

Statistics Suggested Homework  
is on website.

Quiz Tues March 12 section 3.3

Test Wed March 13

3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.3, 5.1  
(8 Questions)

Practice Questions on website  
Formula sheet will be provided

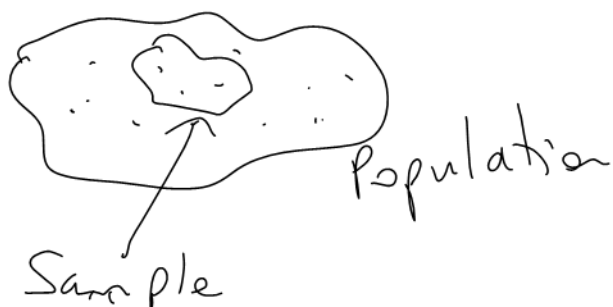
## Ch 6 Describing Data with Numbers

### 6.1 Mean and Median

Recall

Population: The set of all measurements of interest.

Sample: A subset of the population.



The mean of a data set is commonly known as the average.

A population mean is written  $\mu$ .  
A sample mean is written  $\bar{x}$ .

Ex: Find the mean of:

a) the population 1, 1, 2, 8, 12, 15

$$\mu = \frac{1+1+2+8+12+15}{6}$$
$$= 6.5$$

b) the sample 1, 2, 15

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1+2+15}{3}$$
$$= 6$$

The median is the middle value  
when the data is ordered.

If the number of measurements is even,  
average the middle two measurements.

Ex: Find the median:

a) 12, 2, 9

ordered: 2, 9, 12

median = 9

b) 12, 8, 2, 9

ordered: 2, 8, 9, 12

$$\text{median} = \frac{8+9}{2} = 8.5$$

Ex: Salary of 5 people (in thousands of \$):

35, 45, 47, 60, 2400

a) Find the mean

$$\text{mean} = \frac{35 + 45 + 47 + 60 + 2400}{5} = 517.4$$

b) Find the median

ordered ✓

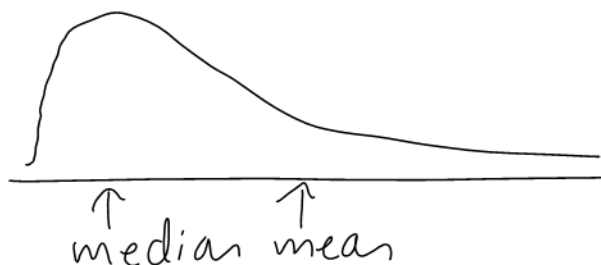
$$\text{median} = 47$$

c) Which is more representative?

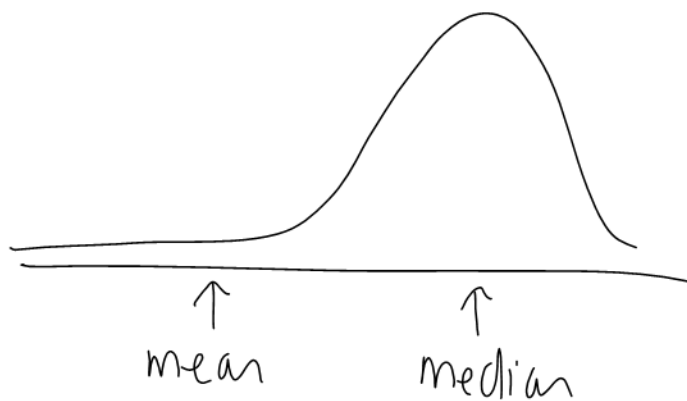
median

The mean is pulled in the direction of the outlier(s).

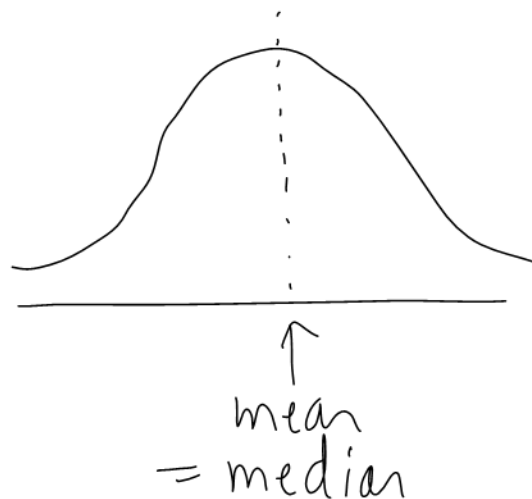
If the data is skewed right then  
mean > median.



If the data is skewed left then  
 $\text{mean} < \text{median}$



If the data is symmetric



$\text{mean} = \text{median}$

Ex: The mean of 4 measurements is 14.  
The mean of 3 of the measurements  
is 13. Find the 4<sup>th</sup> measurement.

Call the measurements  $a, b, c, d$ .

$$\frac{a+b+c+d}{4} = 14$$

$$\text{Mult. by 4 : } a + b + c + d = 56 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{a + b + c}{3} = 13$$

$$\text{Mult. by 3 : } a + b + c = 39 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) - (2) : \quad d = 17$$

Ex: Consider 130, 170, 180.

The mean is 160.

The median is 170.

Find the new mean and median if every measurement is:

a) increased by 40.

New data set: 170, 210, 220

$$\text{new mean} = \frac{170 + 210 + 220}{3} = 200$$

$$\text{new median} = 210$$

Note: Both increased by 40.

b) increased by 10%

(multiplied by 1.1)

Multiplied by 10%  $\times 0.1$   
Increased by 10%  $\times (1 + 0.1)$

New data set: 143, 187, 198

$$\text{new mean} = \frac{143 + 187 + 198}{3} = 176$$

$$\text{new median} = 187$$

Notice: Both mean and median increased by 10%

## FACTS

If every measurement is multiplied by  $k$  then mean and median get multiplied by  $k$ .

If every measurement is increased by  $k$  then mean and median get increased by  $k$ .

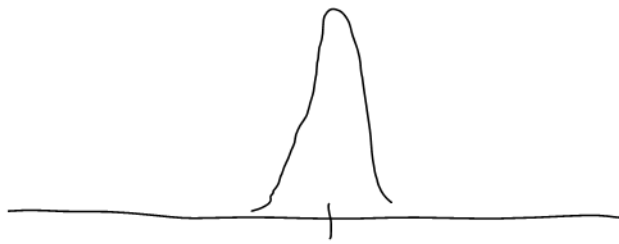
## 6.2 Measures of Spread

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Two data sets with the same mean:



larger spread



smaller spread

Range = maximum value - minimum value

Quick Ex: 7, 54, 42, 3, 15

ordered: 3, 7, 15, 42, 54

$$\text{range} = 54 - 3 = 51$$

Range is too simple to be useful.

Population Variance: The average of the squared distances to the mean.  
It's written  $\sigma^2$ .

$\sigma$  is the population standard deviation.

Ex: Consider the population 20, 50, 77.  
Calculate  $\sigma^2$  and  $\sigma$ .

mean  $\mu = \frac{20 + 50 + 77}{3} = 49$

$x$	$x - 49$	$(x - 49)^2$
20	-29	841
50	1	1
77	28	784

population variance  $\sigma^2 = \frac{841 + 1 + 784}{3} = 542$

population standard deviation  $\sigma = \sqrt{542} \approx 23$

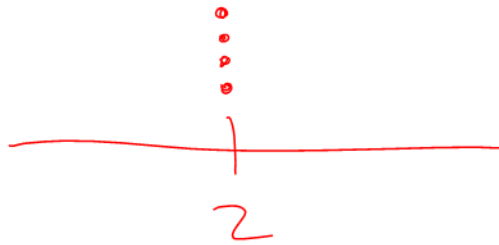
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## FACT

The larger  $\sigma$  is, the more spread out the data is.

Ex: Without calculating,  
find the standard deviation  
of 2, 2, 2, 2.



$$\sigma = 0$$

Ex: Data Set A has  $\sigma = 3$   
" B "  $\sigma = 5$

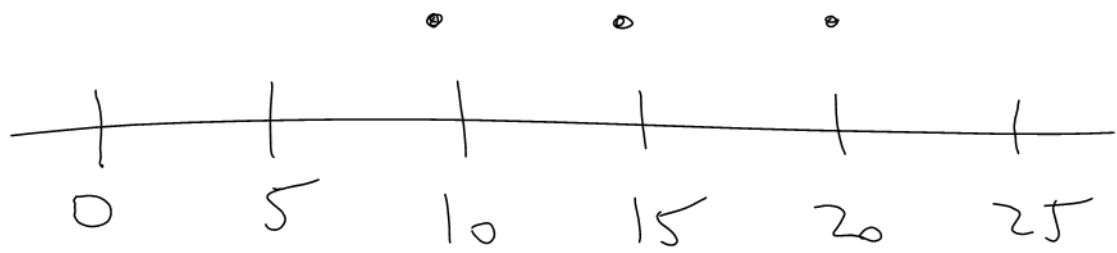
Which is more spread out?

Data Set B

Ex: Data Set A: 10, 15, 20  
" B: 5, 15, 25

Which is more spread out?

(A)



(B)



Data Set B

FACT

If all measurements are increased by  $k$ , then  $\sigma$  is unchanged.

If all measurements are multiplied by the positive number  $k$ , then  $\sigma$  is multiplied by  $k$ .

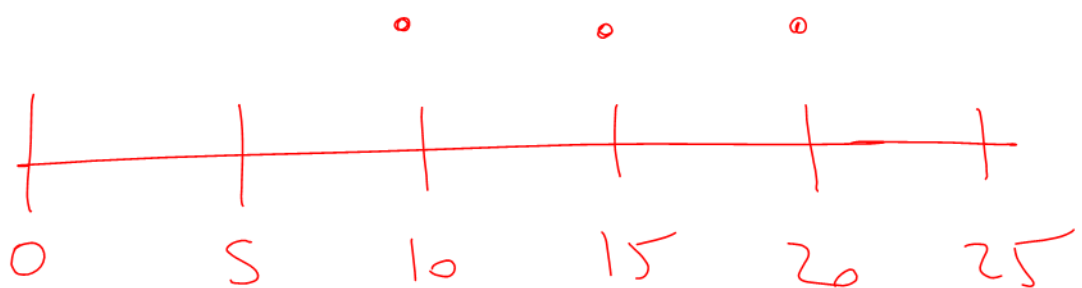
Ex: Data Set A: 10, 15, 20

Data Set B: 15, 20, 25

Which has the larger standard deviation?

Notice: We added 5 to each measurement.

A



B



The standard deviations are the same.

Ex: Data Set A : 10, 15, 20  
" B : 20, 30, 40  
Which is more spread out?

Notice: We multiplied by 2.

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Data Set B