

# Dispersion

## Absolute Measures of Dispersion

- 1. Range
- 2. Mean deviation
  - a. M.D about  $\bar{x}$
  - b. M.D about median ( $M_e$ )
- 3. Variance
- 4. Standard Deviation
- 5. Quartile Deviation  
(also known as semi-interquartile range)

## Relative Measures of Dispersion

- 1. Coefficient of variation (C.V.).
- 2. Coeff of M.D
- 3. Coeff of Q.D.

① Range = Max value - Min value.

Prop: If  $x$  variable is changed by origin 'a' and scale 'b'

such that  $y = a + bx$

Then,  $\text{Range } y = |b| \text{ Range } x$

∴ The variables  $x$  and  $y$  are related as follows, ... of  $x = 3$

Ex: Two variables  $x$  and  $y$  are related as follows,  
 $\boxed{3y + 4x = 9}$  and range of  $x = 3$   
 then compute the value of range of  $y$ .

Soln  
 $\therefore$   $3y + 4x = 9$   
 or  $3y = 9 - 4x \Rightarrow y = \frac{9 - 4x}{3}$   
 $y = 3 - \frac{4}{3}x$   
 If we compare it with  $y = a + bx$   
 then  $b = -\frac{4}{3}$   
 we know range  $y = |b| \times \text{range } x$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Range } y = \frac{4}{3} \times 3 = 4$  (ans)

2. Mean Deviation about mean ( $\bar{x}$ )

a) without frequency,  $MD_{\bar{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \bar{x}|$

(b) with frequency,  $MD_{\bar{x}} = \frac{1}{\sum f} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \bar{x}| f_i$

where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{\sum f} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i f_i$

Prop: if  $y = a + bx$   
 then  $MD_y = |b| MD_x$  ✓

MD about median,  $MD_{Me} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - Me|$

and  $MD_{Me} = \frac{1}{\sum f} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - Me| f_i$

mean ... of

\* Prove that M.D about median is least.

Suppose we are given  $n$  numbers of observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  arranged in ascending order.

Here we have to prove that

$$M.D = \frac{1}{n} \sum |x_i - A| \text{ is minimum,}$$

when  $A = \text{median}$ .

it means

$$x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \dots \leq x_n.$$

Case 1 : Let  $n$  be odd number of obs and  $n = 2m + 1$

if we have

$$x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \dots \leq \boxed{x_{(m)} \leq x_{(m+1)} \leq x_{(m+2)}} \leq x_{(2m)} \leq x_{(2m+1)}$$

Now,  $|x_1 - A| + |x_{2m+1} - A|$  is least when

$$x_1 \leq A \leq x_{2m+1}$$

Similarly  $|x_2 - A| + |x_{2m} - A|$  is least when

$$x_2 \leq A \leq x_{2m}$$

likewise,  $|x_m - A| + |x_{m+1} - A|$  is least when

$$x_m \leq A \leq x_{m+1}$$

finally,  $|x_{m+1} - A|$  is least when  $A = x_{m+1}$

∴ median is best

Minim.  $|x_{m+1} - A|$  is least when  $A = x_{m+1}$

We can see from the ascending order series that  $x_{m+1}$  is the middlemost obs.

and we know that median is the middle most obs in case of odd no. of observations

$$\therefore \text{Median} = x_{m+1} = A$$

$$\therefore M.D. = \frac{1}{n} \sum |x_i - A| = \frac{1}{n} \sum |x_i - Me|$$

is minimum when  $A = Me = x_{m+1}$

Case 2: Let  $n$  be even number of observations

$$\text{i.e. } n = 2m.$$

$$\text{i.e. we have } x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \dots \leq \boxed{x_m \leq x_{m+1}} \leq x_{m+2} \leq \dots \leq x_{2m}$$

Now  $|x_1 - A| + |x_{2m} - A|$  is least when  $x_1 \leq A \leq x_{2m}$

$|x_2 - A| + |x_{2m-1} - A|$  is least when  $x_2 \leq A \leq x_{2m-1}$

$\vdots$   
likewise we have  $|x_m - A| + |x_{m+1} - A|$  is least when  $x_m \leq A \leq x_{m+1}$

Now from the data  $x_m$  and  $x_{m+1}$  are the middle most ~~two~~ observations in case of even number of obs  
median =  $\frac{x_m + x_{m+1}}{2} = A$

midpoint  
 In case of even number of obs  
 median =  $\frac{x_m + x_{m+1}}{2} = A$

i.e. median lies between  $x_m$  and  $x_{m+1}$

$\therefore$  if  $A = \text{median}$ , then  $MD_A = \frac{1}{n} \sum |x_i - A|$   
 will be least.

(Proved)

Note  
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$$MD_{\bar{x}} > MD_{me}$$

(3)

Variance and Standard Deviation

$$\text{variance, } v(x) = \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2 - 2\bar{x} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i + \frac{1}{n} \sum \bar{x}^2$$

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

Standard Deviation,  $\sigma = \sqrt{\text{var}(x)}$

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

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2 - \bar{x}^2}$$

# with frequency

$$\text{s.d. } \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum f_i} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 f_i}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum f_i} \sum x_i^2 f_i - \bar{x}^2}$$

where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{\sum f_i} \sum x_i f_i$$

$$\therefore \text{variance, } \sigma^2 = \left[ \frac{1}{\sum f_i} \sum x_i^2 f_i - \bar{x}^2 \right]$$

Property 1 (1) If all observations are same then variance and s.d is zero.

Let  $x_i = c$  for all values of  $x$   
and  $i = 1(1)n$ .

$$\text{Then, } \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum c = \frac{n}{n} c = c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{variance, } \sigma^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i^2) - \bar{x}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum c^2 - (c)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \times n c^2 - c^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{s.d} = \sqrt{\text{variance} = 0} \quad (\text{Proved})$$

② Variance and s.d depends only on change in scale. It is independent of change in origin.

Let us change <sup>all 'n'</sup> the values of  $x$  by origin 'a' and scale 'b'

such that  $y_i = a + bx_i$

then variance of  $y$ ,  $\sigma_y^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

$$\text{or, } \sigma_y^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (a + bx_i - a - b\bar{x})^2$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = b^2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = b^2 \sigma_x^2$$

$$\boxed{\sigma_y = |b| \sigma_x}$$

Proved.

# Combined variance or combined s.d.

from two groups or dataset of observations

at the end

now one group -

say  $n_1$  &  $\bar{x}_1$  are number of obs and mean of group 1.

again  $n_2$  &  $\bar{x}_2$  are no. of obs & mean of group 2

such that  $\bar{x} = \frac{n_1 \bar{x}_1 + n_2 \bar{x}_2}{n_1 + n_2}$  is the combined mean.

$\therefore$  The combined variance is given by

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{(n_1 + n_2)} (n_1 s_1^2 + n_2 s_2^2) + \frac{n_1 (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x})^2 + n_2 (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x})^2}{(n_1 + n_2)}$$

$n_1$   $s^2 = \frac{1}{(n_1 + n_2)} (n_1 s_1^2 + n_2 s_2^2) + \frac{n_1 n_2}{(n_1 + n_2)} (\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)^2$   
(only in case of 2 groups)

→ generalise the formula for  $n$  groups we get,

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum n_i s_i^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum n_i (\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i s_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i (\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i}$$

, where  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i \bar{x}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i}$   
(grand mean).

⑤ Quartile Deviation  
(semi-interquartile range)

$$Q.D = \frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$$

where  $Q_3$  is third quartile

$Q_1$  is the ~~second~~ first quartile.

Q For two values a and b of a variable x  
the mean and s.d are 25 and 4 resp.  
Find a and b.

mean,  $\bar{x} = 25$

s.d = 4  
 $s^2 = 16$

$$\text{mean, } \bar{x} = 25$$

$$\frac{a+b}{2} = 25$$

$$\boxed{a+b = 50} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{S.D.} &= 4 \\ \sigma^2 &= 16 \\ \frac{a^2+b^2}{2} - 25^2 &= 16 \\ \frac{a^2+b^2}{2} &= 16 + 25^2 \\ a^2+b^2 &= 1282 \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow (a+b)^2 = 2500$$

$$a^2+b^2+2ab = 2500$$

$$1282 + 2ab = 2500$$

$$2ab = 2500 - 1282$$

$$2ab = 1218 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Now } (a-b)^2 = a^2+b^2 - 2ab$$

$$(a-b)^2 = 1282 - 1218$$

$$(a-b)^2 = 64$$

$$\therefore a-b = \sqrt{64} = 8 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Adding (1) and (4) we get,

$$a+b = 50$$

$$a-b = 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (+) \\ \hline 2a = 58 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{58}{2} = 29}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{b = 50 - a = 50 - 29 = 21}$$

$$\therefore |b = 30 - a - 5 - \dots|$$

Calculable s.d, md (about mean & median)

Q	Marks	(f) Number of Students	( $x_i$ )	$x_i f_i$	$(x_i - m_e) f_i$	$x_i^2 f_i$
	10-20	4	15			
	20-30	6	25			
	30-40	5	35			
	40-50	5	45			
		$\Sigma f = 20 = N$		$\Sigma x_i f_i =$	$\Sigma (x_i - m_e) f_i =$	$\Sigma x_i^2 f_i =$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \Sigma x_i^2 f_i - \bar{x}^2}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{\Sigma f} \Sigma x_i f_i$$