

Measures of Variation

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Given the sample data

x : 23 17 15 30 25

- (a) Find the range
- (b) Verify that $\Sigma x = 110$, and $\Sigma x^2 = 2568$
- (c) Use the results of part (b) and appropriate computation formulas to compute the sample variance s^2 and sample standard deviation s .
- (d) Use defining formulas to compute the sample variance s^2 and sample standard deviation s .
- (e) Suppose the given data comprise the entire population of all x values. Compute the population variance σ^2 and population standard deviation σ .

(a) range = largest data value – smallest data value = $30 - 15 = 15$
range = 15

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X	X - \bar{X}	(X - \bar{X})²
23		
17		
15		
30		
25		
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x	$x - \bar{x}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$
23	$23 - 22 = 1$	$1^2 = 1$
17	$17 - 22 = -5$	$(-5)^2 = 25$
15	$15 - 22 = -7$	$(-7)^2 = 49$
30	$30 - 22 = 8$	$(8)^2 = 64$
25	$25 - 22 = 3$	$(3)^2 = 9$
$\Sigma x = 110$		$\Sigma (x - \bar{x})^2 = 1 + 25 + 49 + 64 + 9 = 148$

Thus *sample variance* $s^2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{(n - 1)} = \frac{148}{4} = 37$,

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x	x^2
23	529
17	289
15	225
30	900
25	625
$\sum x = 110$	$\sum x^2 = \sum (x^2) = 2568$

Easier computation

$$\text{sample variance } s^2 = \frac{(\sum (x^2) - (\frac{(\sum x)^2}{n}))}{(n-1)} = \frac{(2568 - \frac{110^2}{5})}{4} = \frac{(2568 - \frac{12100}{5})}{4} = \frac{(2568 - 2420)}{4} = \frac{148}{4} = 37$$

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population standard deviation $\sigma = \sqrt{29.6} \approx 5.441$

population variance $\sigma^2 = \frac{(\sum (x^2) - (\frac{(\sum x)^2}{N}))}{N} = \frac{(2568 - \frac{110^2}{5})}{5} = \frac{(2568 - \frac{12100}{5})}{5} = \frac{(2568 - 2420)}{5} = \frac{148}{5} = 29.6$

Answers:

range = 15

sample mean $\bar{x} = 22$

sample variance $s^2 = 37$

sample standard deviation $s \approx 6.083$

population mean $\mu = 22$

population variance $\sigma^2 = 29.6$

population standard deviation $\sigma \approx 5.441$