## Chapter 2 Describing, Exploring, and Comparing Data

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## Overview

## Descriptive Statistics

summarize or describe the important characteristics of a known set of population data

* Inferential Statistics
use sample data to make inferences (or generalizations) about a population


## Important Characteristics of Data

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1. Center: A representative or average value that indicates where the middle of the data set is located
2. Variation: A measure of the amount that the values vary among themselves
3. Distribution: The nature or shape of the distribution of data (such as bell-shaped, uniform, or skewed)
4. Outliers: Sample values that lie very far away from the vast majority of other sample values
5. Time: Changing characteristics of the data over time

## Section 2-2 Frequency Distributions

## Frequency Distributions

## * Frequency Distribution

lists data values (either individually or by groups of intervals), along with their corresponding frequencies or counts

## Table 2-1 Measured Cotinine Levels in Three Groups

Smoker: The subjects report tobacco use.
ETS: (Environmental Tobacco Smoke) Subjects are nonsmokers who are exposed to environmental tobacco smoke ("secondhand smoke") at home or work.
NOETS: (No Environmental Tobacco Smoke) Subjects are nonsmokers who are not exposed to environmental tobacco smoke at home or work. That is, the subjects do not smoke and are not exposed to secondhand smoke.

| Smoker: | 1 | 0 | 131 | 173 | 265 | 210 | 44 | 277 | 32 | 3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 35 | 112 | 477 | 289 | 227 | 103 | 222 | 149 | 313 | 491 |
|  | 130 | 234 | 164 | 198 | 17 | 253 | 87 | 121 | 266 | 290 |
|  | 123 | 167 | 250 | 245 | 48 | 86 | 284 | 1 | 208 | 173 |
| ETS: | 384 | 0 | 69 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 178 | 2 | 13 | 1 |
|  | 4 | 0 | 543 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 197 | 3 |
|  | 0 | 3 | 1 | 45 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 551 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 74 | 1 | 241 |
| NOETS: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 244 | 0 |
|  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 1 | 0 | 309 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |


| Table 2-2 |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Frequency Distribution |  |
| of Cotinine Levels |  |
| of Smokers |  |

## Frequency Distributions

## Definitions

## Lower Class Limits

are the smallest numbers that can actually belong to different classes

| Cotinine | Frequency |
| :---: | :---: |
| $0-99$ | 11 |
| $100-199$ | 12 |
| $200-299$ | 14 |
| $300-399$ | 1 |
| $400-499$ | 2 |

## Lower Class Limits

are the smallest numbers that can actually belong to different classes


## Upper Class Limits

are the largest numbers that can actually belong to different classes


## Class Boundaries

are the numbers used to separate classes, but without the gaps created by class limits

## Class Boundaries

## number separating classes



## Class Boundaries

## number separating classes



## Class Midpoints <br> midpoints of the classes

Class midpoints can be found by adding the lower class limit to the upper class limit and dividing the sum by two.

## Class Midpoints

## midpoints of the classes



## Class Width

is the difference between two consecutive lower class limits or two consecutive lower class boundaries


## Reasons for Constructing Frequency Distributions

1. Large data sets can be summarized.
2. Can gain some insight into the nature of data.
3. Have a basis for constructing graphs.

## Constructing A Frequency Table

1. Decide on the number of classes (should be between 5 and 20).
2. Calculate (round up). class width $\approx \frac{\text { (highest value) - (lowest value) }}{\text { number of classes }}$
3. Starting point: Begin by choosing a lower limit of the first class.
4. Using the lower limit of the first class and class width, proceed to list the lower class limits.
5. List the lower class limits in a vertical column and proceed to enter the upper class limits.
6. Go through the data set putting a tally in the appropriate class for each data value.

## Relative Frequency Distribution

## class frequency <br> sum of all frequencies

## Relative Frequency Distribution



Total Frequency $=40$

| Table 2-3 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 40=28 \% \\ & 12 / 40=40 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Relative Freq Distribution Levels in Sm | uency of Cotinine okers |  |
| Cotinine | Relative Frequency | etc. |
| 0-99 | 28\% |  |
| 100-199 | 30\% |  |
| 200-299 | 35\% |  |
| 300-399 | 3\% |  |
| 400-499 | 5\% |  |

## Cumulative Frequency Distribution

| Cotinine | Frequency |
| :---: | :---: |
| $0-99$ | 11 |
| $100-199$ | 12 |
| $200-299$ | 14 |
| $300-399$ | 1 |
| $400-499$ | 2 |


| Table 2-4 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Cumulative Frequency Distribution <br> of Cotinine Levels in Smokers |  |
| Cotinine | Cumulative <br> Frequency |
| Less than 100 | 11 |
| Less than 200 | 23 |
| Less than 300 | 37 |
| Less than 400 | 38 |
| Less than 500 | 40 |

## Frequency Tables

| Table 2-2 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Frequency Distribution <br> of Cotinine Levels <br> of Smokers |  |
| Cotinine | Frequency |
| $0-99$ | 11 |
| $100-199$ | 12 |
| $200-299$ | 14 |
| $300-399$ | 1 |
| $400-499$ | 2 |


\left.| Table 2-3 |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Relative Frequency |  |
| Distribution of Cotinine |  |
| Levels in Smokers |  |$\right]$|  | Relative |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cotinine | Frequency |$|$| $0-99$ | $28 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $100-199$ | $30 \%$ |
| $200-299$ | $35 \%$ |
| $300-399$ | $3 \%$ |
| $400-499$ | $5 \%$ |


| Table 2-4 |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Cumulative Frequency <br> of Cotinine Levels in | Smokers |$|$|  | Cumulative |
| :--- | :---: |
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| Less than 100 | 11 |
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| Less than 300 | 37 |
| Less than 400 | 38 |
| Less than 500 | 40 |

## Recap

In this Section we have discussed

* Important characteristics of data
* Frequency distributions
* Procedures for constructing frequency distributions
* Relative frequency distributions
* Cumulative frequency distributions



## Visualizing Data

## Depict the nature of shape or shape of the data distribution

## Histogram

A bar graph in which the horizontal scale represents the classes of data values and the vertical scale represents the frequencies.

| Cotinine | Frequency |
| :---: | :---: |
| $0-99$ | 11 |
| $100-199$ | 12 |
| $200-299$ | 14 |
| $300-399$ | 1 |
| $400-499$ | 2 |



Figure 2-1

## Relative Frequency Histogram

Has the same shape and horizontal scale as a histogram, but the vertical scale is marked with relative frequencies.



Figure 2-2

## Histogram and

## Relative Frequency Histogram



Figure 2-1


Figure 2-2

## Frequency Polygon

Uses line segments connected to points directly above class midpoint values


Figure 2-3

## Ogive

## A line graph that depicts cumulative frequencies



Figure 2-4

## Dot Plot

Consists of a graph in which each data value is plotted as a point along a scale of values


Figure 2-5

## Stem-and Leaf Plot

Represents data by separating each value into two parts: the stem (such as the leftmost digit) and the leaf (such as the rightmost digit)

| Stem-and-Leaf Plot |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stem (tens) | Leaves (units) |  |
| 6 | 449 | $\leftarrow$ Values are 64, |
| 7 | 01112334444555555666778899 | 64, 69. |
| 8 | 0011122233346899 |  |
| 9 | 0024 |  |
| 10 |  |  |
| 11 |  |  |
| 12 | 0 | $\leftarrow$ Value is 120. |

## Pareto Chart

A bar graph for qualitative data, with the bars arranged in order according to frequencies


Figure 2-6

## Pie Chart

## A graph depicting qualitative data as slices pf a pie



Figure 2-7

## Scatter Diagram

A plot of paired ( $x, y$ ) data with a horizontal $x$-axis and a vertical $y$-axis


## Time-Series Graph

Data that have been collected at different points in time


Figure 2-8

## Other Graphs

Figure 2-9


## Recap

In this Section we have discussed graphs that are pictures of distributions.

Keep in mind that the object of this section is not just to construct graphs, but to learn something about the data sets - that is, to understand the nature of their distributions.

## Section 2-4

Measures of Center

## Definition

## * Measure of Center

The value at the center or middle of a data set

# Definition 

## Arithmetic Mean

## (Mean)

the measure of center obtained by adding the values and dividing the total by the number of values

## Notation

$\Sigma$ denotes the addition of a set of values
$x \quad$ is the variable usually used to represent the individual data values
$n \quad$ represents the number of values in a sample
N represents the number of values in a population

## Notation

$\overline{\boldsymbol{X}}$ is pronounced 'x-bar' and denotes the mean of a set of sample values

$$
\overline{\boldsymbol{x}}=\frac{\sum \boldsymbol{x}}{\boldsymbol{n}}
$$

$\mu$ is pronounced 'mu' and denotes the mean of all values in a population

$$
\mu=\frac{\sum x}{N}
$$

## Definitions

## Median

the middle value when the original data values are arranged in order of increasing (or decreasing) magnitude
often denoted by $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}$ (pronounced 'x-tilde')
is not affected by an extreme value

## Finding the Median

* If the number of values is odd, the median is the number located in the exact middle of the list
*If the number of values is even, the median is found by computing the mean of the two middle numbers

| 5.40 | 1.10 | 0.42 | 0.73 | 0.48 | 1.10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.73 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 5.40 |

(even number of values - no exact middle shared by two numbers)
$\frac{0.73+1.10}{2}$

## MEDIAN is 0.915

| 5.40 | 1.10 | 0.42 | 0.73 | 0.48 | 1.10 | 0.66 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.66 | 0.73 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 5.40 |
|  | (in order - |  | odd number of values) |  |  |  |

## Definitions

Mode
the value that occurs most frequently
The mode is not always unique. A data set may be:
Bimodal
Multimodal
No Mode
denoted by M
the only measure of central tendency that can be used with nominal data

## Examples

a. $5.40 \quad 1.10 \quad 0.42 \quad 0.73 \quad 0.48 \quad 1.10$
b. 272727555555888899
C. $1 \begin{array}{llllllll}2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10\end{array}$
$\checkmark$ Mode is 1.10
『Bimodal-27 \& 55
$\checkmark$ No Mode

## Definitions

## Midrange

the value midway between the highest and lowest values in the original data set

## Midrange highest score + lowest score <br> 2

# Round-off Rule for Measures of Center 

Carry one more decimal place than is present in the original set of values

## Mean from a Frequency Distribution

Assume that in each class, all sample values are equal to the class midpoint

## Mean from a Frequency Distribution

use class midpoint of classes for variable $x$

$$
\bar{x}=\frac{\Sigma(f \cdot x)}{\sum f} \quad \text { Formula 2-2 }
$$

$\boldsymbol{x}=$ class midpoint
$f=$ frequency

$$
\Sigma f=n
$$

## Weighted Mean

In some cases, values vary in their degree of importance, so they are weighted accordingly

$$
\bar{x}=\frac{\sum(w \cdot x)}{\sum w}
$$

## Best Measure of Center

| Table 2-10 | Comparison of Mean, Median, Mode, and Midrange |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Measure of Center | Definition | How Common? | Existence | Takes <br> Every Value into Account? | Affected by Extreme Values? | Advantages and Disadvantages |
| Mean | $\bar{x}=\frac{\Sigma x}{n}$ | most familiar "average" | always exists | yes | yes | used throughout this book; works well with many statistical methods |
| Median | middle value | commonly used | always <br> exists | no | no | often a good choice if there are some extreme values |
| Mode | most frequent data value | sometimes used | might not exist; may be more than one mode | no | no | appropriate for data at the nominal level |
| Midrange | $\frac{\text { high }+ \text { low }}{2}$ | rarely used | always exists | no | yes | very sensitive to extreme values |
| General comments: <br> - For a data collection that is approximately symmetric with one mode, the mean, median, mode, and midrange tend to be about the same. <br> - For a data collection that is obviously asymmetric, it would be good to report both the mean and median. <br> - The mean is relatively reliable. That is, when samples are drawn from the same population, the sample means tend to be more consistent than the other measures of center (consistent in the sense that the means of samples drawn from the same population don't vary as much as the other measures of center). |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Definitions

## Symmetric

Data is symmetric if the left half of its histogram is roughly a mirror image of its right half.

## Skewed

Data is skewed if it is not symmetric and if it extends more to one side than the other.

## Skewness

Figure 2-11


(a) Skewed to the Left (Negatively)

(c) Skewed to the Right (Positively)

## Recap

In this section we have discussed:

* Types of Measures of Center Mean
Median
Mode
* Mean from a frequency distribution
* Weighted means
* Best Measures of Center
* Skewness



## Measures of Variation

Because this section introduces the concept of variation, this is one of the most important sections in the entire book

## Definition

# The range of a set of data is the difference between the highest value and the lowest value 

## highest <br> value <br> lowest <br> value

## Definition

The standard deviation of a set of sample values is a measure of variation of values about the mean

## Sample Standard Deviation Formula

## $S=\sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^{2}}{n-1}}$

Formula 2-4

## Sample Standard Deviation (Shortcut Formula)

$$
s=\sqrt{\frac{n\left(\sum x^{2}\right)-\left(\sum x\right)^{2}}{n(n-1)}}
$$

Formula 2-5

## Standard Deviation Key Points

The standard deviation is a measure of variation of all values from the mean

The value of the standard deviation s is usually positive

* The value of the standard deviation s can increase dramatically with the inclusion of one or more outliers (data values far away from all others)
*The units of the standard deviation s are the same as the units of the original data values


## Population Standard Deviation



This formula is similar to Formula 2-4, but instead the population mean and population size are used

## Definition

* The variance of a set of values is a measure of variation equal to the square of the standard deviation.

Sample variance: Square of the sample standard deviation s

Population variance: Square of the population standard deviation $\sigma$

## Variance - Notation

## standard deviation squared

Notation $\begin{cases}S^{2} & \text { Sample variance } \\ \sigma^{2} & \text { Population variance }\end{cases}$

## Round-off Rule for Measures of Variation

Carry one more decimal place than is present in the original set of data.

Round only the final answer, not values in the middle of a calculation.

## Definition

The coefficient of variation (or CV) for a set of sample or population data, expressed as a percent, describes the standard deviation relative to the mean

## Sample

$$
c V=\frac{s}{\bar{x}} \cdot 100 \%
$$

$$
C V=\frac{\sigma}{\mu} \cdot 100 \%
$$

## Standard Deviation from a Frequency Distribution

Formula 2-6

$$
S=\sqrt{\frac{n\left[\Sigma\left(f \cdot x^{2}\right)\right]-[\Sigma(f \cdot x)]^{2}}{n(n-1)}}
$$

Use the class midpoints as the x values

## Estimation of Standard Deviation Range Rule of Thumb

For estimating a value of the standard deviation s, Use

$$
\mathrm{s} \approx \frac{\text { Range }}{4}
$$

Where range = (highest value) - (lowest value)

## Estimation of Standard Deviation Range Rule of Thumb

For interpreting a known value of the standard deviation s, find rough estimates of the minimum and maximum "usual" values by using:

Minimum "usual" value $\approx$ (mean) - 2 X (standard deviation)

Maximum "usual" value $\approx$ (mean) + 2 X (standard deviation)

## Definition

## Empirical (68-95-99.7) Rule

For data sets having a distribution that is approximately bell shaped, the following properties apply:

* About 68\% of all values fall within 1 standard deviation of the mean

About 95\% of all values fall within 2 standard deviations of the mean

* About 99.7\% of all values fall within 3 standard deviations of the mean


## The Empirical Rule



FIGURE 2-13

## The Empirical Rule



FIGURE 2-13

## The Empirical Rule



FIGURE 2-13

## Definition

Chebyshev's Theorem
The proportion (or fraction) of any set of data lying within $K$ standard deviations of the mean is always at least $1-1 / K^{2}$, where K is any positive number greater than 1.
*For $K=2$, at least 3/4 (or 75\%) of all values lie within 2 standard deviations of the mean

* For $K=3$, at least 8/9 (or 89\%) of all values lie within 3 standard deviations of the mean


## Rationale for Formula 2-4

The end of Section 2- 5 has a detailed explanation of why Formula 2-4 is employed instead of other possibilities and, specifically, why n-1 rather than n is used. The student should study it carefully

## Recap

In this section we have looked at:

- Range
- Standard deviation of a sample and population
* Variance of a sample and population
- Coefficient of Variation (CV)
* Standard deviation using a frequency distribution
* Range Rule of Thumb
* Empirical Distribution
* Chebyshev's Theorem



## Definition

## $z$ Score (or standard score)

the number of standard deviations that a given value $x$ is above or below the mean.

## Measures of Position z score

## Sample

## Population

$$
z=\frac{x-\bar{x}}{s} \quad z=\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}
$$

Round to $\mathbf{2}$ decimal places

## Interpreting Z Scores

## FIGURE 2-14



Whenever a value is less than the mean, its corresponding $z$ score is negative

Ordinary values: $\quad z$ score between $\mathbf{- 2}$ and 2 sd
Unusual Values: z score <-2 or z score > 2 sd

## Definition

$Q_{1}$ (First Quartile) separates the bottom $25 \%$ of sorted values from the top $75 \%$.

* $Q_{2}$ (Second Quartile) same as the median; separates the bottom $50 \%$ of sorted values from the top $50 \%$.
$* Q_{1}$ (Third Quartile) separates the bottom $75 \%$ of sorted values from the top $25 \%$.


# Quartiles 

## $Q_{1}, Q_{2}, Q_{3}$

divides ranked scores into four equal parts


## Percentiles

Just as there are quartiles separating data into four parts, there are 99 percentiles denoted $P_{1}, P_{2}, \ldots P_{99}$, which partition the data into 100 groups.

## Finding the Percentile of a Given Score

Percentile of value $x=\frac{\text { number of values less than } x}{\text { total number of values }} \cdot 100$

# Converting from the $k t h$ Percentile to the Corresponding Data Value 

## Notation

$$
L=\frac{\boldsymbol{k}}{} \begin{array}{lll} 
& n & \text { total number of values in the data set } \\
100
\end{array} \boldsymbol{n} \quad \begin{array}{ll}
\boldsymbol{k} & \text { percentile being used } \\
\boldsymbol{L} & \text { locator that gives the position of a value } \\
\boldsymbol{P}_{k} & k \text { th percentile }
\end{array}
$$

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## Converting <br> \title{ \section*{Converting from the from the $k t h$ Percentile $k t h$ Percentile to the Corresponding to the Corresponding to the Corresponding to the Corresponding Data Value

} Data Value}
}

The value of the $k$ th percentile is midway between the Lth value and the next value in the sorted set of data. Find $P_{k}$ by adding the $L$ th value and the next value and dividing the total by 2 .

Figure 2-15

## Some Other Statistics

## Interquartile Range (or IQR): $Q_{3}-Q_{1}$

Semi-interquartile Range: $\underline{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}$
Midquartile:

$$
\frac{Q_{3}+Q_{1}}{2}
$$

10-90 Percentile Range: $P_{90}-P_{10}$

## Recap

In this section we have discussed:
z $z$ Scores
z Scores and unusual values

* Quartiles
* Percentiles
* Converting a percentile to corresponding data values
- Other statistics


## Section 2-7 <br> Exploratory Data Analysis <br> (EDA)

## Definition

* Exploratory Data Analysis is the process of using statistical tools (such as graphs, measures of center, and measures of variation) to investigate data sets in order to understand their important characteristics


## Definition

An outlier is a value that is located very far away from almost all the other values

## Important Principles

* An outlier can have a dramatic effect on the mean
- An outlier have a dramatic effect on the standard deviation
* An outlier can have a dramatic effect on the scale of the histogram so that the true nature of the distribution is totally obscured


## Definitions

* For a set of data, the 5-number summary consists of the minimum value; the first quartile $Q_{1}$; the median (or second quartile $Q_{2}$ ); the third quartile, $Q_{3}$; and the maximum value
* A boxplot ( or box-and-whisker-diagram) is a graph of a data set that consists of a line extending from the minimum value to the maximum value, and a box with lines drawn at the first quartile, $Q_{1}$; the median; and the third quartile, $\boldsymbol{Q}_{3}$


## Boxplots



Figure 2-16

## Boxplots



Bell-shaped


Uniform


Skewed

Figure 2-17

## Recap

In this section we have looked at:

* Exploratory Data Analysis
* Effects of outliers
- 5-number summary and boxplots


