

## Measures of Dispersion

Q: Define measures of dispersion.

Ans: (By dispersion we mean the extent (limit) to which the values are spread out from their average, such kinds of measures are called measures of dispersion.)

Q: Define Absolute and Relative Measures of Dispersion.

Absolute measure of Dispersion: An absolute measure of dispersion is one that measures the variability in terms of same units or in square units, as the units of the given data.

eg: If the unit of the data is Rupee, meter or kg etc. then the unit of the dispersion will also be Rupee, meter or kg etc.

Relative measure of Dispersion:

A relative measure of dispersion measures the variability of the data relative to its average and is independent of unit of measurement.

Q: What are the most common measures of dispersion.

Ans:

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The most common measures of dispersion are.

- i The Range  
ii The Semi Interquartile Range or Quartile deviation.  
iii The Mean deviation.  
iv The Variance.  
v The Standard deviation.

Q: Define mean deviation.

Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  are values. Then the arithmetic mean of the absolute deviations of  $x_i$  from their average ( $\bar{x}$ ,  $\tilde{x}$  or  $\hat{x}$ ) is called mean deviation.

$$m.d(\text{for mean}) = \frac{\sum |x - \bar{x}|}{n}, \quad \frac{\sum f |x - \bar{x}|}{\sum f}$$

$$m.d(\text{from median}) = \frac{\sum |x - \tilde{x}|}{n}, \quad \frac{\sum f |x - \tilde{x}|}{\sum f}$$

$$m.d(\text{from mode}) = \frac{\sum |x - \hat{x}|}{n}, \quad \frac{\sum f |x - \hat{x}|}{\sum f}$$



Q: Define variance: <sup>Sum</sup> ~~average~~ <sup>positive sum</sup> Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  are values. Then the <sup>Sum</sup> of squared deviations of  $x_i$  from their mean  $\bar{x}$  is called variance.

$$\checkmark \text{ var}(x): S_x^2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n} \text{ for ungrouped data.}$$

$$\checkmark \text{ var}(x): S_x^2 = \frac{\sum f (x - \bar{x})^2}{\sum f} \text{ for grouped data.}$$

Q: Define standard deviation: Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  are values. Then (the positive square root of the <sup>Sum</sup> ~~average~~ of squared deviations of  $x_i$  from their mean  $\bar{x}$  is called standard deviation.

$$S.D: S_x = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}} \text{ for ungrouped data.}$$

$$S.D: S_x = \sqrt{\frac{\sum f (x - \bar{x})^2}{\sum f}} \text{ for grouped data.}$$

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Q] what is Coefficient of Variation? and for what purpose we use it.

Ans: Coefficient of Variation is the relative term of variance. It is used to measure the variability for two or more sets of data. Then any data having least Coefficient of Variation is called more Consistent.

e.g.

$$C.V_x = \frac{S_x}{\bar{x}} \times 100\%$$

$$C.V_y = \frac{S_y}{\bar{y}} \times 100\%$$

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If  $C.V_x < C.V_y$  then x data is said to be more Consistent than the y data.

Q] What are the properties of variance & S.D?

Ans: If x, y are two independent variables, where "a" is Constt. Then Variance has following properties.

(i)  $\text{Var}(a) = 0$  i.e. Variance of Constt. is zero.

(ii)  $\text{Var}(x \pm a) = \text{Var}(x)$  i.e. Variance is independent of change of origin.

(iii)  $\text{Var}(ax) = a^2 \text{Var}(x)$  i.e. Variance is multiplied by Square of Constt. when a Constt. is multiplied to each x.

(iv)  $\text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{a}x\right) = \frac{1}{a^2} \text{Var}(x)$

(v)  $\text{Var}(x \pm y) = \text{Var}(x) + \text{Var}(y)$

□ Standard deviation has following properties. 20

- i)  $S.D(x) = 0$
- ii)  $S.D(x \pm a) = S.D(x)$
- iii)  $S.D(ax) = |a| S.D(x)$
- iv)  $S.D(\frac{1}{a}x) = |\frac{1}{a}| S.D(x)$
- v)  $S.D(x \pm y) = \sqrt{Var(x) + Var(y)}$  when  $x$  &  $y$  are independent.

Q: What are moments?

Moments are the arithmetic mean of the deviation in which the power of deviations raise with respect to the order of moments.

Q: Why we calculate moments?

Ans: Moments are calculated in order to study the shape of the dist. i.e. whether the dist. is symmetrical or skewed, And whether the dist. is mesokurtic, platykurtic or leptokurtic.

Q: What are moment Ratios? There are some ratios in which both the numerator and denominator are moments.

$$b_1 = \frac{(m_3)^2}{(m_2)^3}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{m_4}{(m_2)^2}$$





[Q:] What is Kurtosis? The degree of peakedness or flatness of a unimodal frequency distribution curve is called kurtosis.

coefficient of kurtosis is given as:

$$b_2 = \frac{m_4}{(m_2)^2}$$

- if  $b_2 = 3$  then dist. is called mesokurtic or normal.
- if  $b_2 > 3$  then dist. is called leptokurtic.
- if  $b_2 < 3$  then dist. is called platykurtic.