

Section 9.5: Measures of Dispersion:

S_1 : 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16. (We're getting from some experiment.)

S_2 : 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 (Another run of the experiment, and we have some more data values.)

average=mean = $\frac{4+6+8+10+12+14+16}{7} = \frac{70}{7} = 10$ (measure of central tendency)

range=spread of the data= max-min= $16-4 = 12$ (extent to which data is spread out)

average =mean for second data set= $\frac{6+7+9+10+11+13+14}{7} = \frac{70}{7} = 10$

range= $14-6 = 8$ (less spread out than the first one)

Summary: both runs of the experiment(particular of the experiment don't matter) have the same average value of 10, but the second run has less spread out.

averages =means= $\frac{\text{add up all your values}}{\text{number of values}}$ range= max value-min value

Averages are affected by outliers: Experiment gives us 1, 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 25 (25 is outlier)

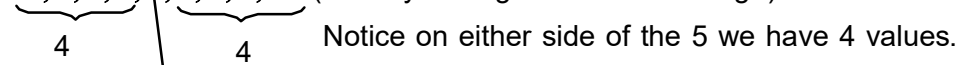
Big idea: When outliers are involved , averages are not good measures of central tendency b/c they are affected by the outliers, and sometimes this is drastic. In this example, 5.9 is greater than 6 of the 7 values.

b/c averages have sums in tops: $\frac{1+2+1+3+4+5+25}{7} = \frac{41}{7} = 5.9$

$5.9 > 1, 5.9 > 2, 5.9 > 1, 5.9 > 3, 5.9 > 4, 5.9 > 5, 5.9 < 25$

Median: middle value after we arrange our data set from low to high or high to low!

example 3 in book: 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 7, 7, 11 (already arranged from low to high)



median=5 (in data set)

example: 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 7, 7, 7, 11 (10 values, so no middle value can be picked)

median= average of two middle values= $\frac{4+5}{2} = \frac{9}{2} = 4.5$

(not in data set 4.5)

Medians are NOT affected by outliers: 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 50 (50 is clearly different from the other values)

arrange the data: 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 50

median is 3. (50 doesn't affect this value)

instead: 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 1000

Mode: value that occurs with the greatest frequency

example: we do an experiment and we gather this data: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 15. In this case, there IS NO mode b/c each value occurs only once. We do another experiment and get this data: 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 7, 7, 7, 11, 15

2 is a mode. 7 is a mode.

This is a bimodal data set.

summary: mean=average= $\frac{\text{sum of values}}{\text{number of values}}$, affected by outliers

median= arrange data and pick out middle value, *not* affected by outliers

range= max value-min value (spread of data)

mode= most frequently occurring value

percent change: $\frac{\text{final value-initial value}}{\text{initial value}} \cdot 100$

example: Imagine the average value of a data set goes from 10 to 11. Find the percent change in the average.

$\frac{11-10}{10} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1 = 10\%$

example: Imagine median home price on a block in 2009 was 450,000, and in 2010 it rose to 475,000.

Find the percent change in the median home price: $\frac{475000-450000}{450000} = \frac{25000}{450000} = \frac{25}{450} = 0.056$ or 5.6% increase.

symbols for averages: \bar{x} ← read as "x bar"

example: what's the average of 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 (from some experiment)

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1+1+1+1+1+1}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1 \text{ (average is 1 and its equal to each value in the list)}$$

range= $1 - 1 = 0$ (no spread in the data)

$$\text{median} = \text{average out two middle values} = \frac{1+1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

mode= 1

example: Imagine we burn 100 calories one day. We burn 200 calories the next day. We burn 300 calories the last day.

$$\text{average} = \frac{100+200+300}{3} = \frac{600}{3} = 200 \text{ calories per day! A way to think about this: Shift 100 calories}$$

from day 3 to day 1 and then you have 200, 200 and 200 and still we get $200+200+200=600$ calories in total.

deviations: Imagine we do experiment and get this data set: 1, 2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6, 2

$$\text{average} = \bar{x} = \frac{1+2+3+1+4+5+6+2}{8} = \frac{24}{8} = 3$$

deviations from average:

$$1 - 3 = -2 \leftarrow 1 \text{ is 2 units below the average of 3}$$

$$4 - 3 = +1 \leftarrow 1 \text{ unit above the average of 3}$$

$$2 - 3 = -1 \leftarrow 2 \text{ is 1 unit below the average of 3}$$

$$5 - 3 = +2 \leftarrow 2 \text{ units above the average of 3}$$

$$3 - 3 = 0 \leftarrow 3 \text{ is 0 units below or above the average.}$$

$$6 - 3 = 3 \leftarrow 3 \text{ units above the average of 3}$$

$$1 - 3 = -2 \leftarrow 1 \text{ is 2 units below the average of 3}$$

$$2 - 3 = -1 \leftarrow 1 \text{ units below the average of 3}$$

observation: add up the deviations: $-2 - 1 + 0 - 2 + 1 + 2 + 3 - 1 = 0$ Perhaps this is true just for this data set.

For **ANY** data set, the **sum** of deviations is 0.

example: Professor Bob tested 8 students in the class . The scores were 100, 94, 85, 79, 70, 69, 65 and 62.

$$\text{average score} = \frac{100+94+85+79+70+69+65+62}{8} = \frac{624}{8} = 78 \leftarrow \text{average test score!}$$

deviations from average: $100 - 78 = 22$ (22 points above average score)

$$94 - 78 = 16 \text{ points above average score}$$

sum of deviations:

$$22 + 16 + 7 + 1 - 8 - 9 - 13 - 16$$

$$85 - 78 = 7 \text{ points above average score}$$

$$= 0 \text{ (again equal to 0)}$$

$$79 - 78 = 1 \text{ point above average score}$$

$$70 - 78 = -8 \text{ (8 points BELOW the average)}$$

$$69 - 78 = -9 \text{ (9 points below the average)}$$

$$65 - 78 = -13 \text{ (13 points below the average)}$$

$$62 - 78 = -16 \text{ (16 pts below the average)}$$

When we use letters in math, x or y, or z , μ , ν , α , β , Ω

How many ways are there to write the number 1?? $2 - 1$, $\frac{4}{4}$, $\frac{5-4}{5-4}$, and so on, so there are ∞ 'ly many ways to write any value, and not just 1, in math. Symbols in math have no inherent meaning. It's only the meaning we give them they have. |