

One sample has a mean of $M = 4$ and a second sample has a mean of $M = 8$. The two samples are combined into a single set of scores. **HINT:** Linear equation problem solving for an unknown.

a. What is the mean for the combined set if both of the original samples have $n = 7$ scores?

b. What is the mean for the combined set if the first sample has $n = 3$ and the second sample has $n = 7$?

c. What is the mean for the combined set if the first sample has $n = 7$ and the second sample has $n = 3$?

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A geography exam was given to samples of high school seniors and college students. The lowest possible score on the exam is 0 and the highest possible score is 75. The data showing the test scores are below:

High school seniors (Sample A):

28 30 33 35 40
40 45 40 50 55

College students (Sample B):

35 38 40 40 40
40 40 41 42 45

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Find the mean, median, and mode for Sample A?



Find the mean, median, and mode for Sample B?



Based on these measures, does it appear that one group is more knowledgeable than the other? Explain.

Draw a distribution with a mean of 10, a median of 20, and a mode of 30. Does it have a positive or negative skew?

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Marta wants at least a 90% in History class. The grade is based on an average of 5 exams, each worth 100 points. On the first four exams, she earned 82, 85, 90 and 94. What is the lowest score Marta can earn on the fifth exam?

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During their first swim through a water maze, fifteen laboratory rats made the following number of errors (*blind alleyway entrances*):

2, 17, 5, 3, 28, 7, 5, 8, 5, 6, 2, 12, 10, 4, 3

Find the mode(s), median, and mean for these data.

Without creating a graph, would you characterize the shape of this distribution as symmetric, positively or negatively skewed?



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HOW ABOUT SOME AZ GEOGRAPHY STATISTICS. DID YOU KNOW THAT DESPITE ITS ARID CLIMATE, 27% OF ARIZONA IS COVERED BY FOREST. THAT'S ABOUT AS MUCH FOREST COVERAGE AS THERE IS IN FRANCE AND GERMANY!!!



On a standardized reading achievement test, the nationwide average for 7th grade children is $\mu = 7.0$. A 7th grade teacher is interested in comparing class reading scores with the national average. The scores for the 16 students in this class are as follows:

8, 6, 5, 10, 5, 6, 8, 9,
7, 6, 9, 5, 14, 4, 7, 6



Find the mean and the median reading scores.

How do both of these measures of central tendency compare to the national norm?

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For each of the following situations, identify the measure of central tendency (mean, median, or mode) that would provide the best description of the "average" score:

a. A researcher asks each individual in a sample of 50 adults to name his or her favorite season.

b. An insurance company would like to determine how long people remain hospitalized after a routine appendectomy. The data from a large sample indicate that most people are released after 2 or 3 days but a few develop infections and stay in the hospital for weeks.

c. A teacher measures scores on a standardized reading test for a sample of children from a middle-class, suburban elementary school.

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'STATISTICS MEANS NEVER HAVING TO SAY YOU'RE CERTAIN.'

Solve the following problems:

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- a. A sample of $n = 12$ scores has a mean of $M=6$. What is the value of ΣX for this sample?
- b. A sample of $N = 5$ scores has a mean of $M = 8$. If one new person with a score of $X = 2$ is added to the sample, what will be the value for the NEW mean?
- c. A sample of $N=10$ scores has a mean of $M = 9$. If one score with a value of $X=12$ is removed from the sample, what will be the NEW value for the sample mean?
- d. A sample of $n = 6$ scores has a mean of $M = 10$. If one score is changed from $X = 14$ to $X = 2$, what will be the value for the NEW sample mean?

Find the mean, median and mode for the set of scores in the following frequency distribution table:

X	f
10	1
9	9
8	5
7	3
6	1
5	1

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