

Unit-2

* Measures of Dispersion

• Range:

The range of a set of data is defined as the difference, between the largest and the smallest value in the set.

Symbolically, $\text{Range} = L - S$.

where, $L =$ largest value &
 $S =$ smallest value

• Coefficient of Range:

It is defined by,

Coefficient of range = $\frac{\text{Range}}{\text{Sum of the largest \& smallest values}}$

$$= \frac{L - S}{L + S}$$

* Quartile Deviation:

⇒ How to find quartiles Q_1 , Q_2 , Q_3 , for...

i) Individual Observations,

$$Q_1 = \text{size of } \left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ item.}$$

$$Q_3 = \text{size of } 3\left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ item.}$$

ii) Discrete Series,

$$Q_1 = \text{size of } \left(\frac{N+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ item.}$$

$$Q_3 = \text{size of } \left(\frac{3(N+1)}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ item}$$

iii) Continuous Series;

$$Q_1 = l + \frac{N/4 - c}{f} \times h.$$

$$Q_3 = l + \frac{3N/4 - c}{f} \times h.$$

⇒ Inter-quartile range = $Q_3 - Q_1$.

⇒ Quartile Deviation (Q.D.) = $\frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$.

⇒ Co-efficient of Quartile Deviation
= $\frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{Q_3 + Q_1}$.

* Mean Deviation:-

• Computation of Mean Deviation:-

(i) Individual observation:-

For a given set of n observations X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , the mean deviation (M.D.) about average, say A , is given by,

$$\text{Mean Deviation (about an average } A) = \frac{\sum |X - A|}{n} = \frac{\sum |D|}{n}$$

where $|D| = |X - A|$.

(ii.) Discrete Series:-

In case of discrete series where the variable X takes the values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n with respective frequencies f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n , the mean deviation about an average A is given by,

$$\text{Mean Deviation (about an average } A) = \frac{\sum f |x - A|}{N}$$

$$= \frac{\sum f |D|}{N}$$

where $N = \sum f$ is total of frequency &
 $D = x - A$.

iii.) Continuous Series:

→ The computation of the mean deviation in the case of continuous series is exactly the same as discussed above for discrete series. The only difference is that there we have to obtain the mid values of various classes and take absolute

deviation of these values from the average A . Thus, if X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are the class mid values of a set of grouped data with corresponding class frequencies f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n , then mean deviation about an average A is given by

Mean Deviation (about an average A)

$$= \frac{\sum f |X - A|}{N} = \frac{\sum f |D|}{N}$$

where $N = \sum f$ is total frequency.

⇒ Co-efficient of Mean Deviation:

Coefficient of M.D. = $\frac{\text{Mean Deviation}}{\text{Average about which it is calculated}}$

∴ co-efficient of M.D. about mean = $\frac{M.D.}{\text{Mean}}$

∴ co-efficient of M.D. about median = $\frac{M.D.}{\text{Median}}$

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NOTE:-

The mean deviations gives the best results when deviations are taken from median. Thus when nothing is specified in the

question, that about which the deviation is calculated, we shall take deviation from median.

* Standard Deviation:

• Calculation of Standard Deviation:

(i) Individual observations:

- The standard deviation of a set of n observations X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is given as,

$$(S.D.) = \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{(X_1 - \bar{X})^2 + (X_2 - \bar{X})^2 + \dots + (X_n - \bar{X})^2}{n}}$$

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

where $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum X}{n}$ is the arithmetic mean of the given observations.

(ii) Discrete Series:

- In the case, of discrete series, we have n observations X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n and we are also given the corresponding

frequency as f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n then standard deviation is given as,

$$(S.D.) \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{f_1(x_1 - \bar{x})^2 + f_2(x_2 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + f_n(x_n - \bar{x})^2}{f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(x - \bar{x})^2}{N}}$$

where $N = \sum f$ is the total frequency. &
 $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{N}$ is the arithmetic mean.

(iii) Continuous Series:

In the case of continuous series we will have x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n as mid-values along with the corresponding frequency, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n , then the S.D. (σ) is given as,


Standard deviation (σ).

$$= \sqrt{\frac{f_1(x_1 - \bar{x})^2 + f_2(x_2 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + f_n(x_n - \bar{x})^2}{f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(x - \bar{x})^2}{N}}$$

where $N = \sum f$ is the total frequency &

$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{N}$ is the arithmetic mean.

 Variance:-

The variance of given set of observations is defined as the square of its standard deviation and it is denoted by σ^2 ,

Thus,

→ In case of individual observation,
$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}$$

→ And In case of Discrete series & Continuous series,

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum f(x - \bar{x})^2}{N}$$

* Different Methods of Calculating Standard Deviation:-

(i) For Individual Observation:

⇒ By defⁿ of S.D it is given by,

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}} \quad \text{where } \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

• formula-1 (short-cut method)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2}{n} - (\bar{x})^2}$$

• formula-2 (Assumed Mean method)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum d^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum d}{n}\right)^2}, \quad \text{where } d = x - A$$

• formula-3 (Step-deviation Method)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum u^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum u}{n}\right)^2} \times c$$

where $u = \frac{x - A}{c}$ and $c = \text{common factor}$

(ii.) for Discrete & Continuous Series:-

⇒ By defⁿ of s.d, it is given as,

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

where $N = \sum f$ & $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{N}$

• formula-1 (Short-cut Method)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum fx^2}{N} - \left(\frac{\sum fx}{N}\right)^2}$$

• formula-2 (Assumed Mean Method)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum fd^2}{N} - \left(\frac{\sum fd}{N}\right)^2}, \text{ where } d = x - A.$$

• formula-3 (Step-deviation Method)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum fu^2}{N} - \left(\frac{\sum fu}{N}\right)^2} \times h.$$

where $u = \frac{x-A}{h}$.

* Combined Standard Deviation:

→ If $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_k$ be the means, $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k$ be the standard deviations and n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k be the number of observations in each set, then the standard deviations of combined data with $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k$ observation is given by

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{n_1(\sigma_1^2 + d_1^2) + n_2(\sigma_2^2 + d_2^2) + \dots + n_k(\sigma_k^2 + d_k^2)}{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k}}$$

where $d_1 = \bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}$, $d_2 = \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}$, \dots , $d_k = \bar{x}_k - \bar{x}$

$$\text{and } \bar{x} = \frac{n_1\bar{x}_1 + n_2\bar{x}_2 + \dots + n_k\bar{x}_k}{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k}$$

is combined mean.

* Coefficient of S.D. :-

It is given as,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{co-efficient of Standard Deviation} &= \frac{\text{S.D.}}{\text{Mean}} \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \end{aligned}$$

* Co-efficient of Variation :-

It is given as,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Co-efficient of variation} &= \frac{\text{S.D.}}{\text{Mean}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100\end{aligned}$$

NOTE:-

→ Co-efficient of Variation can be used to compare the variability of two or more sets of data.

- A distribution for which the coefficient of variation is smaller is considered as more consistent, more stable data.