

1.6 - Mean, Median, Mode, and Range

measures of central tendency

Vocabulary:

- Mean → average $\frac{\text{add up all \#s}}{\text{the \# of \#s}}$
- Median → middle #
- Mode → the # that occurs most often
- Range → the difference between the largest & smallest #
- Outlier
- Stem and Leaf Plot

a data value much larger or smaller than the other data

stem

	leaf				
1	2	3	9	9	
2	4	5			
3	1				
4	2	3	6	8	9

Key

$$1|2 = 12$$

1 EXAMPLE

Find the mean, median, and mode of the data below.

Determine which measure of central tendency best describes the data.

14 (10) (2) 13 16 (3) 12 11

$$\text{Mean: } \frac{14 + 10 + 2 + 13 + 16 + 3 + 12 + 11}{8} = \frac{81}{8} = 10.125$$

median: ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 10 11 12 ~~13~~ ~~14~~ ~~16~~

10.125

11.5

mode: NO mode

The median best describes the data.

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Find the mean, median, and mode. Which measure of central tendency best describes the data?

#1. weights of textbooks in ounces: ~~12, 10, 9, 15, 16, 10~~

mean: 12

median: 11

mode: 10

median or mean

#3. time spent of internet in min/day: ~~75, 38, 43, 120, 65, 48, 52~~

mean: 63

median: 52

mode: None

~~38 43 48 52 65 75 120~~

63

mean

2 EXAMPLE

Suppose your grades on three science exams are 82, 94, and 89. What grade do you need on your next exam to have an average of 90?

mean

$$\frac{82 + 94 + 89 + X}{4} = 90$$

~~$$\frac{265 + X}{4} = 90 \cdot 4$$~~

$$\begin{array}{r} 265 + X \\ - 265 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} = 360 \\ \downarrow \\ 265 \end{array}$$

X

$$= 95$$

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Write and solve an equation to find the value of x.

#7. 100, 121, 105, 113, 108, x
mean: 112

$$\frac{547 + X}{6}$$

$$\frac{112}{6}$$

#8. 31.7, 42.8, 26.4, x
mean: 35

$$\frac{100.9 + X}{4} = 35$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 100.9 + X \\ -100.9 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 140 \\ -100.9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X = 39.1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 547 + X \\ -547 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 112 \\ \cdot 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X = 125$$

5 EXAMPLE Find the mean of the city mileage and the mean of the highway mileage for 16 new cars.

**New Car Mileage
(in mi/gal)**

City		Highway
8 7	1	
6 4 1 0	2	2 4
8 6	3	0 0 2 3 8
	4	3

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Find the mean, median, mode, and range of each side of the stem-and-leaf plot.

#19.

Growth of 2 varieties of tulip plants

Type A		Type B
6 3 3	2	
3 2 1 1	3	1 1 2
1	4	3 5 8
	5	2 4

Homework Problems:

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