

ECI114: Probabilistic Systems Analysis for Engineers

HW # 4, Due: 19May2023, by midnight on Canvas.

Problem:

1. Will the sample mean always correspond to one of the observations in the sample?
2. An article in Human Factors ["Visual Performance on CRT Screens and Hard-Copy Displays" (1989, Vol. 31(3), pp. 247-257)] presented data on visual accommodation (a function of eye movement) when recognizing a speckle pattern on a high-resolution CRT screen. The data are as follows: 36.45, 67.90, 38.77, 42.18, 26.72, 50.77, 39.30, and 49.71. Calculate the sample mean and sample standard deviation. Construct a dot diagram of the data.
3. When will the median of a sample be equal to the sample mean?
4. An article in Technometrics ["Validation of Regression Models: Methods and Examples" (1977, Vol. 19(4), p. 425)] presented the following data on the motor fuel octane ratings of several blends of gasoline:

88.5 98.8 89.6 92.2 92.7 88.4 87.5 90.9 94.7 88.3 90.4
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Construct a stem-and-leaf display for these data. Calculate the median and quartiles of these data.

5. Construct a frequency distribution and histogram for the motor fuel octane data from previous problem. Use eight bins.
6. The "cold start ignition time" of an automobile engine is being investigated by a gasoline manufacturer. The following times (in seconds) were obtained for a test vehicle: 1.75, 1.92, 2.62, 2.35, 3.09, 3.15, 2.53, 1.91
 - (a) Calculate the sample mean, sample variance, and sample standard deviation.
 - (b) Construct a box plot of the data.