

measures of central tendency

1.6 - Mean, Median, Mode, and Range

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

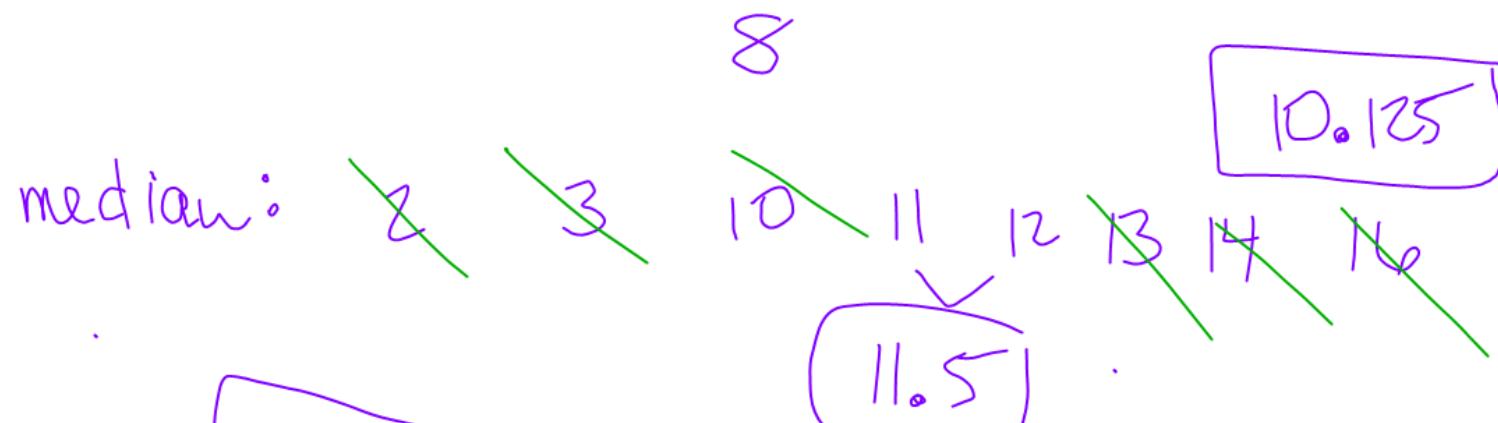
1 EXAMPLE

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

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



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

38 43 48 52 65 75 120

median: 52

mode: None

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

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

$$\cancel{x} \cdot \frac{265 + x}{\cancel{x}} + 90 \cdot 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -265 + x \\ & \hline & 360 \\ & -265 \\ & \hline x = 95 \end{aligned}$$

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

#7. $100 + 121 + 105 + 113 + 108 + x$

mean: 112

#8. $31.7 + 42.8 + 26.4 + x$

mean: 35

$$4 \cdot \frac{100.9 + x}{4} = 35$$

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

$$x = 39.1$$

$$6 \cdot \frac{547 + x}{6} = 112$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 547 + x \\ - 547 \\ \hline \end{array} = 112$$

$$x = 125$$

5 EXAMPLE

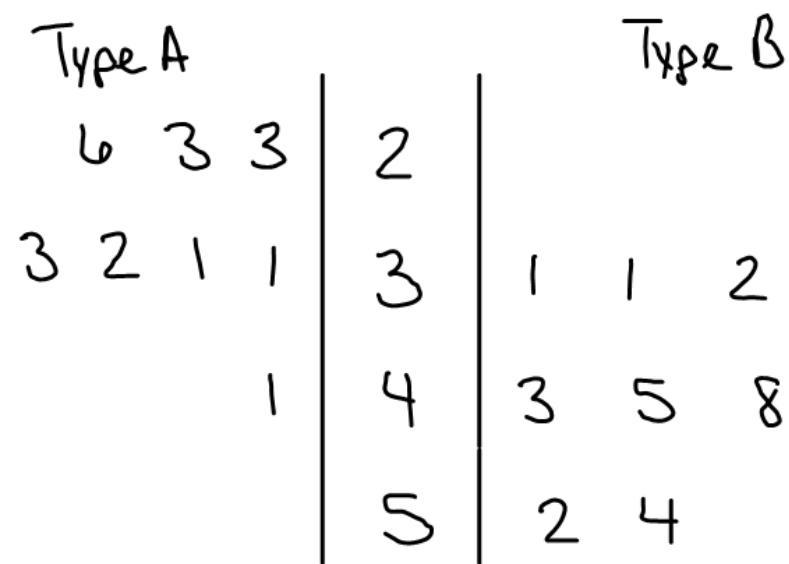
Find the mean of the city mileage and the mean of the highway mileage for 16 new cars.

New Car Mileage (in mi/gal)			
City		Highway	
8	7	1	
6	4	2	2
1	0	3	4
8	6	0	0
		2	2
		3	3
		8	8
		4	
		3	

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

#19. Growth of 2 varieties of tulip plants



Homework Problems:

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