

MATH SPEAK - TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND MEMORIZED

- 1) **STATISTICS** = the branch of mathematics used to analyze and interpret *data*.
- 2) **DATA** = information, often in the form of numbers, that are gathered, organized, analyzed and interpreted.
- 3) **DATA SET** = a group of numbers to be statistically analyzed.
- 4) **POPULATION** = all the members of a group to be statistically analyzed.
- 5) **POPULATION SIZE** = the number of pieces of data in a *data set* and is represented by *n*.
- 6) **SAMPLE** = some of the members of a group to be statistically analyzed.
- 7) **SAMPLE SIZE** = the number of pieces of data in a *data set* and is represented by *n*.
- 8) **RANGE** = *range* = largest number – smallest number . *Range* gives a rough indication of the *dispersion* of the numbers within a *data set*.
- 9) **LINE PLOT** = a number line having dots the representing each of the numbers in a *data set* above the corresponding number on the number line.
- 10) **MODE** = the number in a *data set* that appears most often.
- 11) **MEDIAN** = the number that divides the *data set* into two equal upper and lower halves.
- 12) **MEAN** = the average of all the numbers in a *data set*. *Mean* is represented by these symbols: \bar{x} = *mean* for a sample, μ = *mean* for an entire population.
- 13) **OUTLIER** = a *number* that is judged to be very far from the other *data* in the *data set*. **i.e.** in the *data set* below, 35 is the outlier because it is 20 units away from its closest number.
 e.g. $x = -7, -3, 0, 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 15, 35$
- 14) **STANDARD DEVIATION** = a number that describing the variation/dispersion (spread) of the *data* relative to the *mean* of the *data*.

STANDARD DEVIATION

I) **STANDARD DEVIATION** is a number describing that describes how spread out the data is relative to the data's *mean*

A) If the *standard deviation* is small, the *data* points are close to each other and are close to the *mean*. If the *standard deviation* is large the *data* points are spread throughout the *range* of the *data* with some *data* points being close to the *mean* with others being far from the *mean*.

1) *Standard deviation* represented with the symbol σ and is calculated using formulae given below.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x - \bar{X})^2}{n}} \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x - \mu)^2}{n}} \quad \text{where } \sigma = \text{standard deviation, } \Sigma = \text{the sum of, } x = \text{piece of data,}$$

\bar{X} or μ = *mean* and n = *sample* or *population size*

- a) You are not required to know or use these *standard deviation* formulae to answer questions. They are included in this notes package for your information only.
- b) Compare the formulae for *standard deviation* to the formula used to calculate *mean*. **NOTICE** that they are similar in that they create a number that is divided by n (*sample* or *population size*). This is an indication that the *standard deviation* is another way to calculate an *average*, specifically the *average distance* the data points are from the *mean*.

2) **SAMPLE PROBLEM 1:** Calculate the *standard deviation* for this *data set*: $x = 2, 3, 4, 7$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{2+3+4+7}{4} = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x - \bar{X})^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{(2-4)^2 + (3-4)^2 + (4-4)^2 + (7-4)^2}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{(-2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (0)^2 + (3)^2}{4}}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{4+1+0+9}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{14}{4}} = \sqrt{3.5} \doteq 1.87828 \rightarrow \sigma \doteq 1.9$$

The *standard deviation* of the above *data set* is: $\sigma \doteq 1.9$. This means that the average distance between the each number in the *data set* and the *mean* is 1.9.

ASSIGNMENT: PRINT THIS INFORMATION ON YOUR OWN GRID PAPER

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Show the process required to complete each problem to avoid receiving a zero grade. Neatness Counts!!! (Marks indicated in italicized brackets.)

REMEMBER TO USE GRID PAPER FOR ALL ASSIGNMENTS!!!

Two friends are in a bowling league. They recorded their scores over twelve games in the table below.

Bowling Scores For 12 Games												
Angela	135	141	109	146	127	131	118	124	129	133	139	123
Kim	89	93	100	101	115	125	123	135	155	140	148	150

- 1) **For each player** answer parts a) through e). Be sure you show all the calculations you used to determine the *range*, *median* and *mean*. Summarize your answers in a table. **Don't forget to include units.**
 - a) Create a *line plot*. (3)
 - b) Determine the *sample size*: $n = \#$ (0.5)
 - c) Determine the *range*. (1)
 - d) Determine the *median*. (2)
 - e) Determine the *mean*. (2)
- 2) A statistical analysis revealed that Kim's standard deviation is $\sigma = 22.3$ points while Angela's standard deviation is $\sigma = 8.7$ points. List the players from most to least consistent? Justify your answer with at least 2 pieces of evidence. (3)

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