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## STUDY MATERIAL: FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION AND MEAN

## Important Formulae and Concepts

## Frequency Distribution: Introduction

To understand frequency distribution, let us first start with a simple example. We consider the marks obtained by ten students from a class in a test to be given as follows:

## $23,26,11,18,09,21,23,30,22,11$

This form of data is known as raw data. A statistical measure called range can be defined. It is the difference between the largest and smallest values of a data set. Here, range $=30-09=21$.

Frequency Distribution Table
Now, imagine how difficult and cumbersome this process would get if there were a larger number of observations. If we were to include the test scores of all 20 students in this class, it would be very difficult to understand and interpret such data unless it is 'organized'.

The objective of statistical interpretation is to organize data into a concise form so that interpretation and analysis become easy. It is for this reason that we organize larger data into a table called the frequency distribution table.

## Tally Marks and Frequency Distribution

As the name suggests tally marks shows the number of times an object or data is repeating. The organisation of this data in a tabular form is the frequency distribution table. We have used the term 'data'. What is data? Let us know some of the commonly used terms.

Terminologies

- Data: Data is a collection of numbers. They are gathered and organised to give some information. Data put in their original form as they are collected are raw data.
- Observation: Each of the value in the raw data is an observation.

[^0]Data are collected on the basis of requirement or the needed information. Data are mainly of two types primary and secondary data.

- Primary Data: The data collected directly from the source is primary data. Suppose when you need to collect data for the favourite game of your classmates. You ask them directly. This is the primary data.
- Secondary Data: The collection of data indirectly or from some external source is the secondary data. These sources can be newspapers, magazines, television, internet etc. Suppose if you have to collect the data on the number of branches of your favourite restaurant in different cities. You may collect the data from newspapers or the internet. Such data is the secondary data.


## Organization of the Data

Now that you have your data, what can be done with them? These data are raw data. We have to organise it in some meaningful way to take out the information. Consider the example of a collection of data of your favourite sport. From this raw data, you can count the number of the people who like a particular sport.

## Tally Marks

Tally marks are the representation of the data in the form of vertical lines. We put one vertical line (|) for each of the four counts. A diagonal line $(\backslash)$ is put for the fifth count. These marks are tally marks.

- Tally marks for Number 4 is ||||
- Number 5 is represented as NN
- The representation of 6 as NHI and so on.


## Frequency Distribution

The representation of the various observations and tally marks in a form of table is the frequency distribution. The frequency is the number of the times an observation occurs. It is the number of repetitions. Consider in a class of 30 students, 5 like badminton. 10 students like cricket, 3 like tennis, 4 like football, 7 like volleyball and 1 likes hockey.

Representation of this data:

| Sports | Number of Students = frequency | Tally Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Badminton | 5 | NH |
| Cricket | 10 | HN NH |
| Football | 4 | IIII |
| Hockey | 1 | \| |
| Tennis | 3 | 111 |
| Volleyball | 7 | HNII |

This table is the frequency distribution table or the frequency table. Each item of this table, badminton, cricket etc. is an observation. The number of the students is the frequency.

## Ungrouped Data

Let the test scores of all 20 students be as follows:
$23,26,11,18,09,21,23,30,22,11,21,20,11,13,23,11,29,25,26,26$

Note that the term frequency refers to the number of times an observation occurs or appears in a data set. Hence, in case of repetitions, the frequency increases. The table below will help you understand this better:

| Marks obtained in the test | No. of students (Frequency) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 09 | 1 |
| 11 | 4 |
| 13 | 1 |
| 18 | 1 |
| 20 | 1 |
| 21 | 2 |
| 22 | 1 |
| 23 | 3 |
| 25 | 1 |
| 26 | 3 |
| 29 | 1 |
| 30 | 1 |
| Total | 20 |

In the example above, the frequency refers to the number of students getting a particular mark in the test. Also, note that your frequency must always total the number of observations after tallying. Here, the total we have obtained after tallying the test scores of the students is 20 which is also the number of observations given.

A frequency distribution such as the one above is called an ungrouped frequency distribution table. It takes into account ungrouped data and calculates the frequency for each observation singularly.

## Grouped Data

Now consider the situation where we want to collect data on the test scores of five such classes i.e. of 100 students. It becomes difficult to tally for each and every score of all 100 students. Besides, the table we will obtain will be very large in length and not understandable at once. In this case, we use what is called a grouped frequency distribution table.

Such tables take into consideration groups of data in the form of class intervals to tally the frequency for the data that belongs to that particular class interval.

Take a look at the table below to understand the concept better:

| Marks obtained in the test (Class Interval) | No. of students (Frequency) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $0-5$ | 3 |
| $5-10$ | 11 |
| $10-15$ | 38 |
| $15-20$ | 9 |
| $20-25$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| $25-30$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Total |  |

The first column here represents the marks obtained in class interval form. The lowest number in a class interval is called the lower limit and the highest number is called the upper limit. This example is a case of continuous class intervals as the upper limit of one class is the lower limit of the following class.

Note that in continuous cases, any observation corresponding to the extreme values of a class is always included in that class where it is the lower limit. For example, if we had a student who has scored 5 marks in the test, his marks would be included in the class interval 5-10 and not 0-5.

Analogous to continuous class intervals are disjoint class intervals. An example of such as case would be $0-4,5-9,10-14$, and so on. The frequency distribution can be done for disjoint data as well, similar to how it is done above.

Range and Mean Deviation for Grouped Data

Most of the data we deal with in real life is in a grouped form. The amount of data is generally large and is associated with corresponding frequencies (sometimes we divide data items into class intervals). For example- we are given data about people of varying age groups in a library. The data will be displayed as classified into intervals associated with their frequencies depending on the number of people belonging to each interval. Here, we will be studying methods to calculate range and mean deviation for grouped data.

## Median

Median refers to the value which lies in the middle of the data when data is arranged in an increasing or decreasing order. Half of the observations lie above the median and the other half below it.

To calculate the median, the data is first arranged in an ascending or descending order. Then the middle value is observed.

For eg; 2, 4, 6, 8, 9
6 is the median in this case since it lies in the middle. There are two observations above and below 6.
In case of odd number of observation, the value of median is one of the observations in the existing data.

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In case of even number of observations, the value of median is not one of the observations in the existing data.

For eg : 2,4, $\underline{6}, \underline{8}, 9,10$
The median is the average of two middle numbers 6 and 8 .
Median $=6+8 / 2$
Median $=10 / 2=5$

Problem: The scores in mathematics test (out of 25) of 15 students is as follows:
$19,25,23,20,9,20,15,10,5,16,25,20,24,12,20$
Find the mean of this data.

Solution:
The data is first arranged in an ascending order. We get :
5,9,10,12,15,16,19,20,20,20,20,23,24,25,25
It can be seen from this arrangement that 20 at the eight place is in the middle of the data. There are 7 observations below 20 and 7 observations above 20 .

Therefore, 20 is the median of the data.

Problem: The weights (in kg.) of 15 students of a class are:
$38,42,35,37,45,50,32,43,43,40,36,38,43,38,47$
Find the mode and median of this data.

## Solution:

Firstly, data will be arranged in an ascending order in a tabular format.

| Weight | Frequency |
| :--- | :--- |
| 32 | 1 |
| 35 | 1 |
| 36 | 1 |
| 37 | 1 |
| 38 | 3 |
| 40 | 1 |
| 42 | 1 |
| 43 | 3 |
| 45 | 1 |
| 47 | 1 |
| 50 | 1 |

The observation with the highest frequency is the mode. 38 kgs and 43 kgs are the mode since the maximum numbers of students have these two weights. The frequency is maximum at these two observations, which is 3 .

To find out the median, the data is first arranged in ascending order. Hence, the table has weights in ascending order.
(ii) Is there more than one mode?

There are two modes because two observations have highest and equal frequency. The two observations are 38 and 43.
Mean Median Mode Formula
The Mean, Median and Mode are the arithmetic average of a data set. This is found by adding the numbers in a data set and dividing by how many numbers there are. The median is the middle number in a data set when the numbers are listed in either ascending or descending order. The mode is the value that occurs the most often in a data set, and the range is the difference between the highest and lowest values in a data set.

## The Mean

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\operatorname{Avg}(x)=\sum x / N
$$

Here,
$\sum$ represents the summation
X represents scores
N represents number of scores.
The Median
If the total number of numbers( $n$ ) is an odd number, then the formula is given below:

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\text { Median=((n+1)/2) })^{\text {th }} \text { term }
$$

If the total number of the numbers( $n$ ) is an even number, then the formula is given below:

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\text { Median }=\left((\mathrm{n} / 2)^{\text {th }} \text { term }+(\mathrm{n} / 2+1)^{\text {th }} \text { term }\right) / 2
$$

## The Mode

The mode is the most frequently occurring score or value.

## SOLVED NUMERICALS

Question 1: The following is the distribution for the age of the students in a school:
Age
0-5
5-10
10-15
15-20
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { No. of Students } & 35 & \mathbf{4 5} & \mathbf{5 0} & 30\end{array}$

## Calculate:

- The lower limit of the first class interval.
- The class limits of the third class.
- The class mark for the interval 5-10.
- The class size.

Answer:

- The lower limit of the first class interval i.e. 0-5 is ' 0 '.
- The class limits of the third class, i.e. 10-15 are 10 (lower limit) and 15 (upper limit).
- The classmark is defined as the average of the upper and lower limits of a class. For 5-10, the classmark is $(5+10) / 2=7.5$
- The class size is the difference between the lower and upper class-limits. Here, we have a uniform class size, which is equal to $5(5-0,10-5,15-10,20-15$ are all equal to 5$)$.

Question 2: Discuss the differences between the frequency table and the frequency distribution table?

Answer: The frequency table is said to be a tabular method where each part of the data is assigned to its corresponding frequency. Whereas, a frequency distribution is generally the graphical representation of the frequency table.

Question 3: What are the numerous types of frequency distributions?

Answer: Different types of frequency distributions are as follows:

1. Grouped frequency distribution.
2. Ungrouped frequency distribution.
3. Cumulative frequency distribution.
4. Relative frequency distribution.
5. Relative cumulative frequency distribution, etc.

Question 4: What are some characteristics of the frequency distribution?

Answer: Some major characteristics of the frequency distribution are given as follows:

1. Measures of central tendency and location i.e. mean, median, and mode.
2. Measures of dispersion i.e. range, variance, and the standard deviation.
3. The extent of the symmetry or asymmetry i.e. skewness.
4. The flatness or the peakedness i.e. kurtosis.

Question 5: What is the importance of frequency distribution?

Answer: The value of the frequency distributions in statistics is excessive. A well-formed frequency distribution creates the possibility of a detailed analysis of the structure of the population. So, the groups where the population breaks down are determinable.

Question 6: Find the mean, median, mode, and range for the following list of values: $13,18,13,14$, $13,16,14,21,13$

## Solution:

Given sequence: $13,18,13,14,13,16,14,21,13$
The mean is the usual average, so:
$13+18+13+14+13+16+14+21+139=15$
Note that the mean isn't a value from the original list. This is a common result. You should not assume that your mean will be one of your original numbers.

The median is the middle value, so to rewrite the list in order:

## $13,13,13,13,14,14,16,18,21$

There are nine numbers in the list, so the middle one will be
$9+12=102=5$
$=5$ th number, so, the median is 14 .
The mode is the number that is repeated more often than any other, so 13 is the mode.
The largest value in the list is 21 , and the smallest is 13 , so the range is $21-13=8$.
mean: 15
median: 14
mode: 13
range: 8

Question 7: For the given table, fill the blanks.

| Frequency | Tally Marks |
| :---: | :---: |
| 9 | - |
| - | \||| |
| 7 | - |
| - | \|||| |
| 16 | - |
| - | 1 |
| - | \||| |
| 5 | -- |
| - | \|| |
| 11 | - |

Answer : The complete table is

| Frequency | Tally Marks |
| :---: | :---: |
| 9 | HNIIII |
| 3 | 111 |
| 7 | NHII |
| 4 | IIII |
| 16 | NHNHNI |
| 1 |  |
| 3 | 111 |
| 5 | HN |
| 2 | 11 |
| 11 | NHNHI |

Question 8: Below is the marks of 35 students in English test (out of 10). Arrange these marks in tabular form using tally marks. $5,8,7,6,10,8,2,4,6,3,7,5,8,5,1,7,4,6,3,5,2,8,4,2,6,4,2,8$, 9, 5, 4, 7, 5, 5, 8 .
a. How many students scored more than $\mathbf{7}$ marks?
b. What is the mark scored by the maximum students? What is the number of the students?
c. How many students scored less than and equal to $\mathbf{5 ?}$

Answer : The frequency table is

| Marks | Number of Students = Frequency | Tally Marks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | \| |
| 2 | 4 | \|||| |
| 3 | 2 | 11 |
| 4 | 5 | NH. |
| 5 | 7 | H+NII |
| 6 | 4 | \|||| |
| 7 | 4 | \|||| |
| 8 | 6 | HNI |
| 9 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | 1 | , |
| Total | 35 |  |

a. The number of students with more than 7 marks $=6+1+1=8$.
b. The maximum students scored 5 marks. The number of students is 7 .
c. The number of students with less than and equal to 5 marks $=19$.

Question 9: How do tally marks look like?

Answer: The tally marks are simple straight lines. These are useful for keeping track of something. Just like the scores of different players in a sport or results from some survey or research. The use of the tally marks is an easy and great way to present the information.

Question 10: What is the tally chart and tally marks when it comes to statistics?

Answer: A tally chart is said to be a simple method used for the collection of data with the tally marks. The tally marks are basically the frequencies, occurrences, or the sum numbers we measure for a particular category in a set of data.

Question 11: Why are the tally marks essential?

Answer: The tally marks are important as we mainly use them to keep the record of a running or continuous count. These marks are so useful for recording and maintaining the scores in a game or a sport.

## Question 12: What is the tally frequency table?

Answer: A tally frequency table is generally known as a tally chart. It is a method of collecting the data with the tally marks.

## Solution of Previous Years' Question Papers

2019
$1^{\text {st }}$ term
9) Find the mean of the first ten natural numbers

Mean $=\frac{1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10}{10}=\frac{55}{10}=5.5$
10) If the mean of $16,14, x, 23,20$ is 18 , find the value of $x$.
$\frac{14+16+x+20+23}{5}=18$
or, $x=90-73=17$
$3^{\text {rd }}$ Term
viii) The heights in cm of 45 boys are given below. Find the mean height.

| Height | 155 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 159 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 4 | 15 | 8 | 6 | 12 |

Ans- Mean $=(155 \times 4+156 \times 15+157 \times 8+158 \times 6+159 \times 12) /(4+15+8+6+12)=7072 / 45=$
157.15

2018
$1^{\text {st }}$ Term
(v) The daily maximum temperature recorded in degree celcius at Jaipur during the first week of June, 2016 was as under $42,43,40,44,46,45,42$. Find the mean temperature recorded.
(v) Mean Temperature $=\frac{\text { Sum of all values }}{\text { Number of observations }}=\frac{42+43+40+44+46+45+42}{7}=\frac{302}{7}=43.14^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
(vi) Find the mean of the following marks obtained by students of a class:

| Marks | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of students | 9 | 7 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 6 |

(vii) Find the combined average age of a group of 150 people, if the average age of 50 people is 30 and that of the other 100 people is 60 .
(vi)

| Table for computation of mean |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Marks $(x)$ | No. of Students $(f)$ | $f x$ |
| 15 | 9 | 135 |
| 20 | 7 | 140 |
| 25 | 12 | 300 |
| 30 | 14 | 420 |
| 35 | 15 | 525 |
| 40 | 6 | 240 |
|  | $\sum f=63=N$ | $\sum f x=1760$ |

Mean $(\bar{x})=\frac{\Sigma f x}{\Sigma f}=\frac{1760}{63}=27.93$ marks.
(vii) Combined average age $=\frac{(50 \times 30)+(100 \times 60)}{150}=50$ years.
(viii) $1.364 \times 0.06=0.08184$

## Or

$\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^{2+4}=\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^{6}$ [ Since, bases are equal]
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Term
vii) if mean of $x, x+2, x+4, x+6, x+8$ is 24 .Find $x$.
(iv) The mean of $16,14, x, 23,20$ is 28
$\therefore \frac{16+14+x+23+20}{5}=18$
Or $73+x=90$
Or $\mathrm{x}=17$.

## $3^{\text {rd }}$ Term

(ii) Following are the ages of 10 students in a school- $40,35,39,50,42,38,29,48,26,56$. Find the mean age.
Sum of the ages $=403 ; \therefore$ mean age $=\frac{403}{10}=40.3$ years.
(vii) The heights in cm of 50 boys are given below. Find the mean height.

| Height | 155 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 159 | 160 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 4 | 15 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 5 |


| Height $(\mathrm{x})$ | Frequency $(\mathrm{f})$ | fx |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 155 | 4 | $155 \times 4=620$ |
| 156 | 15 | $156 \times 15=2340$ |
| 157 | 8 | $157 \times 8=1256$ |
| 158 | 6 | $158 \times 6=948$ |
| 159 | 12 | $159 \times 12=1908$ |
| 160 | 5 | $160 \times 5=800$ |
|  | $\varepsilon f=50=\mathrm{N}$ | $\varepsilon f x=7872$ |

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\text { Mean }=\bar{x}=\frac{\varepsilon f x}{\varepsilon f}=\frac{7872}{50}=157.44 \mathrm{~cm} .
$$

## Exercise Problems

1. Are the mean, median and mode of the following data the same? If not which item among this may be deleted so as to make the mean, median and mode the same? $47 \quad 40 \quad 36 \quad 40 \quad 42 \quad 45 \quad 40$
2. Find median and mode of the following information: $2,2,3,5,5,7,8$
3. Two bowlers, Srinath and Akhtar, played six games with the following results: Bowler Game 1 Game 2 Game 3 Game 4 Game 5 Game 6 Srinath 185135200185250155 Akhtar 182185188185180190 What are the median and mode scores for Srinath? What are the median and mode scores for Akhtar?
4. If six children receive daily allowances of Rs. 4.10, Rs. 4.32, Rs. 5.52, Rs. 7.18, Rs. 7.92 and Rs. 9.58 , what is their median allowance?
5. Below are the number of goals scored in 1998 by the top five scorers on each of three National hockey League teams. Use this information to complete the chart. Team Goals Goals Goals Goals Goals Mean Median Mode India $3525301919 \quad$ Sril Lanka $4525141314 \quad$ China 32181421 21
6. Calculate median and mode for following data : $23,45,46,12,34,87$, $78,12,65,33,19,34,55,67,81,12,56,98,11,49,50$
7. Consider the following data: $2,2,2,5,5,9,9,10,10$ Find whether mode and median of the data are same or different.
8. The median of the given data is 29 arranged in increasing order of value. What is the value of $x$ ? $x, 20,2 x+6,2 x+9,40,45,52$
9. Find the mode of the given data. Heights of basketball players (in.) 7572 79757878
10. The given data is arranged in ascending order. The sum of mode and median of the given data is 15 . Find the value of $y . y-1, y-1, y+1, y+4$, $2 y+1,3 y, 4 y$
11. Find the mean of the following data.
(a) $9,7,11,13,2,4,5,5$
(b) $16,18,19,21,23,23,27,29,29,35$
(c) $2.2,10.2,14.7,5.9,4.9,11.1,10.5$ (d) $1^{1} / 4,2^{1} / 2,5^{1} / 2,3^{1} / 4,2^{1} / 2$
12. Find the mean of first ten whole numbers.
13. Find the mean of first 5 prime numbers.
14. The mean of $8,11,6,14, x$ and 13 is 66 . Find the value of the observation $x$.
15. The mean of $6,8, x+2,10,2 x-1$, and 2 is 9 . Find the value of $x$ and also the value of the observation in the data.
16. Find the mean of the following distribution.
(a) The age of 20 boys in a locality is given below.

| Age in Years | 12 | 10 | 15 | 14 | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Boys | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 |

(b) Marks obtained by 40 students in an exam are given below.

| Marks | 25 | 30 | 15 | 20 | 24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Students | 8 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 4 |

(c)

| $\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{i}}$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{i}}$ | 4 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 3 |

(d) The daily wages of 50 employees in an organization are given below:

| Daily wages (in \$) | $100-150$ | $150-200$ | $200-250$ | $250-300$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Workers | 12 | 13 | 17 | 8 |

Find the mean daily wages.
17. Find the mode of the following data.
(a) $12,8,4,8,1,8,9,11,9,10,12,8$
(b) $15,22,17,19,22,17,29,24,17,15$
(c) $0,3,2,1,3,5,4,3,42,1,2,0$
(d) $1,7,2,4,5,9,8,3$
18. The runs scored in a cricket match by 11 players is as follows:
$7,16,121,51,101,81,1,16,9,11,16$
Find the mean, mode, median of this data.
19. The weights in kg of 10 students are given below:
$39,43,36,38,46,51,33,44,44,43$
Find the mode of this data. Is there more than 1 mode? If yes, why?
20. The marks obtained by 40 students out of 50 in a class are given below in the table.

| Marks (in \$) | 42 | 36 | 30 | 45 | 50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Students | 7 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 2 |

Find the mode of the above data.
21. The number of rupee notes of different denominations are given below in the table.

| Denominations (Rs) | 10 | 20 | 5 | 50 | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Notes | 40 | 30 | 10 | 25 | 20 |

Find the mode of the above data.
22. Find the median of the following data.
(a) $27,39,49,20,21,28,38$
(b) $10,19,54,80,15,16$
(c) $47,41,52,43,56,35,49,55,42$
(d) $12,17,3,14,5,8,7,15$
23. The following observations are arranged in ascending order. The median of the data is 25 find the value of $x$.
$17, x, 24, x+7,35,36,46$
24. The mean of the following distribution is 26 . Find the value of $p$ and also the value of the observation.

| $\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{i}}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{i}}$ | 3 | 3 | p | 7 | $\mathrm{p}-1$ | 4 |

Also, find the mode and the given data.


[^0]:    Types of Data

