

Descriptive statistics

Learning Objective (LO)

- LO1: to identify parameters in descriptive statistics
- LO2: to summarize/ describe data
- LO3: To illustrate/ report data

Coronavirus Incubation Period:

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2 - 14 days

Possible outliers: 0 - 27 days

Summary of findings:

- 2-14 days represents the current official estimated range for the novel coronavirus COVID-19.
- However, a case with an incubation period of **27 days** has been reported by Hubei Province local government on Feb. 22 ^[12]
- In addition, a case with an incubation period of **19 days** was observed in a JAMA study of 5 cases published on Feb. 21. ^[13]
- An outlier of a **24 days incubation period** had been for the first time observed in a Feb. 9 study.^[11] WHO said at the time that this could actually reflect a second exposure rather than a long incubation period, and that it wasn't going to change its recommendations.
- Period can **vary greatly** among patients.
- **Mean** incubation period observed:
 - 3.0 days (0 - 24 days range, study based on 1,324 cases)
 - 5.2 days (4.1 - 7.0 days range, based on 425 cases).
- **Mean** incubation period observed in **travelers from Wuhan**:
 - 6.4 days (range from **2.1 to 11.1 days**).

Days from first symptom to death

The Wang et al. February 7 study published on JAMA found that the **median time** from first symptom to dyspnea was 5.0 days, to hospital admission was 7.0 days, and to ARDS was 8.0 days.^[9]

Previously, the China National Health Commission reported the details of the first 17 deaths up to 24 pm 22 Jan 2020. A study of these cases found that the median **days from first symptom to death were 14** (range 6-41) days, and tended to be shorter among people of 70 year old or above (11.5 [range 6-19] days) than those with ages below 70 year old (20 [range 10-41] days).^[6]

Median Hospital Stay

The JAMA study found that, among those discharged alive, the **median hospital stay was 10 days**.^[9]

Comparison with other viruses

For comparison, the case fatality rate with seasonal flu in the United States is less than 0.1% (1 death per every 1,000 cases).

Mortality rate for SARS was 10%, and for MERS 34%.

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronav>

Wuhan Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Incubation Period

The incubation period (**time from exposure to the development of symptoms**) of the virus is estimated to be between 2 and 14 days based on the following sources:

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** reported an incubation period for 2019-nCoV between **2 and 10 days**. ^[1]
- China's **National Health Commission (NHC)** had initially estimated an incubation period from **10 to 14 days**. ^[2]
- The United States' **CDC** estimates the incubation period for 2019-nCoV to be between **2 and 14 days**. ^[3]
- DXY.cn, a leading Chinese online community for physicians and health care professionals, is reporting an **incubation period of "3 to 7 days, up to 14 days"**.

The estimated range will be most likely narrowed down as more data becomes available.

Among the first 425 patients with confirmed NCIP, the median age was 59 years and 56% were male. The majority of cases (55%) with onset before January 1, 2020, were linked to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market, as compared with 8.6% of the subsequent cases.

The mean incubation period was 5.2 days (95% confidence interval [CI], 4.1 to 7.0), with the 95th percentile of the distribution at 12.5 days.









In its early stages, the epidemic doubled in size every 7.4 days. With a mean serial interval of 7.5 days (95% CI, 5.3 to 19), the basic reproductive number was estimated to be 2.2 (95% CI, 1.4 to 3.9).

Conclusions On the basis of this information, there is **evidence that human-to-human transmission has occurred among close contacts** since the middle of December 2019.

Considerable efforts to reduce transmission will be required to control outbreaks if similar dynamics apply elsewhere. Measures to prevent or reduce transmission should be implemented in populations at risk.

[Early Transmission Dynamics in Wuhan, China, of Novel Coronavirus–Infected Pneumonia](#) - Qun Li et al., New England Journal of Medicine, Jan. 29, 2020

How some of the Covid-19 vaccines compare

| Company | Type | Doses | How effective* | Storage | Cost per dose |
|---|--|--|----------------|---|-----------------|
|  Oxford Uni- AstraZeneca | Viral vector (genetically modified virus) | x2  | 62-90% | Regular fridge temperature | £3 (\$4) |
|  Moderna | RNA (part of virus genetic code) | x2  | 95% | -20C up to 6 months | £25 (\$33) |
|  Pfizer- BioNTech | RNA | x2  | 95% | -70C | £15 (\$20) |
|  Gamaleya (Sputnik V) | Viral vector | x2  | 92% | Regular fridge temperature (in dry form) | £7.50 (\$10) |

*preliminary phase three results, not yet peer-reviewed

Statistical Methods

- **Descriptive** statistics
 - Collecting and describing data
- **Inferential** statistics
 - Drawing **conclusions** and/or making decisions concerning a population based only on sample data

Descriptive Statistics

- Collect data
 - e.g. Survey

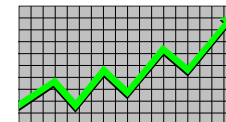


- Characterize data

–e.g. Sample mean = $\frac{\sum X_i}{n}$

- Present data

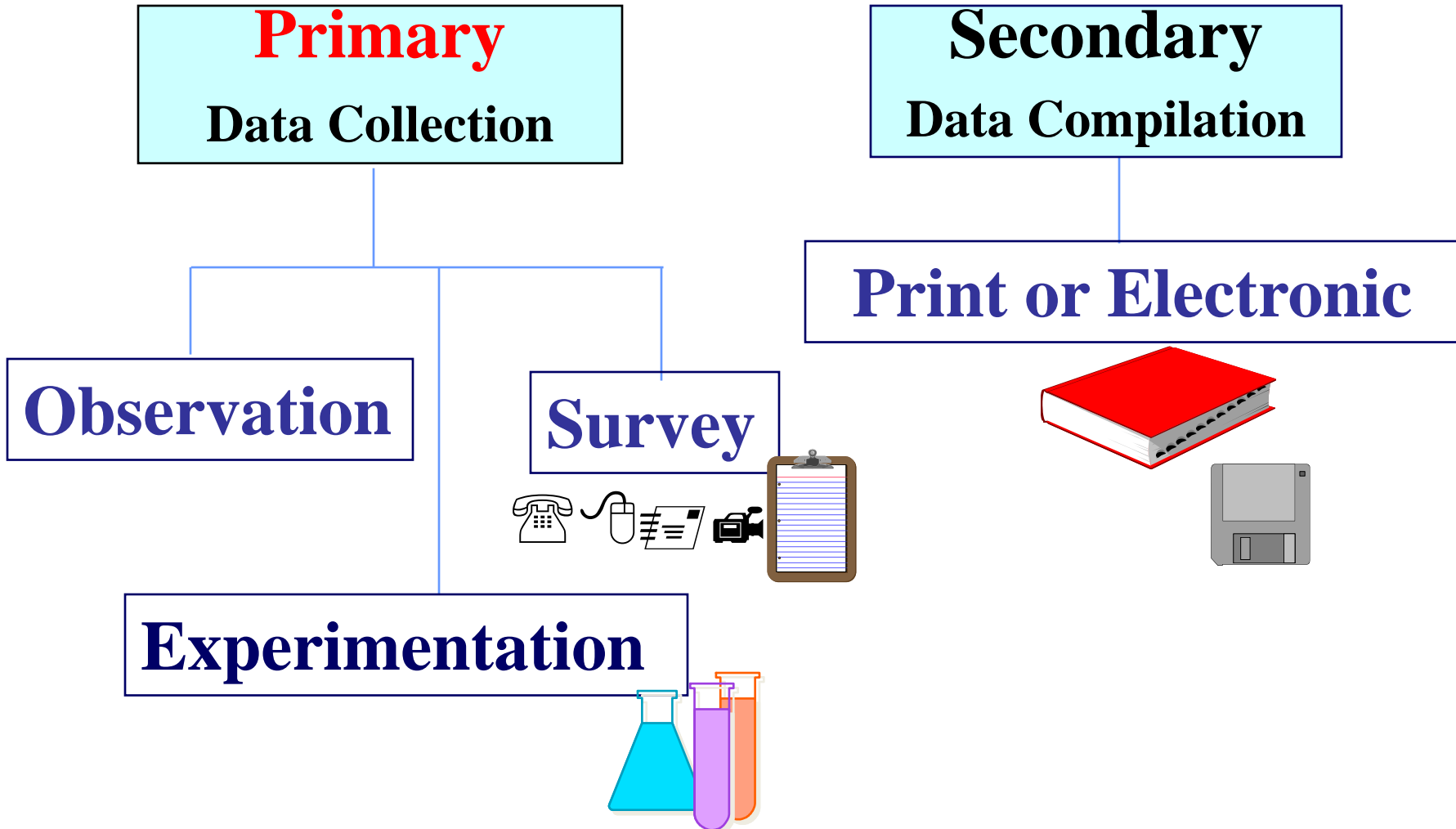
–e.g. Tables and graphs



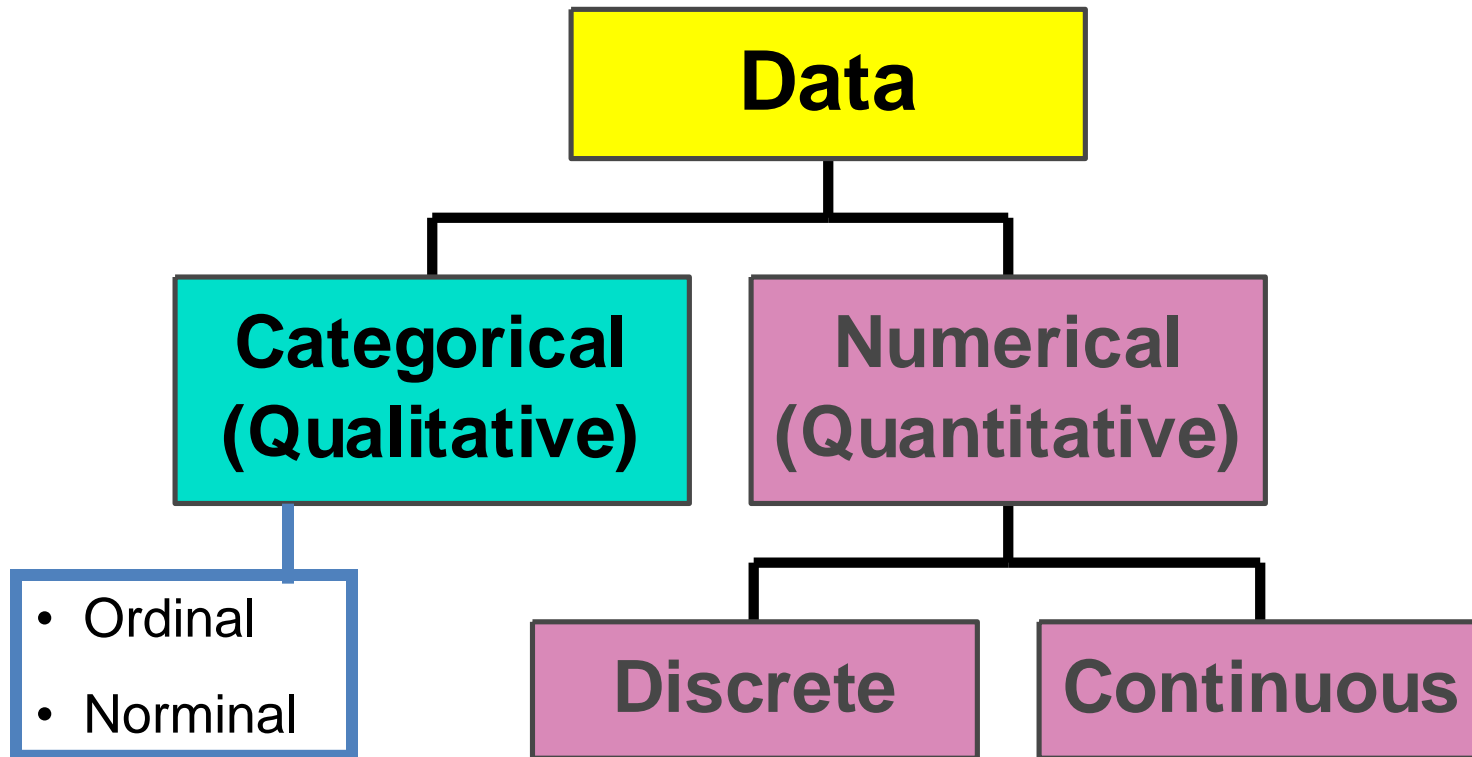
Why We Need Data

- To provide **input** to survey
- To provide **input** to study
- To **measure performance** of service or production process
- To **evaluate conformance** to standards
- To assist in **formulating alternative** courses of action
- To **satisfy curiosity**

Data Sources



Types of Data



Graphing Categorical Data: Univariate Data

Categorical Data

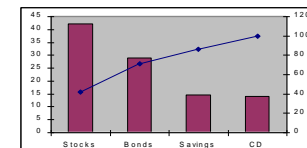
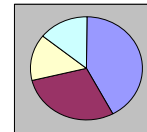
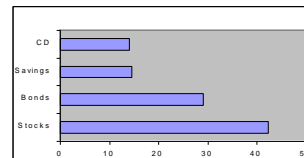
Graphing Data

Tabulating Data
The Summary Table

Pie Charts

Bar Charts

Pareto Diagram



Tabulating and Graphing Numerical Data

Numerical Data

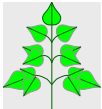
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Ordered Array

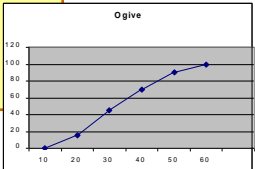
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Stem and Leaf Display

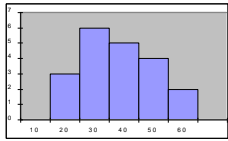
| | |
|---|--------|
| 2 | 144677 |
| 3 | 028 |
| 4 | 1 |



Frequency Distributions
Cumulative Distributions



Histograms

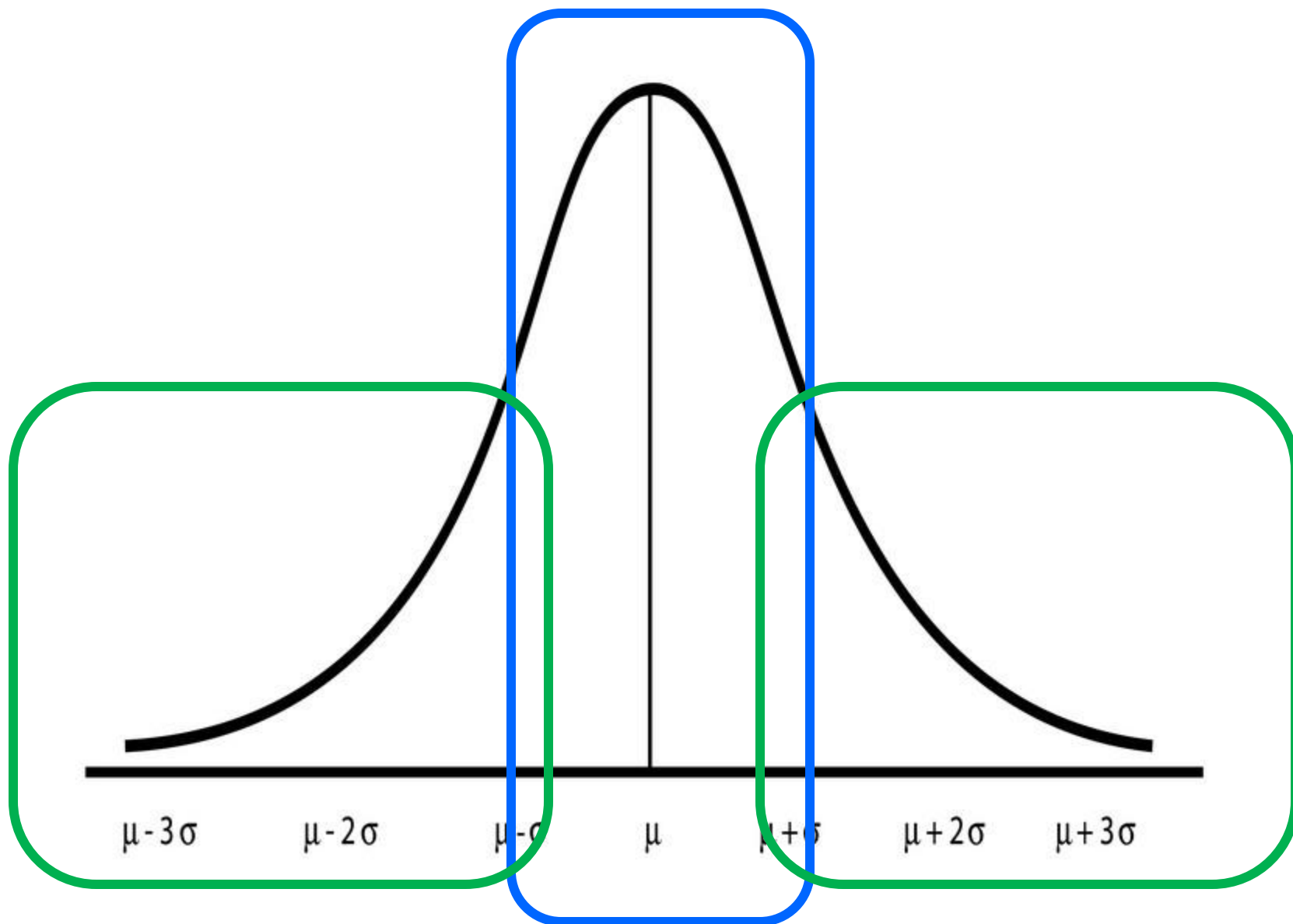


Tables

Polygons

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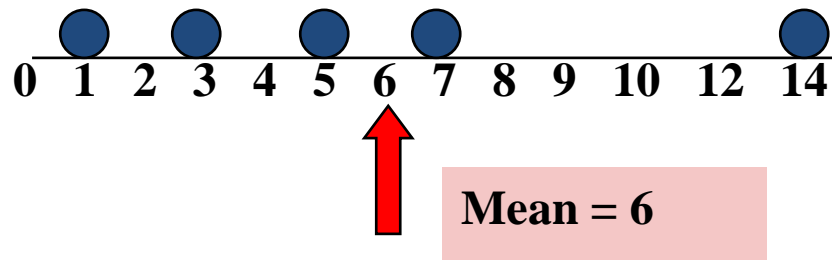
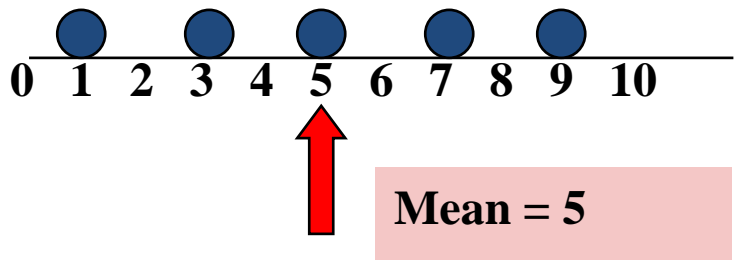
- Measures of central tendency
 - Mean
 - Median
 - Mode
- Measures of dispersion
 - Range
 - Interquartile range
 - Variance and standard deviation
 - Coefficient of variation



Mean

- The sum of the measurements divided by the total number of measurements or better known as the average.
- There is only 1 mean.
- Work well if data is reasonably symmetric and unimodal (“bell-shaped”)
- Not good measurement if got extreme data values (“outliers”) are present & data are skewed
- Value is influenced by extreme measurements
- Applicable to quantitative data only.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

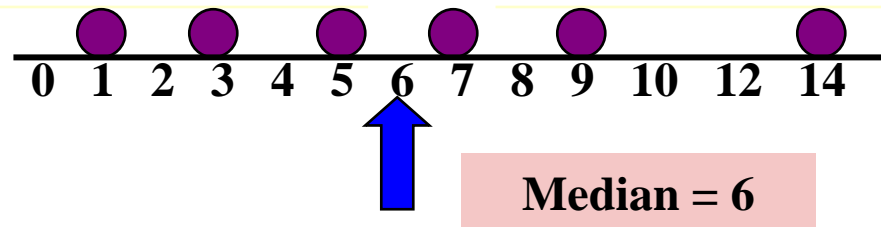
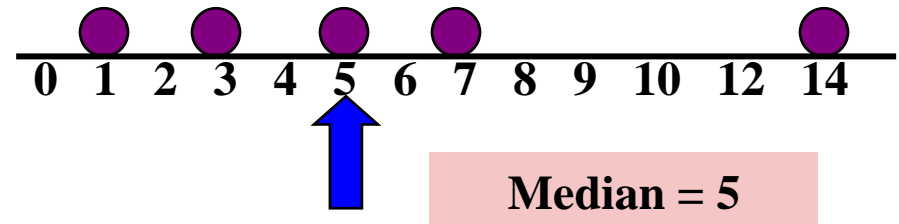
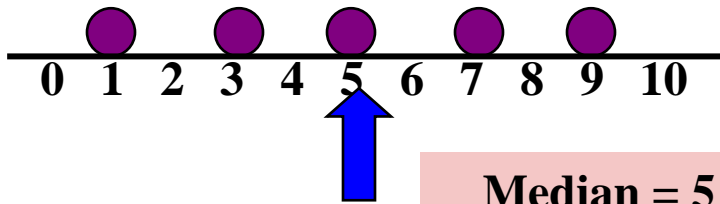


$$\bar{x} = \frac{1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9}{5} = \frac{25}{5}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 14}{5} = \frac{30}{5}$$

Median

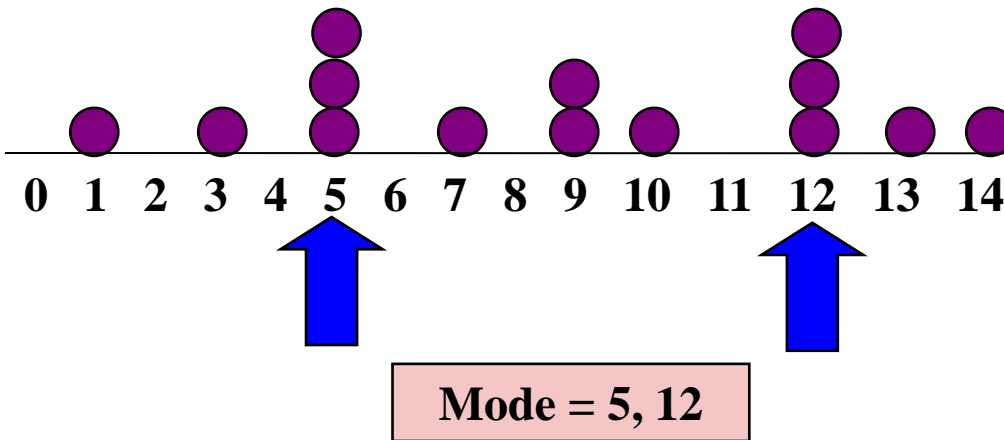
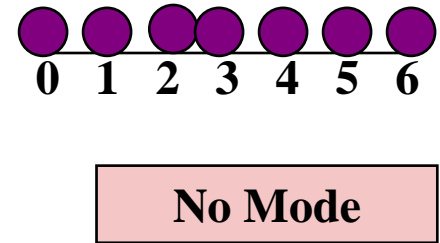
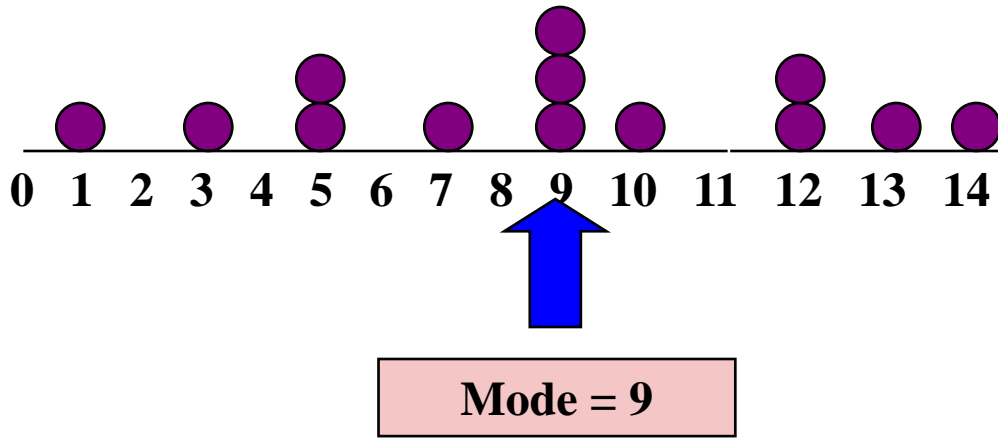
- The middle value when the measurements are arranged from lowest to highest.
- 50% of the measurement lie above it and 50% fall below it.
- Often used to measure the midpoint of a large set of measurement.
 - median = 50th percentile = second quartile (Q_2)
- There is only 1 median
- Not influenced by extreme measurements.
- Applicable to quantitative data only.



- If the number of observations (n) is odd, the median is the middle value, or the $[(n+1)/2]^{\text{th}}$ observation.
- If n is even, the median is usually calculated as the average of the two middlemost values- that is, the average of the $[(n/2)]^{\text{th}}$ observation and the $[(n/2) + 1]^{\text{th}}$ observation.

Mode

- The measurement that occurs most often (with the highest frequency)
- Commonly used as a measure of popularity.
- There can be more than 1 mode.
 - Unimodal, bimodal or multimodal
- Not influence by extreme measurements.
- Applicable for both qualitative and quantitative data.



Measures of Variability

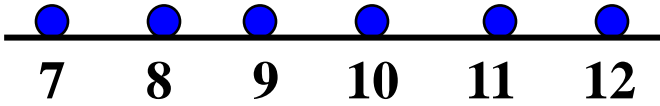
- It is not sufficient to describe a data set using only measures of central tendency
- Need to determine how dispersed/ spread out the data is.
- Measures of variability/spread includes
 - Range
 - Percentile / Quartile
 - Deviation / Standard Deviation (sisihan piawai)
 - Variance
 - Coefficient of variation

Range

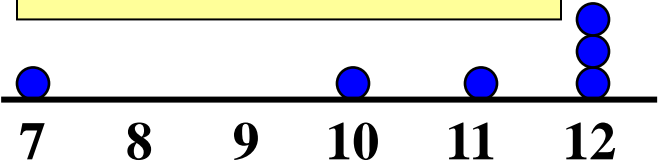
- Measure of variation
- The difference between the largest and the smallest measurement / observations of the set.
- It is easy to compute but very sensitive to outliers.
- Does not give much information about the pattern of variability
- Ignores the way in which data are distributed

$$\text{Range} = X_{\text{Largest}} - X_{\text{Smallest}}$$

$$\text{Range} = 12 - 7 = 5$$



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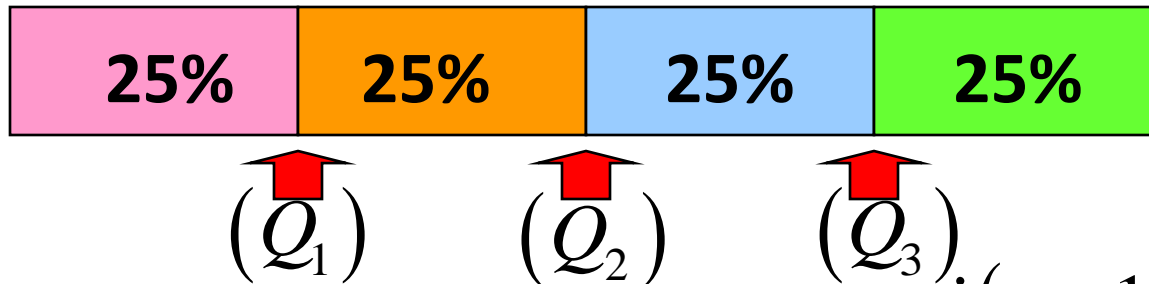


Percentile / Quartile

- The p^{th} percentile of a set of n measurements arranged in order of magnitude is that value that has at most $p\%$ of the measurements below it and at most $(100 - p)\%$ above it.
- Example: 60^{th} percentile has 60% of the data below it and 40% above it.
- Percentile of interest are the 25^{th} , 50^{th} , 75^{th} , percentiles often called the lower quartile, median, and upper quartile.
- Interquartile range – difference between the upper and lower quartile

Quartiles

- Split Ordered Data into 4 Quarters



- Position of i -th Quartile $(Q_i) = \frac{i(n+1)}{4}$

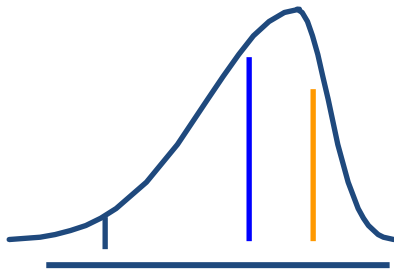
Data in Ordered Array: 11 12 13 16 16 17 18 21 22

$$\text{Position of } Q_1 = \frac{1(9+1)}{4} = 2.5 \quad \uparrow \quad Q_1 = \frac{(12+13)}{2} = 12.5$$

- Q_1 and Q_3 are Measures of Noncentral Location
- Q_2 = Median, A Measure of Central Tendency

Distribution Shape and Box-and-Whisker Plot

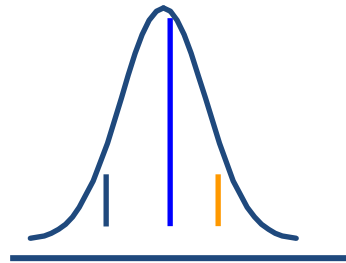
Left-Skewed



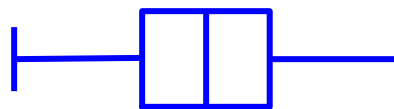
Q_1 Q_2 Q_3



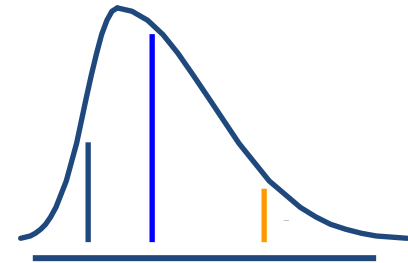
Symmetric



Q_1 Q_2 Q_3



Right-Skewed



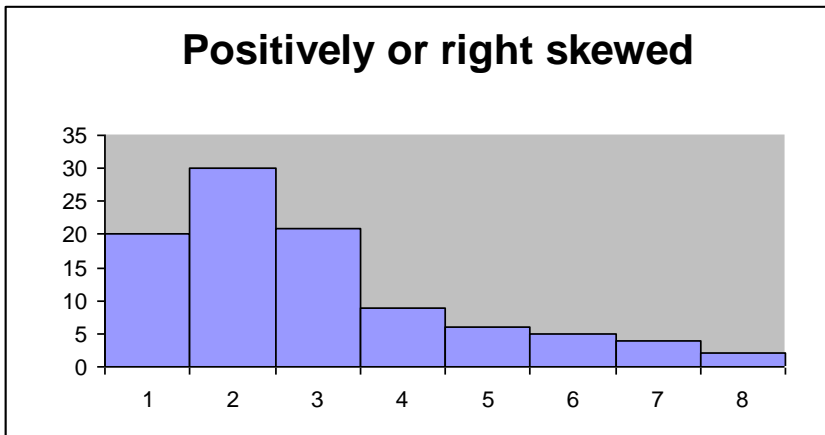
Q_1 Q_2 Q_3



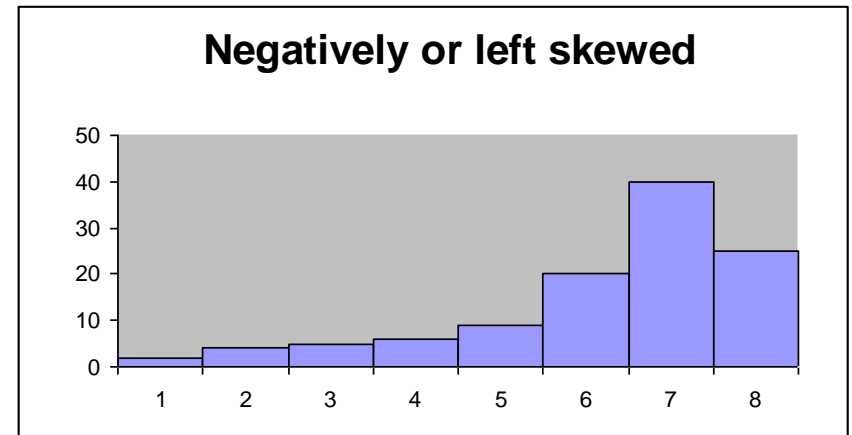
Skewness

- Relationship of the mode, median, mean and trimmed mean is reflected through the skewness of the data.
- Skewness of the data measures how the data is distributed.
- Zero Skewness
 - symmetrical (Mode = Median = Mean)
- Positive Skewness
 - skewed to the right (Mode < Median < Mean)
- Negative Skewness
 - skewed to the left (Mode > Median > Mean)

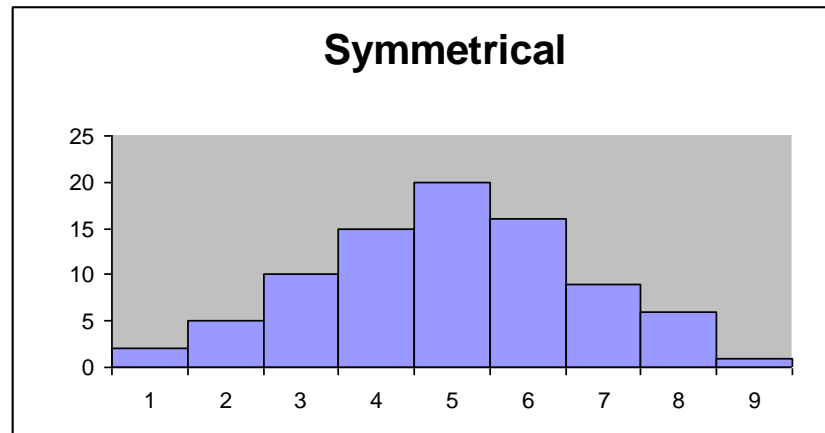
Skewness



Mode<Median<Mean



Mean<Median<Mode



Mode=Median=Mean

Variance and Standard Deviation

- The variance of a set of n measurements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n with mean \bar{x} is the sum of the squared deviations divided by $n - 1$.

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

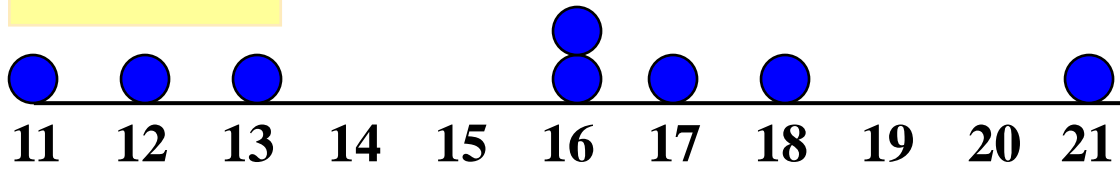
- The standard deviation of a set of measurement is defined to be the positive square root of the variance.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$$

- Both measure how spread out the data is from the mean.

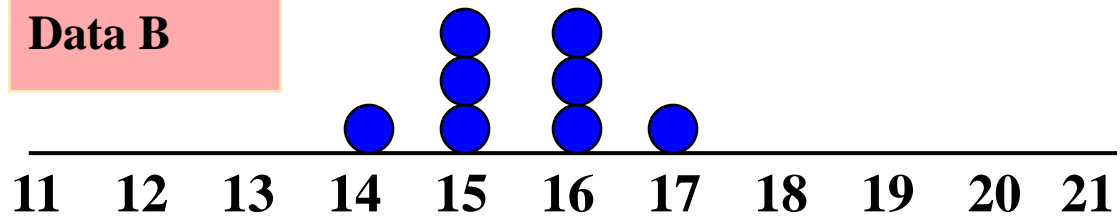
Comparing Standard Deviations

Data A



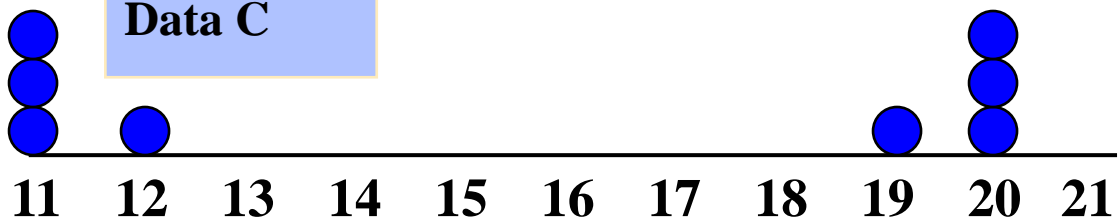
Mean = 15.5
S = 3.338

Data B



Mean = 15.5
S = .9258

Data C



Mean = 15.5
S = 4.57

Coefficient of Variation

- Measures the variability in the values in a population relative to the magnitude of the population mean.
- $CV = \frac{\text{Standard Deviation}}{|\text{Mean}|}$
- The CV is a unit-free number, it is useful when comparing variations of different sets of data.

Comparing Coefficient of Variation

- Stock A:
 - Average price last year = \$50
 - Standard deviation = \$5
- Stock B:
 - Average price last year = \$100
 - Standard deviation = \$5
- Coefficient of variation:

– Stock A:
$$CV = \left(\frac{S}{\bar{X}} \right) 100\% = \left(\frac{\$5}{\$50} \right) 100\% = 10\%$$

– Stock B:
$$CV = \left(\frac{S}{\bar{X}} \right) 100\% = \left(\frac{\$5}{\$100} \right) 100\% = 5\%$$

