

Unit 2 Dispersion

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Dispersion = amount of deviations / spread of the observations

Range = largest - smallest value

$$\text{Coefficient} = \frac{L - S}{L + S} \times 100$$

$$\text{Mean Deviation} = \frac{\sum |X_i - A|}{n}$$

about mean

$$= \frac{\sum |X_i - X_{\text{median}}|}{n}$$

about median

$$\text{Coefficient} = \frac{\text{Mean deviation about Mean / Median}}{\text{Mean / Median}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Quartile Deviation} = \frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$$

$$\text{Coefficient} = \frac{QD}{\frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}} \times 100 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{Q_3 + Q_1} \times 100$$

$$\text{Standard Deviation} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}}$$

Variance = square of SD

$$\text{Coefficient of variation} = \frac{SD}{AM} \times 100$$

combined SP

$$\sqrt{\frac{n_1 (SD_1^2 + D_1^2) + n_2 (SD_2^2 + D_2^2)}{n_1 + n_2}}$$

Correcting incorrect SD

$$SD_r = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - (\bar{x}_i)^2}$$

Relationship - 4SD = 5MD = 6SD

Unit - 2 Dispersion

① Dispersion for a given set of observations may be defined as the amount of deviation of the observations.

② way of describing how spread out a set of data is

Absolute (easy)

- dependent on the unit of variable under consideration.
 - calculated with unit
 - different ways -
- ① Range
 - ② Quartile deviation
 - ③ Mean deviation
 - ④ Standard deviation

Relative measure

- unit free - imp for comparison
- for comparing two or more distributions, relative measures are considered.
- different ways - coefficients

I Range = largest value - smallest value

① discrete series (ungrouped) = consider value of x . largest - smallest.

grouped = consider class limits not x boundaries



If not given in ques - assumption - continuous

⊛ continuous series = convert in class boundaries

Range = largest class boundary - smallest class boundary

⊛ coefficient of range

$$\frac{L - S}{L + S} \times 100 \quad (\text{in percentages})$$

⊛ Properties

(sign of b does not matter)

$$y = \underbrace{a}_{\text{origin shift}} + \underbrace{bx}_{\text{scaling}}$$

• not affected by (+) (-) origin & shift

$$R_y = |b| \times R_x$$

• only affected by scaling (\div , \times)

• only magnitude considered

Ideal measure for [characteristics]

- properly defined → easy to comprehend
- simple to compute → includes all observations
- unaffected by sampling fluctuations
- amenable to some further mathematical treatment.

Merits of Range

→ minimum time → easiest

Demerits of Range

- not based on all observations
- poor measure. considers only extreme values. tells nothing about the distribution of no. in between.
- values varies from sampling fluctuations
- not for open-end classes/distribution
- not suitable for further mathematical treatment.

Mean Deviation (subtract)

Average (AM) of the deviations of given values from a measure of central tendency (mean of absolute deviations (| |) from any central tendency - mean / median)

$$\text{Mean deviation} = \frac{\sum |x_i - A|}{n}$$



→ include the deviation of each and every observations.

⊛ Best method - mean deviation from median

$$\frac{\sum |X_i - X_{med}|}{n} = \text{minimum}$$

ie. the sum of the deviations of items from median is least.

⊛ discrete series

$$\frac{\sum f_i |x_i - \bar{x}|}{\sum f_i}$$

⊛ continuous series

(just take value of $x_i =$ class mark / mid value)

(about mean) →

(about median) →

$$\frac{\sum f_i |x_i - x_{med}|}{\sum f_i}$$

$$L + \left(\frac{n - cf}{f} \right) \times h$$

Coefficient of Mean Deviation

$$\frac{\text{Mean deviation about Mean}}{\text{Mean}} \times 100$$

or median. (instead of Mean)

Properties



- ① Mean deviation \rightarrow minimum value when the deviations are taken from the median.
- ② $MD \text{ of } y = |b| MD \text{ of } x$

Merits

- \rightarrow easy and simple \rightarrow rigidly defined
- \rightarrow based on all observations
- \rightarrow less affected by extreme observations

Demerits

- \rightarrow algebraic signs are ignored while taking deviations
- \rightarrow not suitable for further mathematical treatment.
- \rightarrow cannot be calculated for open end classes



Semi Inter - Quartile Deviation - Quartile Range

Inter quartile range is an absolute measure of dispersion defined by formula =

$$Q_3 - Q_1$$

Quartile deviation (semi inter quartile range)

$$= \frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$$

Coefficient of QD = $\frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{\frac{Q_3 + Q_1}{2}} \times 100$

Simply = $\frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{Q_3 + Q_1} \times 100$

→ It is a pure number independent of units of measurement and can be used to compare two distributions expressed in different.

For symmetrical distribution

$$Q_3 - Q_2 = QD \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$Q_2 - Q_1 = QD \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

(Median) $Q_2 = \frac{Q_3 + Q_1}{2}$ solving (1) & (2)

also $\Rightarrow \frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2} \times 100$ coefficient of QD
 $\frac{Q_3 + Q_1}{2}$ (if we divide by 2)

$$= \frac{QD}{\text{Median}} \times 100$$

(only in symmetrical distribution)

Properties

(*) $y = a + bx \quad QD_y = |b| \times QD_x$

Merits

- (*) only measure that can be used in open end classes.
- (*) less affected due to sampling fluctuations (consider only 50%).



used to study variability in the central half part of the data (specially used for this)

Demerits

not based on all observations (only 50%)

not suitable for further mathematical treatment

It is affected considerably by sampling fluctuations.

Standard Deviation (★)

Positive square root of AM of the squares of deviations of the observations from their AM.

denoted by Greek letter (sigma)

Formula =
$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

(root mean square deviation from AM)

⊛

also Formula $\sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2 - (\sum x)^2}{n}}$

⊛

Frequency distribution

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\sum f_i}}$$

✓ or

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sum f_i x_i^2 - \left(\frac{\sum f_i x_i}{\sum f_i}\right)^2}{\sum f_i}}$$

Variance

square of standard deviation

$$\checkmark \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}, \frac{\sum x_i^2 - (\bar{x})^2}{n}$$

$$\checkmark \frac{\sum f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{\sum f_i}, \frac{\sum f_i x_i^2 - (\bar{x})^2}{\sum f_i}$$

⊛

For any two numbers SD is always

$$SD = \frac{|a-b|}{2} \quad [\text{Half of the range}]$$

① Coefficient of Variance = $\frac{SD}{AM} \times 100$

Correcting incorrect values of Mean and Standard Deviation

Given = \bar{X}_w , X_r , X_w , SD_w , N

① $\bar{X}_r = \bar{X}_w + \frac{\sum x_r - \sum x_w}{N}$

② $SD_w = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_w^2}{n} - (\bar{X}_w)^2}$

③ find $\sum x_w^2 = ?$

④ (use above to find $\sum x_r^2$)

④ $\sum x_r^2 = \sum x_w^2 - \sum x_w^2 + \sum x_r^2$

⑤ $SD_r = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_r^2}{n} - (\bar{X}_r)^2}$

Combined standard deviation



$$= \sqrt{\frac{n_1 (SD_1^2 + D_1^2) + n_2 (SD_2^2 + D_2^2)}{n_1 + n_2}}$$

where $D_1 = \bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_{CM}$

$D_2 = \bar{X}_2 - \bar{X}_{CM}$

and so on.

Coefficient of variation

$$= \frac{SD}{\bar{X}} \times 100$$

⊛ Used for comparison of two data (pure no.)

⊛ A distribution for which the coefficient of variation is

smaller is said to be less variable / more consistent / more uniform / more stable / more homogenous

and vice versa



Properties of Standard Deviation (ideal measure)

① suitable for further mathematical treatment

② Related as $y = a + bx$

(independent of origin but not scale)

$$SD_y = |b| SD_x$$

$$\text{Variance}_y = b^2 \text{variance}_x^2$$

③ when all values are equal (say k)
then $SD = 0$

(This property also present in ✓ range
mean deviation)

④ SD of first n natural numbers =
(consecutive terms)

$$\sqrt{\frac{n^2 - 1}{12}}$$

Relationship between SD, MD, SD

$$4 SD = 5 MD = 6 SD$$