FOM 11

5.3 Standard Deviation

Histograms for Q Test Components

IQ Verbal SD = 7.9

IQ Math SD = 15.8

SD = 31.6

Deviate: to vary/move away from the Mean Deviation and the mean X, of the data

To describe data numerically, we often use two numbers:

Mean: the average

Let $x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n$ represent any set of values.

Sum (uppor Sigma)

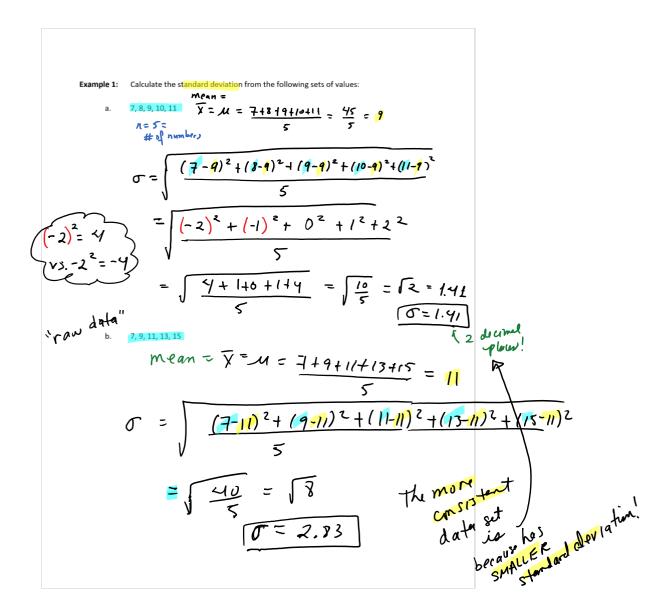
Mean: $\overline{X} = \mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + ... + x_n}{n}$

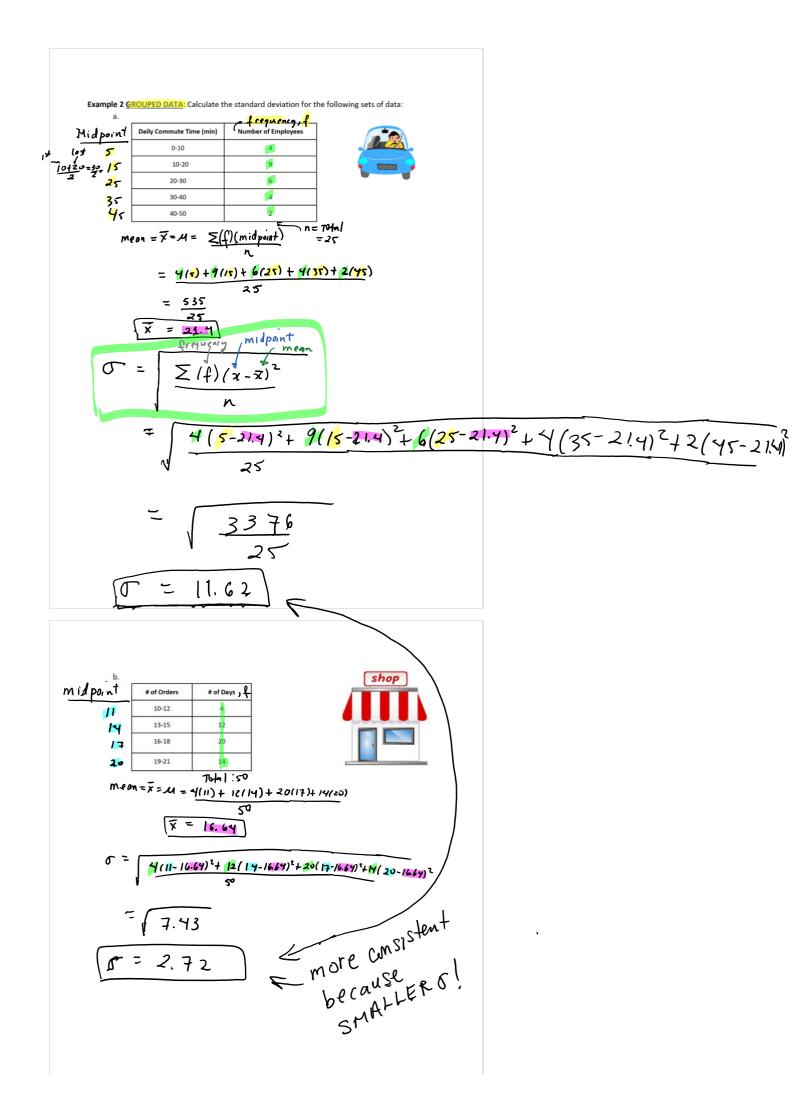
2. Standard Deviation: a measure of the extent to which the data cluster around the mean

Let $x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n$ represent any set of values.

Standard Deviation: $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \overline{x})^2}{N}} = \sqrt{\frac{(x_i - \overline{x})^2 + (x_\ell - \overline{x})^2 + \cdots + (x_n - \overline{x})^2}{N}}$

The smaller the standard deviation, the more consistent the results and the closer the data to the mean.





Assignment: Standard Deviation Worksheet