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Statistics and Probability

Statistical Measures

Statistical measures

- Common statistical measures
 - Measure of central tendency
 - Mean
 - Mode
 - Median
 - Measure of variability
 - Range
 - Variance
 - Standard deviation
 - Measure of an individual in a population
 - z score
 - Percentile rank

Measure of central tendency

- Average
 - Mean
 - Mode
 - the highest frequency score
 - Median
 - score at the middle of a sorted data

Measure of central tendency

Example



Number of rainy days in the last eleven months:
21, 21, 21, 20, 18, 16,
12, 12, 6, 2, 1

mean	14	=AVERAGE(...)
mode	21	=MODE(...)
median	16	=MEDIAN(...)



Which one is best to represent the number of rainy days in the last eleven months?

Microsoft Excel

Example

- Give examples on statistical measures in civil engineering
 - number of bridges in a city
 - climatological data
 - river discharges
 - etc.
- Discuss on their statistical measures
 - mean
 - mode
 - median

Measure of central tendency

■ Symbol and formula

- Mean

$$\mu_X = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

mean of population

n = number of elements in the **population**

statistical parameter: based on population

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

sample mean

n = number of elements in the **sample**

statistical measure: based on sample

⇒ estimate on its population mean

Measure of central tendency

- Some mean characteristics

$$C\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum CX \qquad C + \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum (C + X) \qquad C = \text{constant}$$

- Weighted mean

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i X_i}{\sum_i^n w_i}$$



- mean of class intervals
- for example, in a frequency table of continuous variable
- X_i is the median of the class interval

Measure of central tendency

■ Mean

- Arithmetic mean

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad =\text{AVERAGE(...)}$$

- Geometric mean

$$\bar{X} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad =\text{GEOMEAN(...)}$$

- Harmonic mean

$$\bar{X} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i}} \quad =\text{HARMEAN(...)}$$

Measure of central tendency

■ Mode

$$\text{Mode} = M_o = L_{mo} + \frac{a}{a + b} c$$

mode interval is the class interval whose frequency is the highest

L_{mo}	lower bound of the mode interval (the class interval containing the mode)
a	frequency difference of the mode interval and the one that is less than it
b	frequency difference of the mode interval and the one that is greater than it
f_{md}	frequency of the median interval
c	class interval (class size)

Measure of central tendency

- Median

$$\text{Median} = M_d = L_{md} + \frac{n/2 - F}{f_{md}} c$$

interval median is the class interval containing the median, that is the $n/2$ -th class of a sorted class according to the score

L_{md}	lower bound of the median interval (the class interval containing the median)
n	number of data
F	number of frequencies of class intervals less than the median interval
f_{md}	frequency of the median interval
c	class interval (class size)

Measure of variability

■ Variability

- Variability, scatter, spread
 - showing whether scores in a distribution are close each other or far separated
- Range
 - difference between the highest and the lowest scores in a distribution
- Standard deviation
 - commonly used in “technical” matters

Measure of Variability

- Symbol and formula
 - Standard deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}}$$

standard deviation of population =STDEV.P(...)

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{n - 1}}$$

standard deviation of sample =STDEV.S(...)

estimate on its population
standard deviation

Measure of variability

- Why do we put $n - 1$ as the denominator in calculating sample's standard deviation?
 - Results in higher standard deviation than if it is divided by n
 - this is to compensate the tendency of being under estimate of the true standard deviation (population standard deviation)
 - From practical point of view
 - there is no variability of sample having one element

Measure of variability

- Symbol and formula
 - Variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

variance of population

=VAR.P(...)

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{n - 1}$$

sample variance
estimate on its population
variance

=VAR.S(...)

Measure of variability

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{n - 1}$$



$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2}{n - 1}$$

Try to derive this

Measure of variability

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - 2x_i\bar{X} + \bar{X}^2)}{n-1} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\bar{X} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\bar{X}^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \right)^2}{n-1} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n}}{n-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2}{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Measure of variability

- Symbol and formula
 - coefficient of variance

$$c_v = \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$$

$$c_v = \frac{S_X}{\bar{X}}$$

Some measures of an individual in a population

- z score

$$z_X = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

- Percentile rank

$$PR_X = \frac{B + \frac{1}{2}E}{n} \times 100$$

B number of scores whose values are less than that of X

E number of scores whose values are equal to that of X

n number of scores, $n \gg$

Some measures of an individual in a population

- Some functions available in Microsoft Excel
 - =RANK(...), =RANK.EQ(...), RANK.AVR(...)
 - score location in a sorted data
 - =PERCENTILE(...), =PERCENTILE.EXC(...), =PERCENTILE.INC(...)
 - percentile value of a series of scores
 - =PERCENTRANK(...), =PERCENTRANK.EXC(...), =PERCENTRANK.INC(...)
 - score location in a sorted data, in percent
- $$= \frac{B}{B + A} \times 100$$
- B number of scores whose values are less than that of X
 A number of scores whose values are higher than that of X



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