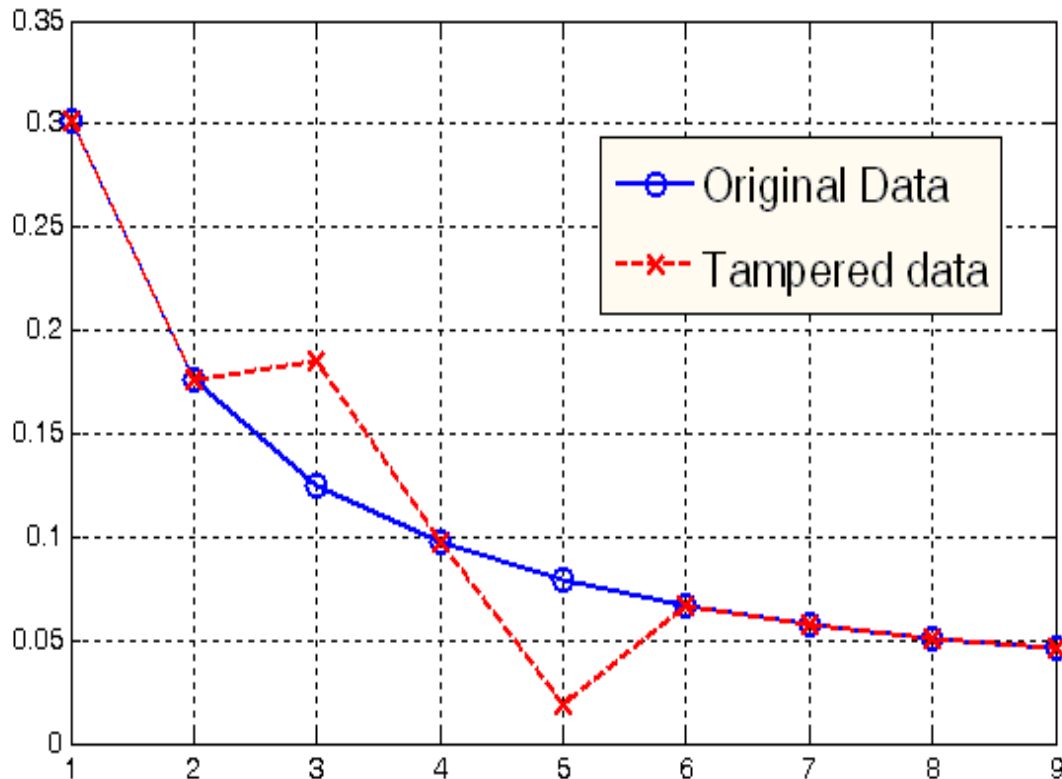
Applications

- Birthday Paradox (from Wikipedia)



Applications

■ Benford's Law/ First Digit Law (from Wikipedia)



Accounting Forensics

Multimedia Forensics

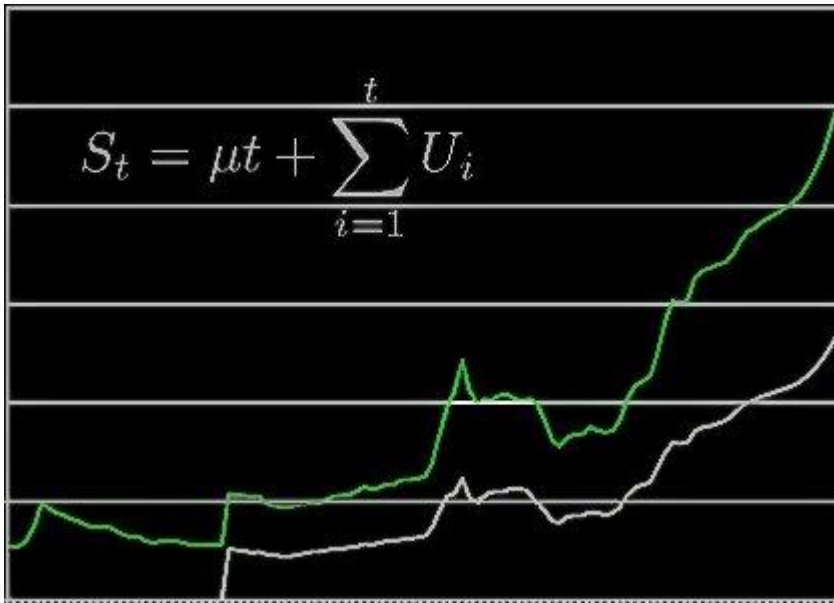
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$$P(d) = \log_{10}\left(1 + \frac{1}{d}\right), d = 1, 2, \dots, 9$$



Applications

■ Time Series Analysis



- Economic Forecasting
 - Sales Forecasting
 - Budgetary Analysis
 - Stock Market Analysis
 - Process and Quality Control
 - Inventory Studies
- etc.*



Applications

- More interesting applications in real life



Millon 2 one (概率知多少):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RngSBNw1AE>



Chapter 1: Overview & Descriptive Statistics

- 1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes
- 1.2. Pictorial and Tabular Methods in Descriptive Statistics
- 1. 3 Measures of Location
- 1.4. Measures of Variability



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

- Population

An investigation will typically focus on a *well-defined* collection of objects (units). A population is the set of all objects of interest in a particular study.

- Variables

Any characteristic whose value (categorical or numerical) may change from one object to another in the population.



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

Examples of Populations, Objects and variables

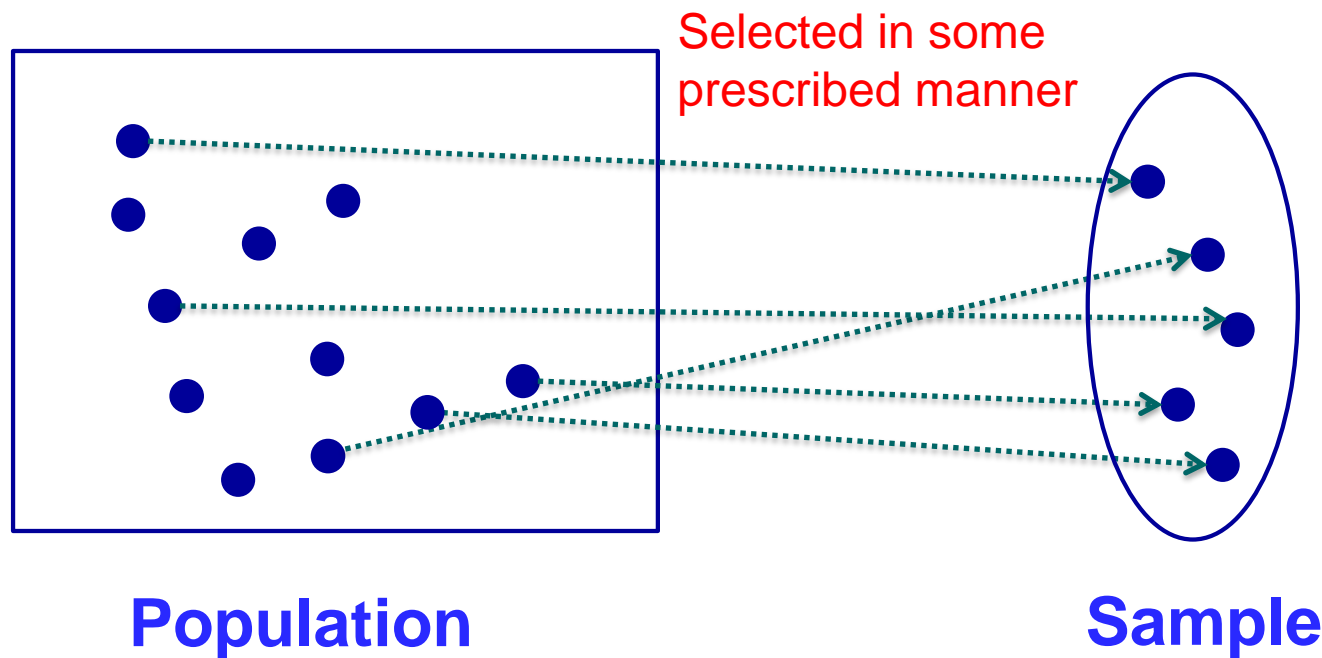
Population	Unit / Object	Variables / Characteristics
All students currently in the class	Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Height•Weight•Hours of work per week•Right/left – handed
All Printed circuit boards manufactured during a month	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Type of defects•Number of defects•Location of defeats
All campus fast food restaurants	Restaurant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Number of employees•Seating capacity•Hiring/not hiring
All books in library	Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Replacement cost•Frequency of checkout•Repairs needs



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

- Sample

A subset of the population



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

- According to the number of the variables under investigation, we have
 - **Univariate** : a single variable, *e.g.*
the type of transmission, automatic or manual, on cars
 - **Bivariate** : two variables, *e.g.*
the height & weight of the students
 - **Multivariate** : more than two variables, *e.g.*
systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure and serum cholesterol level for each patient



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

- Descriptive statistics

An investigator who has collected data may wish simply to summarize and describe important features of the data. (**descriptive statistics**)

- Visual techniques (**Sec. 1.2**), *e.g.*

Stem-and-Leaf display, Dotplot & histograms

- Numerical summary measures (**Sec. 1.3, 1.4**), *e.g.*

means, standard deviations & correlations coefficients



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

■ Example 1.1.

Here is data on fundraising expenses as a percentage of total expenditures for a random sample of 60 charities:

6.1	12.6	34.7	1.6	18.8	2.2	3.0	2.2	5.6	3.8
2.2	3.1	1.3	1.1	14.1	4.0	21.0	6.1	1.3	20.4
7.5	3.9	10.1	8.1	19.5	5.2	12.0	15.8	10.4	5.2
6.4	10.8	83.1	3.6	6.2	6.3	16.3	12.7	1.3	0.8
8.8	5.1	3.7	26.3	6.0	48.0	8.2	11.7	7.2	3.9
15.3	16.6	8.8	12.0	4.7	14.7	6.4	17.0	2.5	16.2

Without any organization, it is difficult to get a sense of the data's most prominent features



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

- Inferential statistics

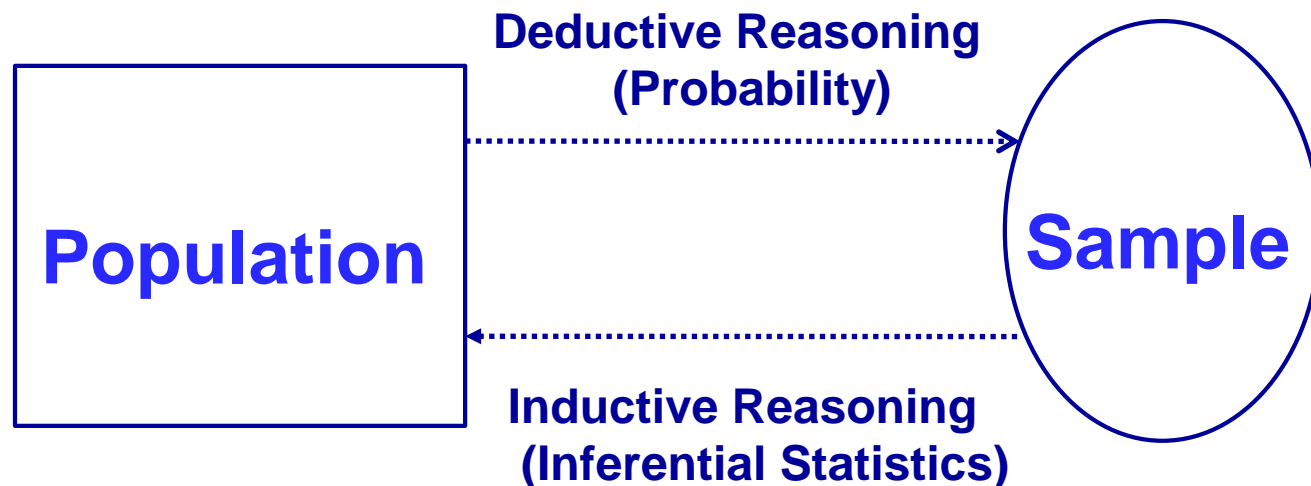
Use sample information to draw some type of conclusion (make an inference of some sort) about the population.

- Point Estimation ---- Chapter 6
- Hypothesis testing ---- Chapter 8
- Estimation by confidence interval --- Chapter 7
- ...



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

- Probability & Statistics



The mathematical language is “Probability”



1.1. Populations, Samples, and Processes

- Collecting Data

If data is not properly collected, an investigator may not be able to answer the questions under consideration with a reasonable degree of confidence.

- Methods for collecting data

- **Random sampling:** any particular subset of the specified size has the same chance of being selected
- **Stratified sampling:** entails separating the population units into non-overlapping groups and taking a sample from each one.

So on and so forth



- Descriptive Statistics

- Visual techniques **(Sec. 1.2)**

1. Stem-and-Leaf Displays
2. Dotplots
3. Histogram

- Numerical summary measures **(Sec. 1.3 & 1.4)**

1. Measures of location
2. Measure of variability



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Notation

Sample size: The number of observations in a single sample will often be denoted by n .

Given a data set consisting of n observations on some variable x , the individual observations will be denoted by $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Stem-and-Leaf Displays

Suppose we have a numerical data set $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ for which each x_i consists of at least two digits.

Steps for constructing a Stem-and-Leaf Display

1. Select one or more leading digits for the *stem values*. The trailing digits become *the leaves*.
2. List possible stem values in a vertical column.
3. Record the leaf for every observation beside the corresponding stem value.
4. Indicate the units for stems and leaves someplace in the display.



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example:

Observations: 16%, 33%, 64%, 37%, 31% ...

Stem-and-Leaf Display

Stem		Leaf
1		6
3		3 7 1 [or 3 1 3 7]
6		4

Stem: tens digit

Leaf: ones digit



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example 1.6

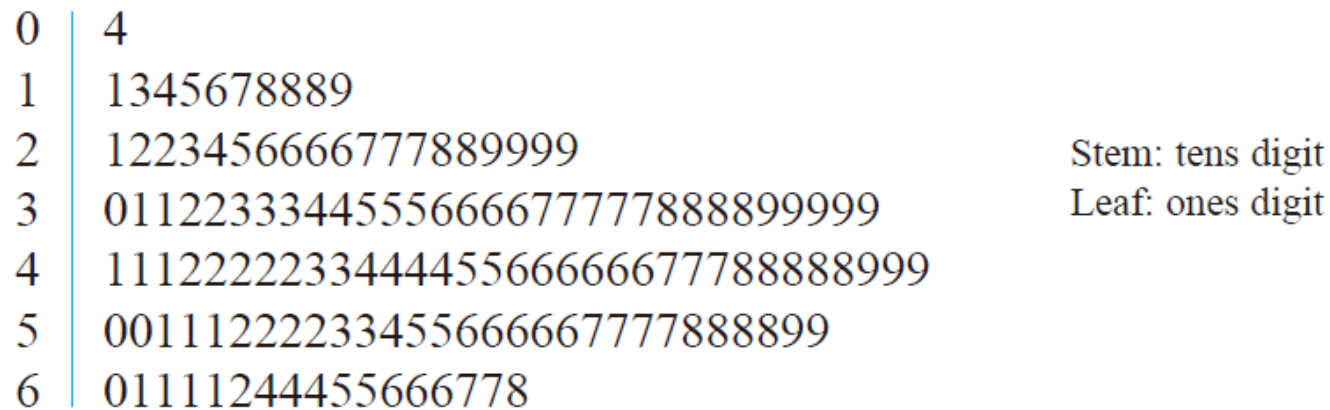


Figure 1.4 Stem-and-leaf display for the percentage of binge drinkers at each of the 140 colleges



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

- A stem-and-leaf display conveys information about the following aspects of the data:
 - Identification of a typical or representative value
 - Extent of spread about the typical value
 - Presence of any gaps in the data
 - Extent of symmetry in the distribution of values
 - Number and location of peaks
 - Presence of any outlying values



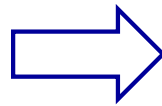
1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example

64		35	64	33	70			
65		26	27	06	83			
66		05	94	14				
67		90	70	00	98	70	45	13
68		90	70	73	50			
69		00	27	36	04			
70		51	05	11	40	50	22	
71		31	69	68	05	13	65	
72		80	09					

Stem: Thousands and hundreds digits

Leaf: Tens and ones digits



6		435	464	433	470	...	904
7		051	005	011	040	...	209

Stem: Thousands digits

Leaf: Hundreds, tens and ones digits



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example (repeated stems)

5H | 5

5L | 242330

4H | 768896

4L | 21421414444

3H | 9696656

=

5 | 242330 5

4 | 21421414444 768896

3 | 9696656

Stem: tens digit

Leaf: ones digit

Stem: tens digit

Leaf: ones digit

Note: L: the leafs are 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4

H: the leafs are 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Dotplot

the data set is reasonably small or there are relatively few distinct data values

- Each observation is represented by a dot above the corresponding location on a horizontal measurement scale.
- When a value occurs more than once, there is a dot for each occurrence, and these dots are stacked vertically.

As with a stem-and-leaf display, a dotplot gives information about **location, spread, extremes & gaps**.



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example 1.8

10.8	6.9	8.0	8.8	7.3	3.6	4.1	6.0	4.4	8.3
8.1	8.0	5.9	5.9	7.6	8.9	8.5	8.1	4.2	5.7
4.0	6.7	5.8	9.9	5.6	5.8	9.3	6.2	2.5	4.5
12.8	3.5	10.0	9.1	5.0	8.1	5.3	3.9	4.0	8.0
7.4	7.5	8.4	8.3	2.6	5.1	6.0	7.0	6.5	10.3

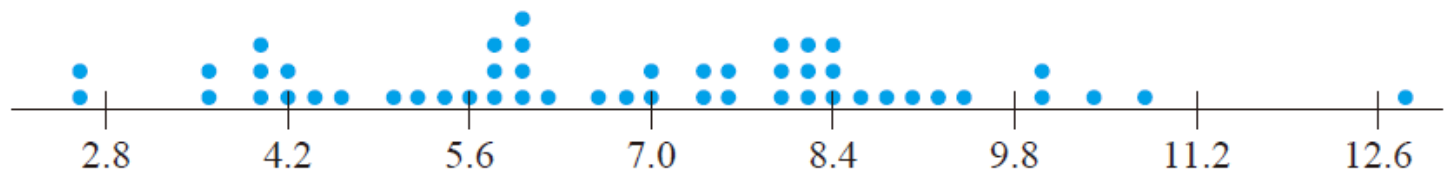


Figure 1.6 A dotplot of the data from Example 1.8

1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Histogram

Types of variables:

- **Discrete variable:** A variable is discrete if its set of possible values either is finite or else can be listed in an infinite sequence.
- **Continuous variable:** A variable is continuous if its possible values consist of an entire interval on the number line.



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

- Relative frequency of a value

Suppose, for example, that our data set consists of 200 observations on of courses a college student is taking this term. If 70 of these x values are 3, then

$$\text{relative frequency of a value} = \frac{\text{number of times the value occurs}}{\text{number of observations in the data set}}$$

frequency of the x value 3: 70

$$\text{Relative frequency of the } x \text{ value 3: } \frac{70}{200} = .35$$



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

Constructing a Histogram for Discrete Data

First, determine the frequency and relative frequency of each x value. Then mark possible x values on a horizontal scale. Above each value, draw a rectangle whose height is the relative frequency (or alternatively, the frequency) of that value.



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example 1.9

Table 1.1 Frequency Distribution for Hits in Nine-Inning Games

Hits/Game	Number of Games	Relative Frequency	Hits/Game	Number of Games	Relative Frequency
0	20	.0010	14	569	.0294
1	72	.0037	15	393	.0203
2	209	.0108	16	253	.0131
3	527	.0272	17	171	.0088
4	1048	.0541	18	97	.0050
5	1457	.0752	19	53	.0027
6	1988	.1026	20	31	.0016
7	2256	.1164	21	19	.0010
8	2403	.1240	22	13	.0007
9	2256	.1164	23	5	.0003
10	1967	.1015	24	1	.0001
11	1509	.0779	25	0	.0000
12	1230	.0635	26	1	.0001
13	834	.0430	27	1	.0001
				19,383	1.0005

Why not 1?



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example 1.9

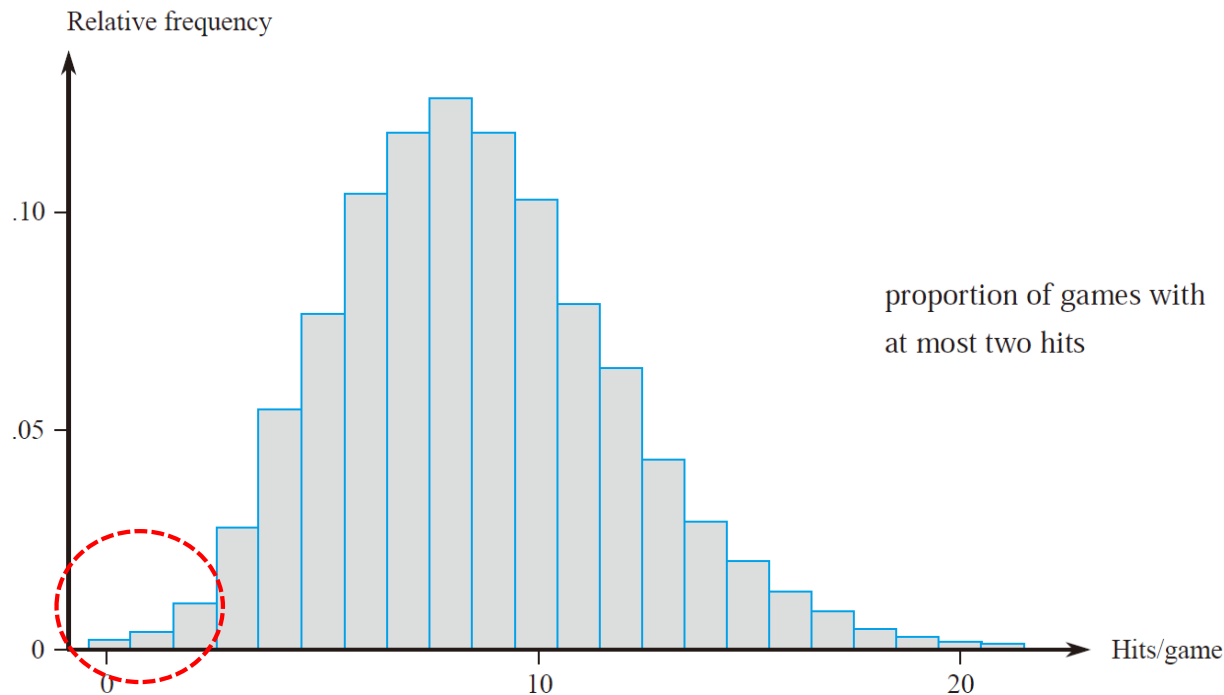


Figure 1.7 Histogram of number of hits per nine-inning game

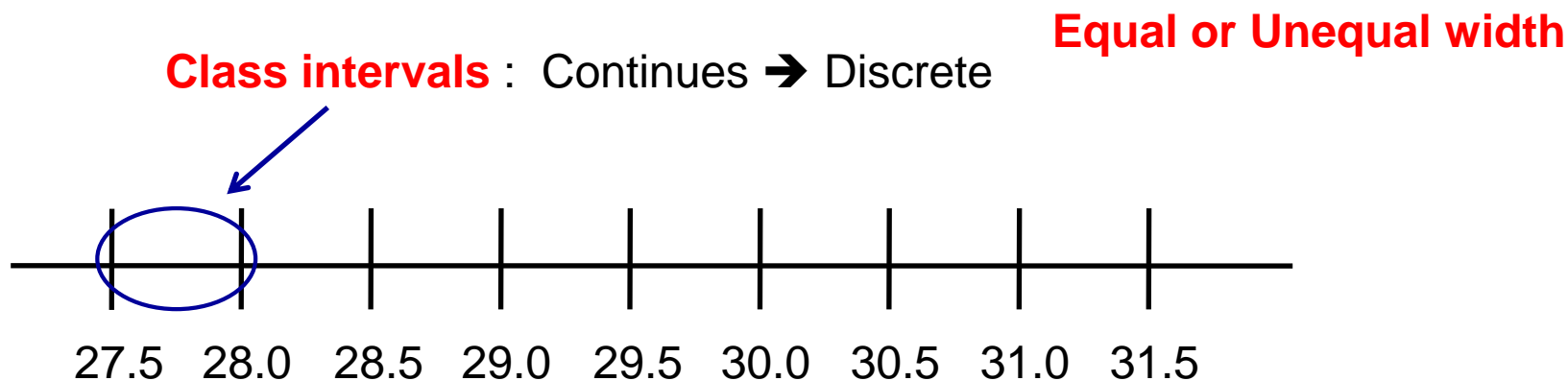
$$\begin{aligned} \text{proportion of games with} &= \text{relative frequency for } x = 0 + \text{relative frequency for } x = 1 + \text{relative frequency for } x = 2 \\ \text{at most two hits} &= .0010 + .0037 + .0108 = .0155 \end{aligned}$$



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Continuous Case

p17. Suppose that we have 50 observations on x =fuel efficiency of an automobile (mpg), the smallest of which is 27.8 and the largest of which is 31.4



Each observation is contained in exactly one class

number of classes $\approx \sqrt{\text{number of observations}}$



Constructing a Histogram for Continuous Data: Equal Class Widths

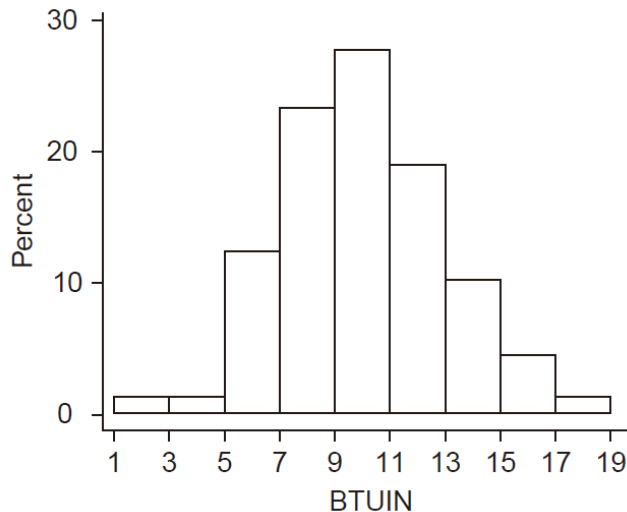
Determine the frequency and relative frequency for each class. Mark the class boundaries on a horizontal measurement axis. Above each class interval, draw a rectangle whose height is the corresponding relative frequency (or frequency).



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■ Example 1.10

2.97	4.00	5.20	5.56	5.94	5.98	6.35	6.62	6.72	6.78
6.80	6.85	6.94	7.15	7.16	7.23	7.29	7.62	7.62	7.69
7.73	7.87	7.93	8.00	8.26	8.29	8.37	8.47	8.54	8.58
8.61	8.67	8.69	8.81	9.07	9.27	9.37	9.43	9.52	9.58
9.60	9.76	9.82	9.83	9.83	9.84	9.96	10.04	10.21	10.28
10.28	10.30	10.35	10.36	10.40	10.49	10.50	10.64	10.95	11.09
11.12	11.21	11.29	11.43	11.62	11.70	11.70	12.16	12.19	12.28
12.31	12.62	12.69	12.71	12.91	12.92	13.11	13.38	13.42	13.43
13.47	13.60	13.96	14.24	14.35	15.12	15.24	16.06	16.90	18.26



<i>Class</i>	1-<3	3-<5	5-<7	7-<9	9-<11	11-<13	13-<15	15-<17	17-<19
<i>Frequency</i>	1	1	11	21	25	17	9	4	1
<i>Relative frequency</i>	.011	.011	.122	.233	.278	.189	.100	.044	.011



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

Equal-width classes may not be a sensible choice if there are some regions of the measurement scale that have a high concentration of data values and other parts where data is quite sparse.

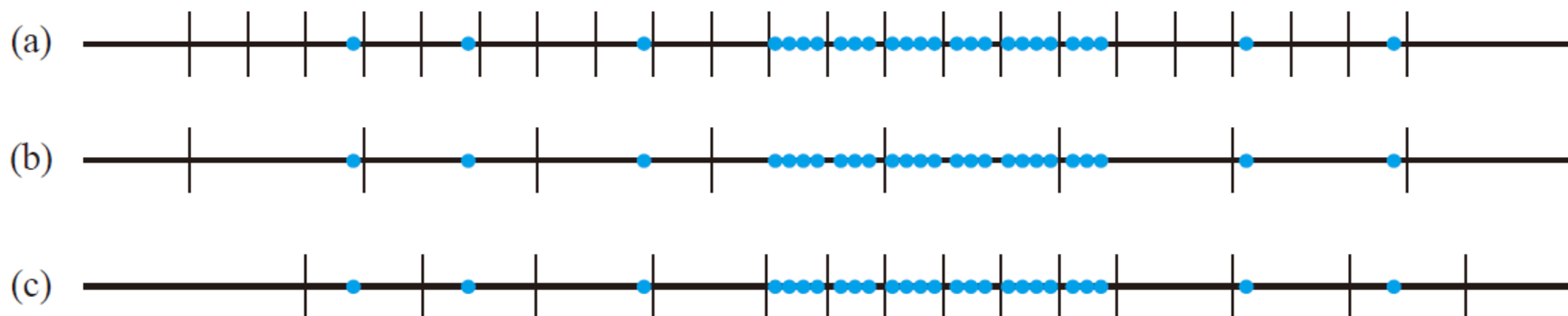


Figure 1.9 Selecting class intervals for “varying density” data: (a) many short equal-width intervals; (b) a few wide equal-width intervals; (c) unequal-width intervals

1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

- Constructing a Histogram for Continuous Data : Equal (or Unequal) Class Widths

Make sure that:

$$\text{class width} \times \text{rectangle height (density)} \\ = \text{relative frequency of the class}$$

- ✓ That is, the area of each rectangle is the relative frequency of the corresponding class.
- ✓ Furthermore, since the sum of relative frequencies should be 1, the total area of all rectangles in a density histogram is 1.



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

Constructing a Histogram for Continuous Data: Unequal Class Widths

After determining frequencies and relative frequencies, calculate the height of each rectangle using the formula

$$\text{rectangle height} = \frac{\text{relative frequency of the class}}{\text{class width}}$$

The resulting rectangle heights are usually called *densities*, and the vertical scale is the **density scale**. This prescription will also work when class widths are equal.



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example 1.11

11.5 12.1 9.9 9.3 7.8 6.2 6.6 7.0 13.4 17.1 9.3 5.6
5.7 5.4 5.2 5.1 4.9 10.7 15.2 8.5 4.2 4.0 3.9 3.8
3.6 3.4 20.6 25.5 13.8 12.6 13.1 8.9 8.2 10.7 14.2 7.6
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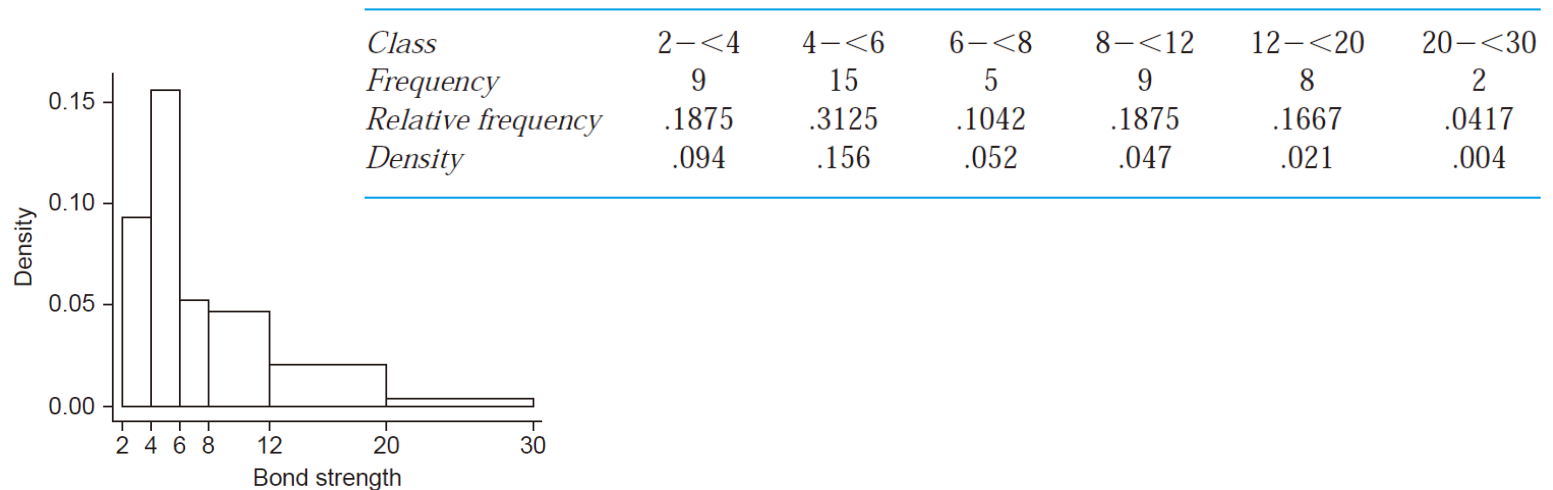


Figure 1.10 A Minitab density histogram for the bond strength data of Example 1.11



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■ Typical Histogram Shapes

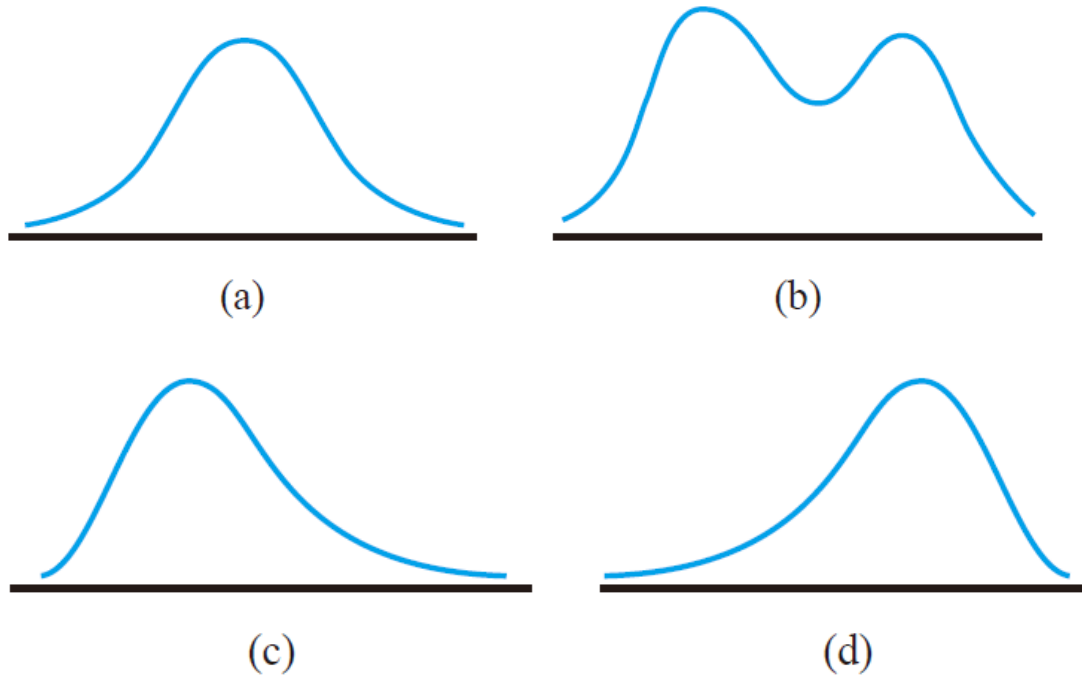


Figure 1.12 Smoothed histograms: (a) symmetric unimodal; (b) bimodal; (c) positively skewed; and (d) negatively skewed

1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Qualitative Data

- ✓ Both a frequency distribution and a histogram can be constructed when the data set is *qualitative* (categorical) in nature.
- ✓ In some cases, there will be a natural ordering of classes—for example, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students
- ✓ In other cases the order will be arbitrary—for example, Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, and the like.
- ✓ With such categorical data, the intervals above which rectangles are constructed should have equal width



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Example 1.13

Table 1.2 Frequency Distribution for the School Rating Data

Rating	Frequency	Relative Frequency
A	478	.191
B	893	.357
C	680	.272
D	178	.071
F	100	.040
Don't know	172	.069
	<u>2501</u>	<u>1.000</u>

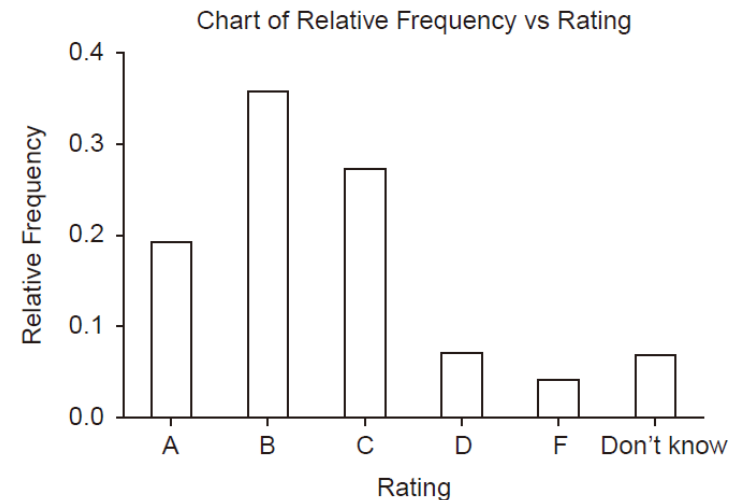


Figure 1.13 Histogram of the school rating data from Minitab



1.2 Pictorial and Tabular Method in Descriptive Statistics

■ Multivariate Data

The above mentioned techniques have been exclusively for situations in which each observation in a data set is either a single number or a single category.

Please refer to Chapters 11-14 for analyzing multivariate data sets.



Homework

- Ex. 14, 19, 23, 27



1.3 Measures of Location

■ The Mean

- **Sample mean:** The sample mean of observations x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$$

- **Sample median:** The sample media is obtained by first ordering the n observations from smallest to largest.

Then

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{cases} (\frac{n+1}{2})^{th} \text{ orderd value,} & n \text{ is odd} \\ \text{ave. of } (\frac{n}{2})^{th} \text{ \& } (\frac{n}{2} + 1)^{th} \text{ orded values, } & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$



1.3 Measures of Location

■ Example 1.14 (Sample mean)

$x_1=16.1$ $x_2=9.6$ $x_3=24.9$ $x_4=20.4$ $x_5=12.7$ $x_6=21.2$ $x_7=30.2$

$x_8=25.8$ $x_9=18.5$ $x_{10}=10.3$ $x_{11}=25.3$ $x_{12}=14.0$ $x_{13}=27.1$ $x_{14}=45.0$

$x_{15}=23.3$ $x_{16}=24.2$ $x_{17}=14.6$ $x_{18}=8.9$ $x_{19}=32.4$ $x_{20}=11.8$ $x_{21}=28.5$

0H | 96 89

1L | 27 03 40 46 18

1H | 61 85

2L | 49 04 12 33 42

2H | 58 53 71 85

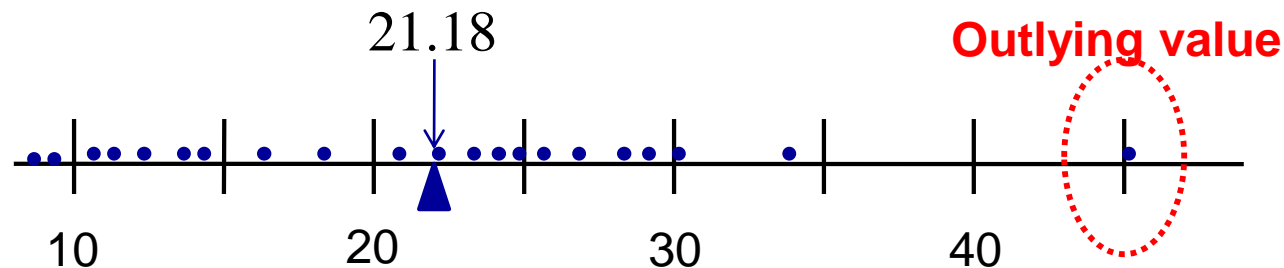
3L | 02 24

3H |

4L |

4H | 50

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \frac{444.8}{21} = 21.18$$



1.3 Measures of Location

■ Example (Median)

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} x_1=15.2 & x_2=9.3 & x_3=7.6 & x_4=11.9 & x_5=10.4 & x_6=9.7 \\ x_7=20.4 & x_8=9.4 & x_9=11.5 & x_{10}=16.2 & x_{11}=9.4 & x_{12}=8.3 \end{array}$$

The list of ordered values is

7.6 8.3 9.3 9.4 9.4 9.7 10.4 11.5 11.9 15.2 16.2 20.4

$n = 12$ is even, then the sample median is

$$(9.7 + 10.4) / 2 = 10.05$$

Note: the sample mean here is $139.3/12 = 11.61$.



1.3 Measures of Location

- Three different sharps for a population distribution

Symmetric
Unimodal

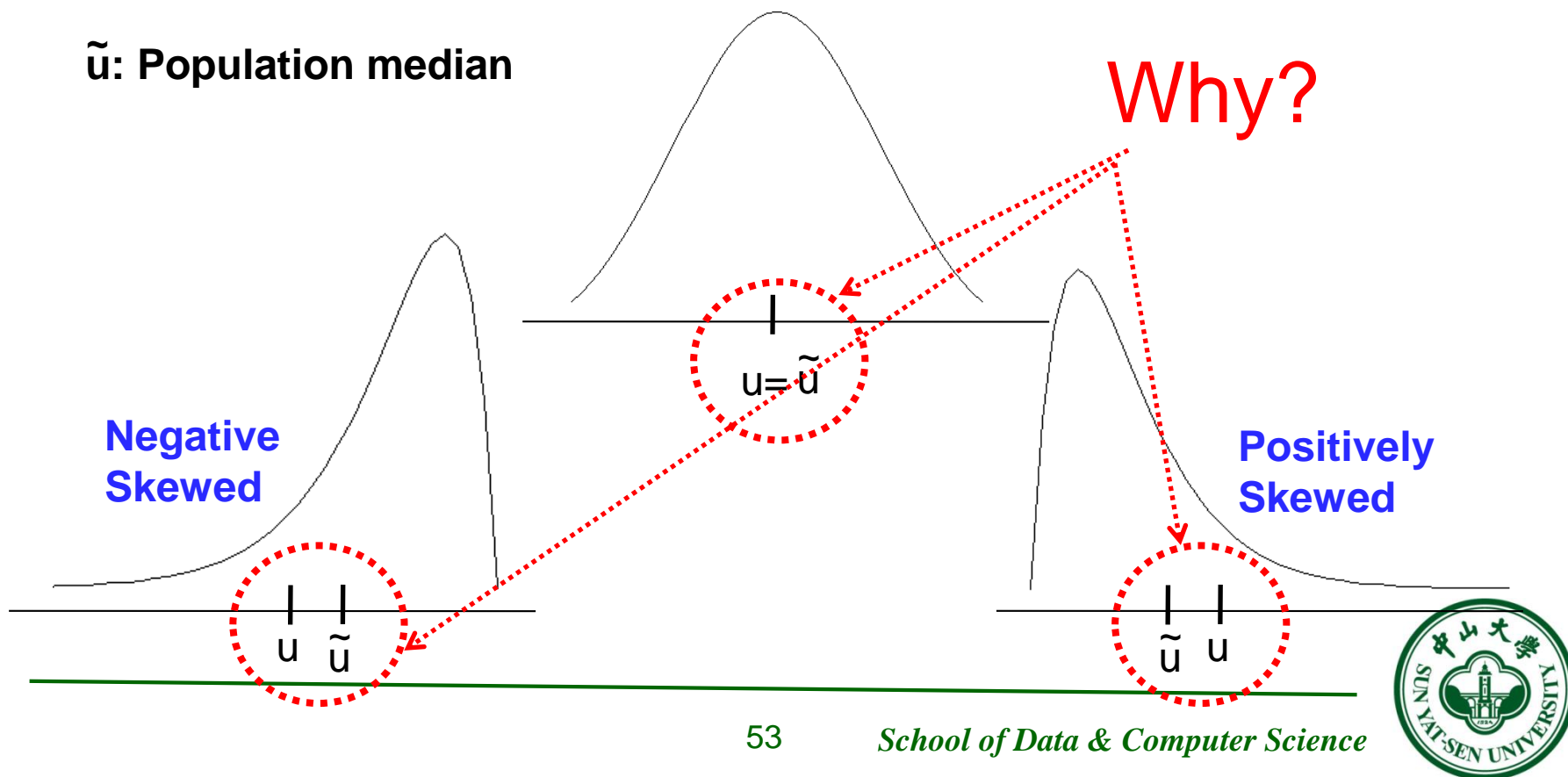
\bar{u} : Population mean

\tilde{u} : Population median

Why?

Negative
Skewed

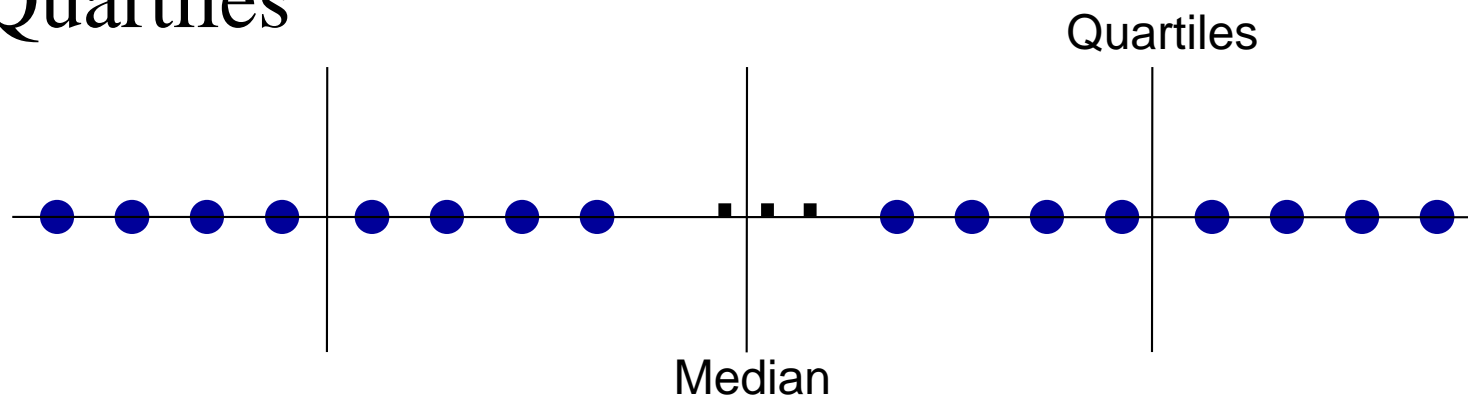
Positively
Skewed



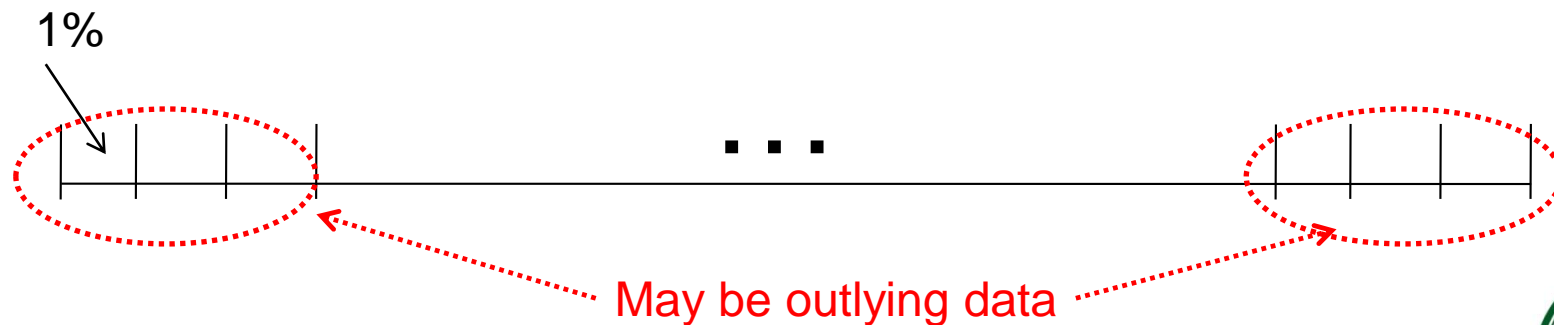
1.3 Measures of Location

■ Other Measures of Location

Quartiles



Percentiles



1.4 Measures of Location

■ Trimmed Means

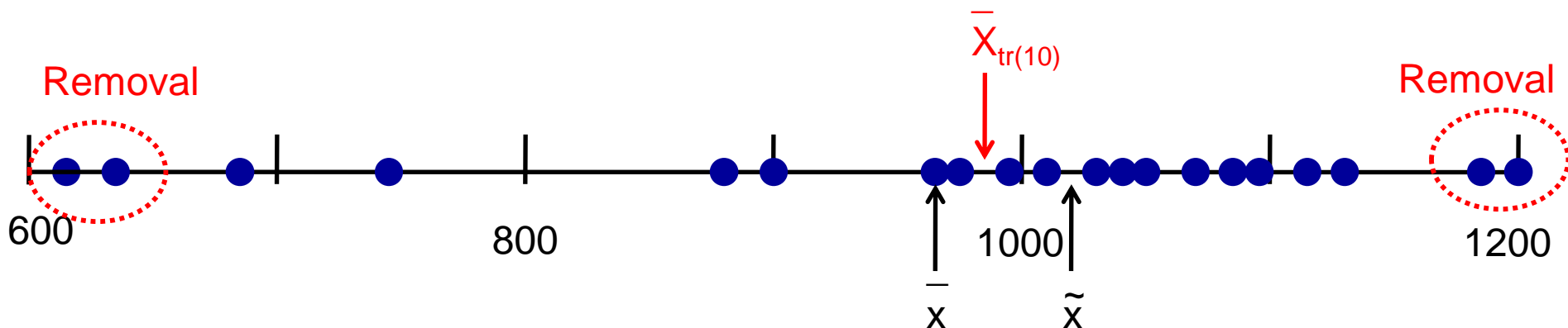
A trimmed mean is a compromise between **sample mean & sample median**. A 10% trimmed mean, for example, would be computed by eliminating the smallest 10% and the largest 10% of the sample and then averaging what is left over.



1.4 Measures of Location

■ Example

612 623 666 744 883 898 964 970 983 1003
1016 1022 1029 1058 1085 1088 1122 1135 1197 1201



Note: Trimming proportion: 5%~25%



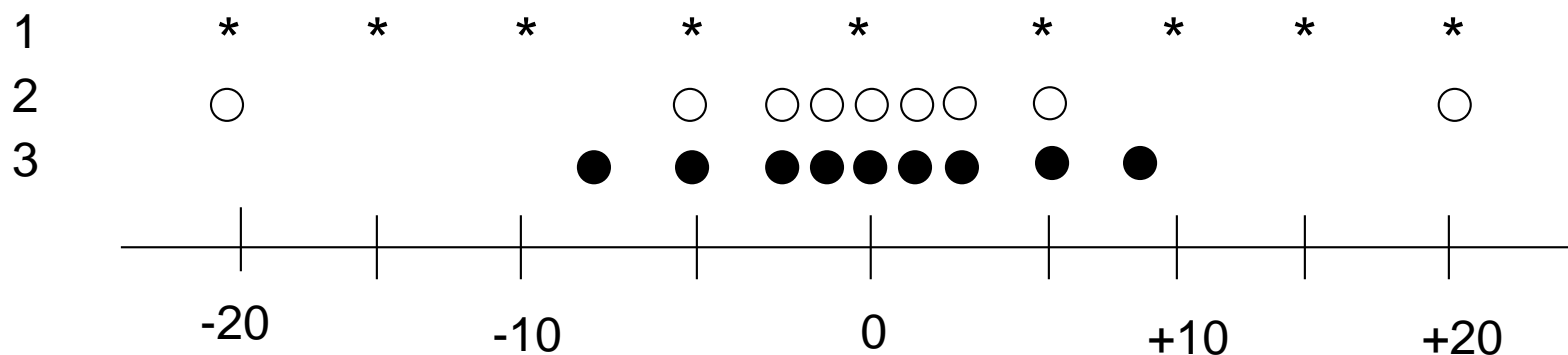
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1.4 Measures of Variability

- Time error for three types of watches
9 observations for each type



Q: Which type is the best ? And why?

1.4 Measures of Variability

- The Range

The difference between the largest and smallest sample values. Refer to the previous example, type 1 and 2 have identical ranges, however, there is much less variability in the second sample than in the first.

- Deviations from the mean

Measure 1: x_1 -mean, x_2 -mean, ..., x_n -mean, then for all cases

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0$$



1.4 Measures of Variability

■ Sample variance

The sample variance, denoted by s^2 , is given by

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{S_{xx}}{n-1}$$

The sample standard deviation, denoted by s , is the square root of the variance $s = \sqrt{s^2}$.

Q1: $(x_i - \bar{x})^2$ vs. $|x_i - \bar{x}|$

Q2: $n-1$ vs. n



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■ Example

x_i	$x_i - \bar{x}$	$(x_i - \bar{x})^2$
0.684	0.9841	0.9685
2.54	0.8719	0.7602
0.924	-0.7441	0.5537
3.13	1.4619	2.1372
1.038	-0.6301	0.3970
0.598	-1.0701	1.1451
0.483	-1.1851	1.4045
3.52	1.8519	3.4295
1.285	-0.3831	0.1468
2.65	0.9819	0.9641
1.497	-0.1711	0.0293

$$\sum x_i = 18.349$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{18.349}{11} = 1.6681$$

$$\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) = -0.0001 \approx 0$$

$$S_{xx} = \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 11.9359$$

$$s^2 = \frac{S_{xx}}{n-1} = \frac{11.9359}{11-1} = 1.19359$$

$$s = \sqrt{1.19359} = 1.0925$$



1.4 Measures of Variability

- Population variance

We will use σ^2 to denote the population variance and σ to denote the population standard deviation. When the population is finite and consists of N values,

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2 / N$$



1.4 Measures of Variability

- Consider a population with just 3 elements $\{1,2,3\}$

- The mean of the population is $\mu = \frac{1+2+3}{3} = 2$

- And the variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{(1-2)^2 + (2-2)^2 + (3-2)^2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

- Suppose all we can take is a sample of 2 elements taken with repetition to learn about the population.
 - We would like the sample to accurately estimate the mean and variance values of the population.



1.4 Measures of Variability

Possible Samples of Size Two	Sample mean \bar{x}	s^2 using $n = 2$	s^2 using $n - 1 = 1$
{1,1}	1	0/2	0/1
{2,2}	2	0/2	0/1
{3,3}	3	0/2	0/1
{1,2}	1.5	.5/2 = .25	.5/1 = .5
(2,1)	1.5	.5/2 = .25	.5/1 = .5
{1,3}	2	2/2 = 1.0	2/1 = 2
(3,1)	2	2/2 = 1.0	2/1 = 2
{2,3}	2.5	.5/2 = .25	.5/1 = .5
(3,2)	2.5	.5/2 = .25	.5/1 = .5
Average of Sample Statistics	2	1/3	2/3

Better estimation!



1.4 Measures of Variability

- An alter expression for the numerator of s^2

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{S_{xx}}{n-1}$$
$$S_{xx} = \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum x_i^2 - \frac{(\sum x_i)^2}{n}$$

Be care of the rounding errors when using the two different expressions

- If $y_1=x_1+c, y_2=x_2+c, \dots, y_n=x_n+c$, then $s_y^2=s_x^2$
- If $y_1=cx_1, y_2=cx_2, \dots, y_n=cx_n$, then $s_y^2=c^2s_x^2, s_y=|c|s_x$,

where s_x^2 is the sample variance of the x 's and s_y^2 is the sample variance of the y 's.



1.4 Measures of Variability

■ Boxplots

Describe several of a data set's most prominent features:

- center;
- spread;
- extent and nature of any departure from symmetry ;
- identification of “outliers ”, observations that lie unusually far from the main body of the data.



1.4 Measures of Variability

■ Fourth Spread

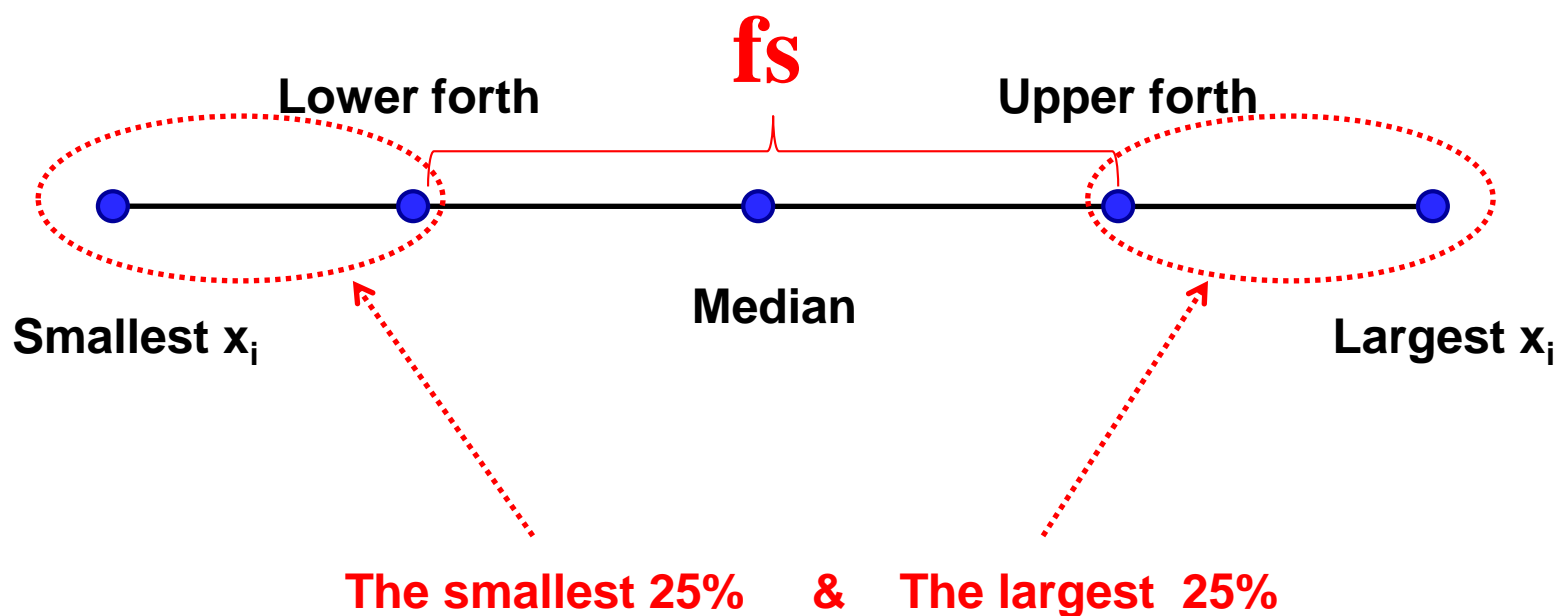
Order the n observations from smallest to largest and separate the smallest half from the largest half; the median is included in both halves if n is odd. Then the lower fourth is the median of the smallest half and the upper fourth is the median of the largest half. A measure of spread that is resistant to outliers is the fourth spread f_s , given by

$$f_s = \text{upper fourth} - \text{lower fourth}$$



1.4 Measures of Variability

- The simplest boxplot is based on the 5-number summary



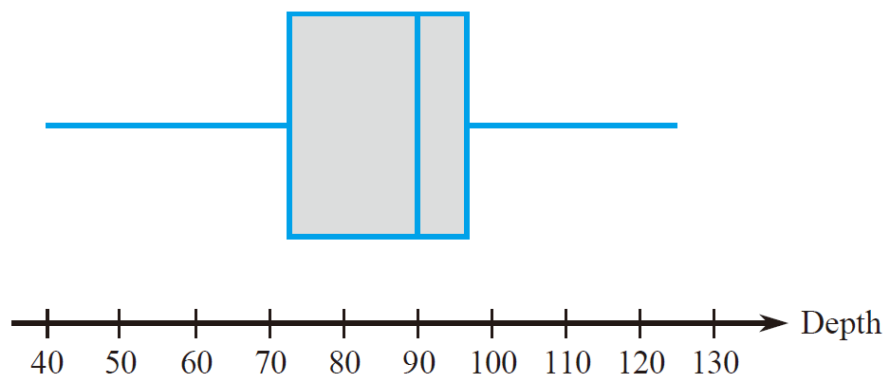
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■ Example 1.19

40 52 55 60 70 75 85 85 90 90 92 94 94 95 98 100 115 125 125

The five-number summary is as follows:

smallest $x_i = 40$ lower fourth = 72.5 $\tilde{x} = 90$ upper fourth = 96.5
largest $x_i = 125$



1.4 Measures of Variability

- A boxplot can be embellished to indicate explicitly the presence of outliers.
- **Outlier:** Any observation farther than 1.5 fs from the closest fourth is an outlier.
- **Extreme:** An outlier is extreme if it is more than 3 fs from the nearest fourth
- **Mild:** An outlier is mild if it is in the range of $(1.5\text{fs} , 3\text{fs}]$ from the nearest fourth.



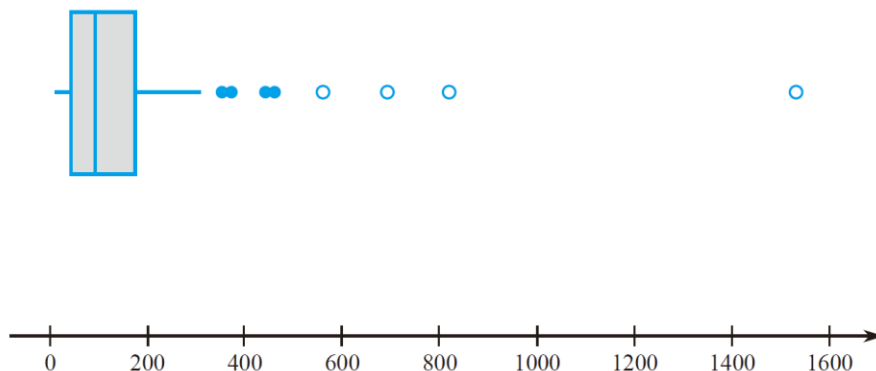
1.4 Measures of Variability

■ Example 1.20

9.69	13.16	17.09	18.12	23.70	24.07	24.29	26.43
30.75	31.54	35.07	36.99	40.32	42.51	45.64	48.22
49.98	50.06	55.02	57.00	58.41	61.31	64.25	65.24
66.14	67.68	81.40	90.80	92.17	92.42	100.82	101.94
103.61	106.28	106.80	108.69	114.61	120.86	124.54	143.27
143.75	149.64	167.79	182.50	192.55	193.53	271.57	292.61
312.45	352.09	371.47	444.68	460.86	563.92	690.11	826.54
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$$\tilde{x} = 92.17 \quad \text{lower } 4^{\text{th}} = 45.64 \quad \text{upper } 4^{\text{th}} = 167.79$$

$$f_s = 122.15 \quad 1.5f_s = 183.225 \quad 3f_s = 366.45$$



Homework

- Ex. 44, 54

