

Lesson 1-1, Measures of Central Tendency and Box Plots

- Measures of central tendency, also referred as measures of center, refer to different types of averages.
- The most common measures of central tendency are mean, median, and mode.

MEAN

- The symbol for the mean is  $\bar{X}$ , which is read as x-bar.
- Another symbol for the mean is  $\mu$ , which is read as mu.

MEDIAN

- Median refers to the middle value of a set of data once it has been ordered from least to greatest. The median of a set of data with an even number of values is the mean of the 2 middle numbers.

MODE

- Mode refers to the number that appears most frequently in a set of data. Data sets with two modes are said to be bi-modal. Sets have no mode when each item of the set has equal frequency

Ex. 1: Salary Data

Find the mean, median, and mode of the salaries for the corporate employees listed below. Which measure of central tendency appears to most accurately represent the set of data?

Allen: \$40,000  
 Baker: 42,000  
 Chase: 59,000  
 Deitz: 60,000  
 Eckerd: 62,000  
 Francis: 65,000

How do extreme values (outliers) affect the measures of central tendency?

- Mean - \$54,667
- Median - \$59,500
- Mode - none

Outliers will cause the spread to be larger

Ex. 2: Backpack Weights

Owen is a member of the student council and wants to present data about backpack safety to the school board. He collects data on the weights of backpacks of 30 randomly chosen students. How much does the typical backpack weigh at Owen's school?

{ 3, 4, 4, 4, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 13, 15, 15, 16, 17, 20, 33 }

mean: 10.2 lbs    median: 9 lbs    mode: 10 lbs

**Box and Whisker Plots and the Five Number Summary**

Next we will look at Box and Whisker Plots (aka Box Plots). They are used to summarize a data set and to visually illustrate the variability, Spread of the data. A Box and Whisker plot looks like this:

The five parts of a Box and Whisker plot for a particular data set correspond to the Five Number Summary for that data set. The five numbers in the Five Number Summary are the 1<sup>st</sup> Quartile, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quartile, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile, Minimum, and Maximum.

1<sup>st</sup>: Arrange the data in order and find the median. This separates the data into 2 groups.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Find the median of the 1<sup>st</sup> half and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the data set.

Now your data set is divided into four groups, and each of these four groups is called a quartiles. There are 3 points called quartile points, (Q<sub>1</sub>, Q<sub>2</sub>, and Q<sub>3</sub>) that denote the breaks in the data for each quartile.

- Q<sub>1</sub> is the median of the first half of the data set
- Q<sub>2</sub> is the median of the entire data set
- Q<sub>3</sub> is the median of the second half of the data set
- The difference between Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>3</sub> (i.e., Q<sub>3</sub>-Q<sub>1</sub>) is called the interquartile range
- The difference between the maximum and minimum values is called the range

**Box-and-Whiskers plots...**

- can be drawn vertically or horizontally
- consists of a rectangular box with the ends, or medians, located at the first and third quartiles

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- the segments extending from the ends of the box are called whiskers
- the whiskers stop at the minimum and maximum values of a data set unless it contains outliers.

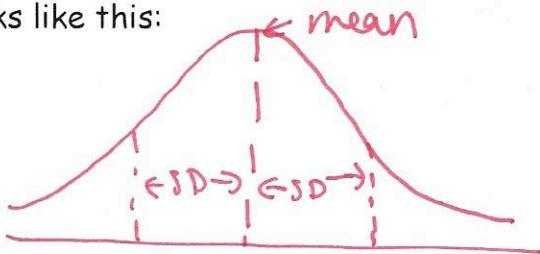
### Outliers

- Outliers are outside values
- The technical definition of an outlier is a data point that is more than 1.5 of the interquartile range beyond the upper or lower quartiles. That is, any number less than  $Q_1 - 1.5(IQR)$  or greater than  $Q_3 + 1.5(IQR)$  is considered an outlier.
- Outliers are value represented by single points on a box plot.
- If outliers exist, each whisker is extended to the last value of the data set that is not an outlier.



### The Normal Distribution

When you draw a dot plot for some data sets, you get a distribution that has a particular shape. It looks like this:



This distribution shape is so common, and there are so many different data sets that produce it, that it is given a special name. It is called a Normal distribution. (You may have also heard it called a bell-shaped curve.)

When you have a data set that is normally distributed, that means that if you were to draw a dot plot of the data set, it would have this characteristic "bell" shape.

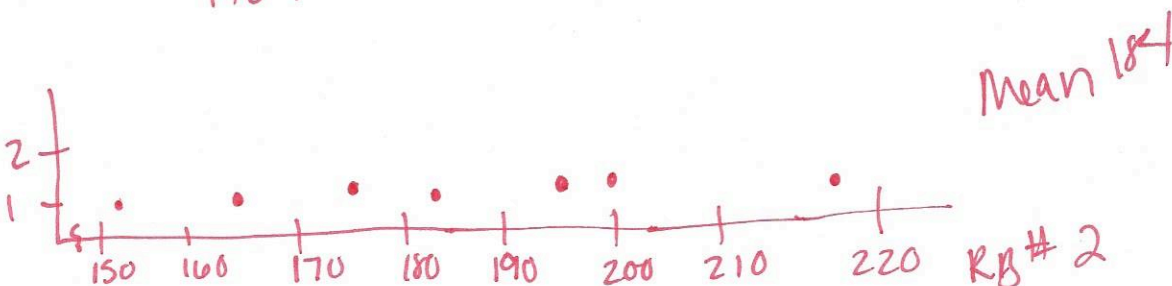
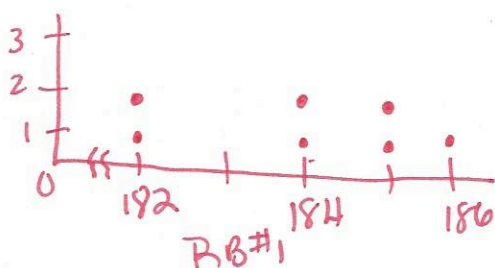
For a normally distributed data set, there are two values that we can calculate that will tell us a GREAT DEAL about the data set.

1. The value of the mean, which is a measure of central tendency
2. The value of the standard deviation (SD), which is a measure of spread or how spread out. (The greater the SD, the greater the spread of the data about the mean.) our data is with respects to the mean

Example 1: The Rubber Band Launch (P. 85-86 in Green AA text)

You want to find out how consistently rubber bands will travel when launched, so you use a ruler to launch two rubber bands seven times each. You generate the following data sets:

- Rubber band #1 distances (cm): {182, 186, 182, 184, 185, 184, 185}
- Rubber band #2 distances (cm): {152, 194, 166, 216, 200, 176, 184}



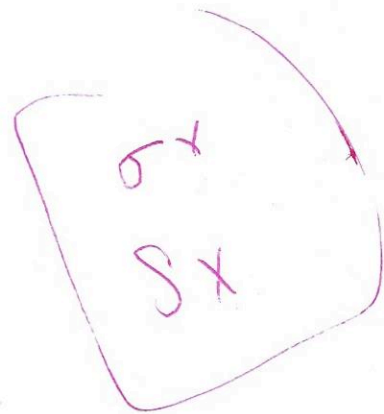
Data Point	Mean	Deviation from Mean	Squared Deviation From Mean
182	184	-2	4
186	184	+2	4
182	184	-2	4
184	184	0	0
185	184	+1	1
184	184	0	0
185	184	+1	1

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$$\text{variance} = \frac{\text{Squared deviation}}{\# \text{ dp} - 1} = \frac{14}{6} = 2.33$$

$$\text{SD} = \sqrt{\text{variance}} = \sqrt{2.33} = 1.53$$

$$\text{LB \#2} \quad \text{SD} = 2.157$$



Normal Distributions and Percentages

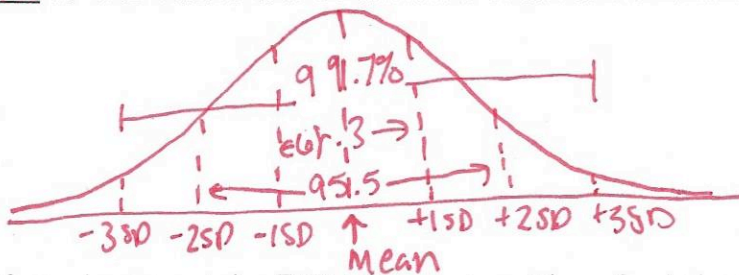
The Empirical Rule - States nearly all values lie within 3 standard deviations from the mean in normal distribution

In any 68-95-99 data set that is normally distributed:

Approx. 68.3% of the values will be within 1 standard deviation of the mean

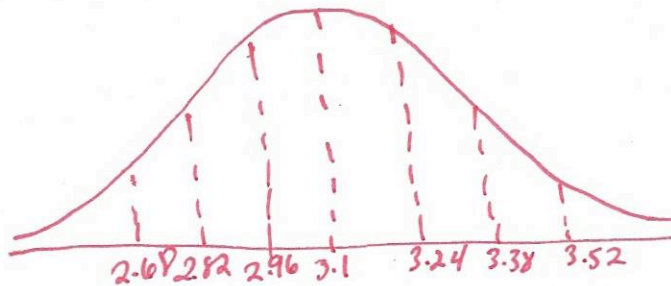
Approx. 95.5% of the values will be within 2 standard deviations of the mean

Approx. 99.7% of the values will be within 3 standard deviations of the mean



Ex. 1: A group of students weighs 500 US pennies. They find that the pennies have normally distributed weights with a mean of 3.1g and a standard deviation of 0.14g.

- a) Sketch the normal curve for this distribution below. Label the mean and three standard deviations above and below the mean.



- b.) What percent of the pennies have a weight that lies between:
- 2.96g and 3.24g (i.e., within one standard deviation of the mean)? 68.3%
  - 2.82g and 3.38g (i.e., within two standard deviations of the mean)? 95.5%
  - 2.68g and 3.52g (i.e., within three standard deviations of the mean)? 99.7%

- c.) How many pennies have a weight that lies within
- 2.96g and 3.24g (i.e., within one standard deviation of the mean)? 342  $\frac{x}{500} = \frac{\%}{100}$
  - 2.82g and 3.38g (i.e., within two standard deviations of the mean)? 478
  - 2.68g and 3.52g (i.e., within three standard deviations of the mean)? 497



What if I wanted to know the percentage of pennies that had a weight between 3g and

3.2g?  $52.5\%$   $\frac{x}{100} = \frac{52.5}{100}$  263 pennies

Calculator Function: **normalcdf()**

The TI83/TI84 calculators have a function called normalcdf() which will tell you:

the percentage of values that lie within a given interval.

and all you have to give it is: interval 3 - 3.2

mean 3.1

SD 0.4

(Note that normalcdf assumes that your data set is normally distributed.)

The format of the normalcdf() function is:

normalcdf(lower bound, upper bound, mean, SD)

So if we wanted to know the percentage of pennies from our data set that had a weight between 3g and 3.2g, we would enter the following into our calculator:

normalcdf (3, 3.2, 3.1, 0.4)

A population is all the members of a set.

A sample is part of a population.

If you determine a sample carefully, it can give a good estimate of the total population.

### Sampling Types and Methods

1. Convenience Sample - select any members of the population who are conveniently and readily available.
2. Self-Selected Sample - select only members of the population who volunteer for the sample.
3. Systematic Sample - order the population in some way, and then select from it at regular intervals.
4. Random Sample - all members of the population are equally likely to be chosen.

A bias is a systematic error introduced by the sampling method.

#### Example 1 Analyzing Sampling Methods

A newspaper wants to find out what percent of the city population favors a property tax increase to raise money for local parks. What is the sampling method used for each situation? Does the sample have a bias? Explain.

- A. A newspaper article on the tax increase invites readers to call the paper and express their opinions.

Self-selected

- B. A reporter interviews people leaving the city's largest park.

Convenience



C. A survey service calls every 50<sup>th</sup> listing from the local phone book.

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### Study Methods

1. Observational study - measure or observe members of a sample in such a way that they are not affected by the study.
2. Controlled Experiment - divide the sample into two groups. You impose a treatment on one group but not on the other "control" group. Then you compare the effect on the treated group to the control group.
3. Survey - ask every member of the sample a set of questions.

### 4. Simulation -

A poorly written survey question can introduce bias. It should avoid:

- Combining 2 issues
- Using double negatives
- Overlapping answer choices
- words that cause strong reaction (loaded question)
- Suggesting that you want a particular answer (leading question)

### Example 2 Analyzing Survey Questions

Is there any bias in the survey question? Explain.

- A. Do you think farmers should use poison to control insects on crops?
- B. Loaded Don't you agree that most childcare workers are underpaid?
- C. Leading Do you think teachers should communicate frequently with students and their parents about class grade?

2 Issues

## Margin of Error

Margin of Error is a value that tells the uncertainty in an estimate.

It is a measure of how close we believe the sample proportion is to the population proportion.

The formula used to predict MOE with 95% confidence  $\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ .

The margin of error is roughly two standard deviations away from the mean.

### Example 1

During the week of 08/10/2001, CNN conducted a poll asking 1000 Americans whether they approve of President Bush's performance as President. The approval rating was 57%.

In the next poll conducted during the week of 09/21/2001, CNN conducted the same poll asking 100 Americans whether they approve of President Bush's performance as President.

The approval rating was 90%.

1. Why the difference in ratings?

The attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>

2. Find the MOE in the August poll.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1000}} = \frac{1}{31.622} \approx .032 \text{ or } 3.2\%$$

3. Find the MOE in the September poll.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{100}} = \frac{1}{10} = .10 \text{ or } 10\%$$

4. Explain why the MOE for the August poll is less than that in September.

The total number of people asked was greater.

## Example 3: Fundraisers

At a raffle, 500 tickets are sold at \$1 each for three prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$10. What is the expected value of your net gain if you buy a ticket?

Gain, X	\$100 - \$1 or \$99	\$50 - \$1 or \$49	\$10 - \$1 or \$9	\$0 - 1 or -\$1
Probability P(x)	$\frac{1}{500} = 0.002$	$\frac{1}{500} = 0.002$	$\frac{1}{500} = 0.002$	$\frac{497}{500} = 0.994$

$$EV = (0.002 * 99) + (0.002 * 49) + (0.002 * 9) + (0.994 * (-1)) = -\$0.68$$

## Example 4: Water Park

A water park makes \$350,000 when the weather is normal and loses \$80,000 per season when there are more bad weather days than normal. If the probability of having more bad weather days than normal this season is 35%, find the park's expected profit.

Gain, x	350,000	-80,000
Probability, P(x)	.65	.35

$$EV = (.65 * 350,000) + (.35 * -80,000) = \$199,500$$

## Example 5: MP3 Players

Construct a probability distribution and find the expected value:

Students were asked how many MP3 players they own.

Players, x	Frequency	P(x)
0	9	0.214
1	17	0.405
2	9	0.214
3	5	0.119
4	2	0.048

$$EV = (.214 * 0) + (.405 * 1) + (.214 * 2) + (.119 * 3) + (.048 * 4) = 1.382$$

Calculator Stat, Enter, Put values in L1, L2, Stat, Calc, 2varstat  
Down  $\sum xy$



Probability Distribution can be a table, graph, or equation that links each possible outcome of an event with its probability of occurring.

- The probability of each outcome must be between 0 and 1.
- The sum of all the probabilities must equal 1.

### Making a Probability Distribution

#### Example 1: Bakery

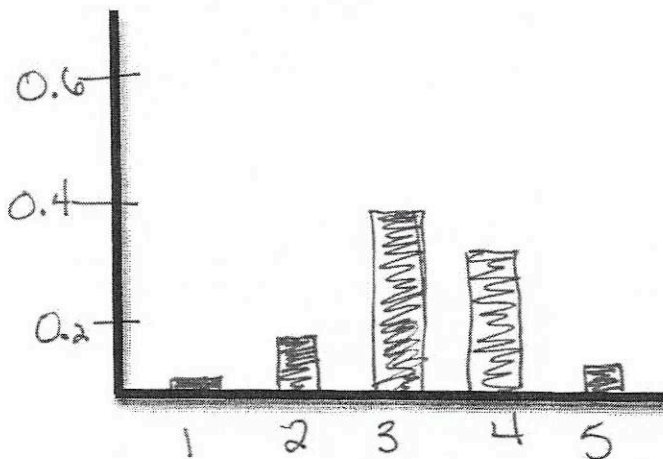
A bakery is trying a new recipe for the fudge deluxe cake. Customers were asked to rate the flavor of the cake on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being not tasty, 3 being okay, and 5 being delicious. Use the frequency distribution show to construct and graph a probability distribution.

Step 1: Find the probability of each score.

Score, $x$	Frequency	$P(x)$
1	1	$1/50 = .02$
2	8	$8/50 = .16$
3	20	$20/50 = .40$
4	16	$16/50 = .32$
5	5	$5/50 = .10$

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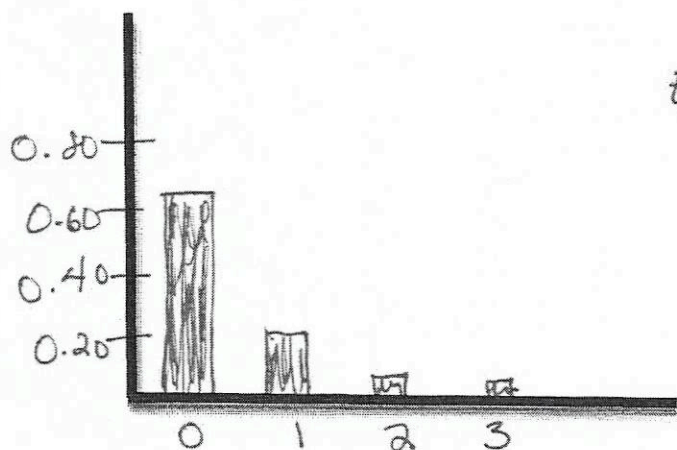
Step 2: Graph the score versus the probability.



## Example 2: Car Sales

A car salesperson tracked the number of cars she sold each day during a 30-day period. Use the frequency distribution of the results to construct and graph a probability distribution for the random variable  $x$ , rounding each probability to the nearest hundredth.

Cars Sold, $x$	Frequency	$P(x)$
0	20	$\frac{20}{30} = 0.667$
1	7	$\frac{7}{30} = 0.233$
2	2	$\frac{2}{30} = 0.067$
3	1	$\frac{1}{30} = 0.033$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Expected Value} &= P_1 X_1 + P_2 X_2 + P_3 X_3 + P_4 X_4 \\
 &= (.667 * 0) + (.233 * 1) + (.067 * 2) \\
 &\quad + (0.033 * 3) \\
 &= 0 + .233 + .0335 + .099 \\
 &= 0.466
 \end{aligned}$$

## Expected Value

In a random experiment, the values of the  $n$  outcomes are  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  and the corresponding probabilities of the outcomes occurring are

$P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n$ .

The expected value (EV) of the experiment is given by:

$$EV = P_1 X_1 + P_2 X_2 + P_3 X_3 + \dots + P_n X_n$$

To calculate expected value:

- Start with the probability distribution or create it if you don't have it.
- Multiply the value of each outcome by its probability.
- Add up all those products.
- The sum is the expected value.