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Definitions of Statistics chapters (1 2 3)

Chapter 1

- **Statistics:** is the science of conducting studies to **collect, organize, summarize, analyze,** and **draw conclusions** from data.
- **A Variable:** is characteristic or attribute that **can assume different values.**
- **Data:** are **the values** (measurements or observations) that the variables can assume.
- **Random Variable:** variables whose determined by **chance.**
- **Data set:** **Collection** of data values.
- **Datum** Or a **data value:** **Each value** in the data set
- **A population:** consists of **all subjects** (human or otherwise) that are being studied.
- **A sample :** is **a subset** of the population (is a **group** of subjects selected from a population)
- **Descriptive statistic:** consists of the **collection, organization, summarization,** and **presentation** of data.
- **Inferential statistic:** consists of **generalizing** from samples to populations, performing **estimations** and **hypothesis tests,** determining **relationships** among variables, and making **predictions.** (and **probabilities**)
- **Probability:** the **chance of event** occurring.
- **Qualitative Variables:** are variables that have distinct **categories** , according to some characteristic or attribute.
- **Quantitative variables:** are variables that can be **counted** or **measured.**
- **Discrete Variables:** assume values that can be **counted.**
- **Continuous Variables:** assume an **infinite** number of values between any two specific values. They are obtained by measuring. They often include fractions and decimals
- **Nominal level:** classifies data into **mutually exclusive,** (**non-overlapping**) categories in which **no order or ranking** can be imposed on the data.
- **Ordinal level:** classifies data into categories can **be ranked.** However, precise differences between the ranks do **not exist.**

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- **Interval level** : ranks data and **precise differences** between units of measure do exist, however there is **no meaningful zero**.
- **Ratio level**: possesses all the characteristics of interval measurement and there **exists a true zero**. True ratios exist when the same variable is measured on two different subjects.
- **A random sample**: is a sample in which all members of the population **have an equal chance** of being selected.
- **Systematic sample**: is a sample obtained by selecting **every k th** member of the population where k is a counting number.
- **Stratified sample**: is a sample obtained by dividing the population into subgroups or (strata) according to some characteristic relevant to the study. Then subjects are selected from **each subgroup**.
- **Cluster sample**: is obtained by dividing the population into sections or clusters and then selecting one or more clusters and using **all members** in the cluster(s) as the members of the sample.
- **Observational Study**: The researcher merely **observes** what is happening or what has happened in the past and tries to draw conclusions based on these observations.
- **Experimental Studies**: the researcher **manipulates** one of the variables and tries to determine how the manipulation influences other variables.
- when random assignment is not possible and a researcher uses **intact groups**, then he is performing a **quasi-experimental study**
- **Treatment group**: is a group that **receives** the special instruction/specific treatment.
- **Control group**: **does not receive** the special instruction/specific treatment.
- **Independent or Explanatory variable**: is the variable that **is being manipulated** by the researcher
- **Dependent or Outcome variable**: is the **resultant** variable.
- **A confounding variable**: is the **variable that influences** the dependent or outcome variable but was not be separated from the independent variable.

Chapter 2

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- **Raw data:** When data are collected in **original form**
- **Frequency distribution:** is the **organization** of raw data in table form, using **classes and frequencies**.
- **Class:** **each raw** data value is placed into a quantitative or qualitative **category**.
- **Frequency:** the **number of data values** contained in a specific class
- **Categorical Frequency Distribution:** Used for data that **can be placed** in specific categories, such as **nominal- or ordinal-level** data.
- **Grouped Frequency Distribution:** when the range of values in the data set is **very large**. The data must be grouped into classes that are more than one unit in width.
- **Class limits:** represent the smallest and largest data values that can be **included in a class**.
- **The class boundaries:** are used to separate the class so that there is **no gap** in frequency distribution.
- **Cumulative frequency:** the **sum of the frequencies** accumulated up the upper boundary of a class in the distribution.
- **Cumulative frequency distribution:** is a distribution that shows the number of data values **less than or equal** a specific value (usually an upper boundary)
- **The histogram:** is a graph that displays the data by using **contiguous vertical bars** (unless the frequency of a class is 0) of various heights to represent the frequencies of the classes.
- **The frequency polygon:** is a graph that displays the data by using **lines that connect points** plotted for the frequencies at the midpoints of the classes. The frequencies are represented by the heights of the points.
- **The ogive:** is a graph that represents **the cumulative frequencies** for the classes in a frequency distribution.
- **A bar graph:** represents the data by using **vertical or horizontal** bars whose heights or lengths represent the frequencies of the data .

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- **A Pareto chart:** is used to represent a frequency distribution for a categorical variable, and the frequencies are displayed by the heights of vertical bars, which are arranged in **order from highest to lowest**.
- **A time series graph (line chart):** represents data that occur over a specific **period of time**.
- **A pie graph:** is a **circle** that is divided into sections or wedges according to the percentage of frequencies in each category of the distribution.
- **A dotplot:** is a statistical graph in which each data value is **plotted** as a point (dot) above the **horizontal axis**.
- **A stem and leaf plot:** is a data plot that uses part of a data value as the **stem** and part of the data value as the **leaf** to form groups or classes.

Chapter 3

- **A statistic:** Is a characteristic or measure obtained by using the data values from a **sample**.
- **A parameter:** Is a characteristic or measure obtained by using all the data values from a specific **population**.
- **The mean:** is the **sum** of the values, divided by the total **number of values**.
- **The median:** is the **halfway** point in a data set.
- **The median:** is the midpoint of the **data array**.
- **Data array:** is an **ordered data set**.
- **Mode:** The value that **occurs most often** in a data set
- **The midrange:** is defined as the **sum** of the **lowest and highest** values in the data set, divided by **2**.
- **The range:** is the **difference** between the **highest and lowest** values in a data set.
- **The variance:** is the average of the **squares** of the distance each value is from the mean.
- **The standard deviation:** is the square **root** of the variance.

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- **The coefficient of variation** denoted by Cvar: is the **standard deviation** divided by the **mean**, expressed as a percentage.
- **Quartiles**: divide the data set into **4 equal groups**.
- **The interquartile range (IQR)**: is the difference between the **third** and **first quartiles**.
- **An outlier**: is an **extremely high** or an **extremely low** data value when compare with the rest of the data values

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