

Section 10.3: Measures of Variation

Two Measures of Variation:

1. Range – difference between the largest number and smallest number
2. Standard Deviation – a measure of the variation from the mean
 - a. Population Standard Deviation
 - b. Sample Standard Deviation

Example 1: For this set of numbers—

7 9 18 22 27 29 32 40

- a) Find the Range
- b) Find the Standard Deviation

$$\text{Variance: } s^2 = \frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$$

Standard Deviation is the square root of the variance.

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

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Example 2: Find the Standard Deviation for this grouped data.

Interval	Frequency
20-24	3
25-29	2
30-34	4
35-39	1

Standard Deviation for a Grouped Distribution:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

NOTE: Group Standard Deviation formula is calculated differently from textbook so answers may vary slightly from what is in text.

Chebyshev's Theorem:

For any distribution of numerical data, at least $1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$ of the numbers lie within k standard deviations of the mean.