

QMS 210: Ogive Graph, Measures of Central Tendency and Variability

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WHAT IS AN OGIVE GRAPH?

An ogive graph gives readers **cumulative relative frequencies** of the data directly. It always reaches 100% (CRF % values on the vertical axis) or sum of frequencies (CRF on the vertical axis) at the top end of the line.

Cumulative Relative Frequency (CRF)

CRF = relative frequency of the class interested + sum of frequencies from all previous classes

CRF % = (CRF ÷ total frequency) x 100%

HOW TO DRAW AN OGIVE GRAPH

1. **Sort data** in ascending order (recall calculator lesson on sorting function).
2. Construct a **frequency table**.
3. **Calculate cumulative frequency** for each class.
4. **Draw dots** assigned with **class boundary** as X-value and **CRF** as Y-value on the blank Ogive table.
5. **Link the dots** to finish the line
6. **Check**: make sure the data is in ascending data array

MEASURE OF LOCATION

$P_k = k^{th}$ percentile

The rank of the data $P_k = r = \text{half round } \{[(n \times k)100] + 0.5\}$, where n = total # of observations in the data set; k = % of observations less than or equal to P_k

Apply the Half Rounding Rule

When $k < 50$, round 0.25 down to 0 and 0.75 down to 0.5

When $k > 50$, round 0.25 up to 0.5 and 0.75 up to 1

When $k = 50$, the observation wanted is the median

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Calculating P_k

If the rank from above is an integer i , then $P_k = X_i$

If the rank from above is a fractional half $i.5$, then $P_k = \frac{(X_{i-0.5} + X_{i+0.5})}{2}$

NOTE: If the question is asking you to find a top % data from the graph, then $k = 100\% - \text{the top\% given}$

MEASURE OF CENTRAL TENDANCY

Calculator Symbols

\bar{x} = sample mean

Σx = sum of values

σx = population

standard deviation

sx = sample standard deviation

n = # of values

$\min X$ = minimum value

$Q1$ = first quartile = P_{25}

Med = median/second quartile = P_{50}

$Q3$ = third quartile = P_{75}

$\max X$ = maximum value

Mod = mode(s)

$Mod: n$ = # of mode(s)

$Mod: F$ = frequency of mode(s)

The Mean: The mean measures the average of a set of data.

Arithmetic mean = average = \bar{x}

Population mean: $\mu = \frac{\Sigma x}{N}$, where Σx = sum of all data values, N = # of data items in population

Sample mean: $\bar{x} = \frac{\Sigma x}{n}$, where Σx = sum of all data values, n = # of data items in sample

Weighted Mean: used when grouped data is given and each category has a different weighted value.

NOTE: for a frequency distribution table, calculate the midpoint of each class to find the individual "x" value

$\bar{x}_w = \frac{\Sigma w \cdot x}{\Sigma w}$, x = the individual value, w = the individual value's weight (frequency)

REMEMBER: Assign weights list as the 1 Var Freq List in the Calculator

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The Median

Occupies the middle position of the data, after the set is sorted in ascending or descending order. Also known as the second quartile or 50th percentile.

The Mode

Value(s) corresponding to the highest frequency or the number that appears the most in a data set. There can be one mode or a few modes.

WHICH IS A BETTER MEASURE OF CENTRAL TENDENCY: MEAN OR MEDIAN?

Steps for the 10% Rule Application

1. **Calculate the difference** between the mean and median
Difference = mean – median
2. Calculate **10% of the smaller value**
10% x Mean or Median, whichever is smaller
3. **Compare the difference with the 10% Rule** and conclude which is the preferred measure
4. Make decision
 - If **Difference < 10%** - the difference is lower than the 10% of the smaller value; Mean is approximately equal to median;
Mean is a better measure
 - If **Difference > 10%** - the difference is greater than the 10% of the smaller value; Mean is not equal to median;
Median is a better measure

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Shape of Distribution



Mean is a better measure Median is a better measure: mean is not equal to median

Approximately Normal

Mean = median
Symmetrical/Normal
distribution

Skewed to the Right

Mean > Median: Right
Skewed
Most values in the lower
portion

Skewed to the Left

Mean < Median: Left
Skewed
Most values in the upper
portion

MEASURE OF VARIABILITY

Range: Measures the total spread in the data by calculating the difference between the highest and lowest value (ignoring the values in between)

$$\text{Range (R)} = \text{Maximum} - \text{Minimum}$$

Interquartile Range (IQR): The difference between the 75th and 25th percentile of a variable.

$$\text{IQR} = Q3 - Q1$$

Quartiles:

First Quartile = $Q1$ = 25th percentile

Second Quartile = $Q2$ = 50th percentile = median

Third Quartile = $Q3$ = 75th percentile

Variance = σ^2 (population variance) or s^2 (sample variance)

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Standard Deviation: The square root of variance (σ for the population, s for the sample)

NOTE: Variance and Standard deviation can be found in the calculator result

Characteristic of Measure of Variability

Dispersion	Range, IQR, Variance, Standard Dev
Spread out	Larger number
Concentrated	Smaller number

- Less variability means that it is more consistent
- 0 means no variability (cannot be lower than 0)

Coefficient of Variation: a relative measure of variability

CV for a population: - To compare the variability of two or more sets of data

$CV = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} \cdot 100\%$ - Expressed in percentage (%)

CV for a sample: - Higher the value, the more variable

$CV = \frac{s}{x} \cdot 100\%$ - Lower CV means less risky

FIVE-NUMBER SUMMARY

Summarizes the various positions of a set of data. They are used to construct the box whisker plot

The Five Numbers:

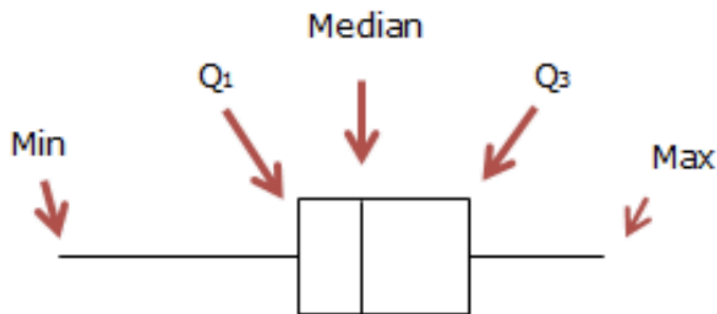
$minX$ | $Q1 = P_{25}$ | $Median = Q2 = P_{50}$ | $Q3 = P_{75}$ | $maxX$

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Constructing a Box-Whisker Plot



Indicate the mean with a “+”

Need to check whether maximum and minimum are outliers or suspect outliers

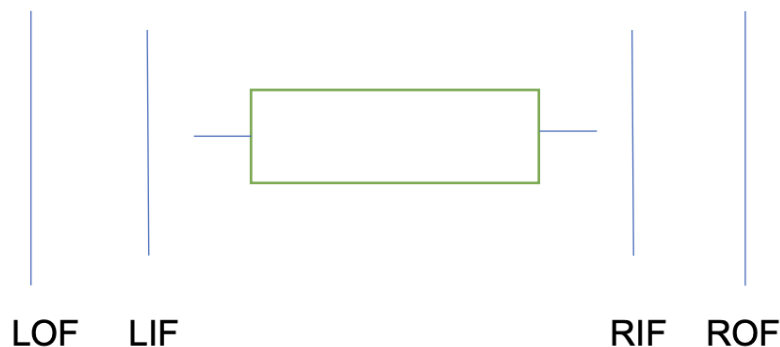
Determining Suspect Outliers and Outliers

Suspect outliers – lie between inner and outer fences

Outliers – lie outside the outer fences

Fences:

1. Right Inner Fences (RIF) = $Q3 + (1.5 \times IQR)$
2. Right Outer Fences (ROF) = $RIF + (1.5 \times IQR)$
3. Left Inner Fences (LIF) = $Q1 - (1.5 \times IQR)$
4. Left Outer Fences (LOF) = $LIF - (1.5 \times IQR)$



NOTE: Do not plot all the values → Only plot the suspect outliers and the outliers!

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Determining Whiskers

Left whisker: ends at a minimum value greater than the LIF

Right whisker: ends at a maximum value less than the RIF

Calculator Tips

1. Enter data into List 1

2. Press F1 (GRPH)

Graph Type: select Box

X List: List 1 (F1)

Frequency: 1

Outlier: ON