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Purpose

The mean, median & mode is usually not by itself a sufficient measure to find the shape of a distribution of a data set.

We also need a measure that can provide some information about the variation among data set values.



Definition

The measure that help us to know about the spread of a data set is called measure of dispersion.

Measure of dispersion is also called measure of variation or scatteredness or spreadness.

• The measure of central tendency & measure of dispersion taken together gives a better picture of a data set.

Types

There are main five types of measure of dispersion.

Measure of Dispersion



Measure of Dispersion

Properties (or Characteristic) of good measure of dispersion

- It is easy to understand.
- It is easy to calculate.
- It depends on all the observations (or values).
- It is rigidly defined by mathematical formula.
- It is not effected by extreme values (small or large values).
- It is capable for further mathematical calculations.
- It is least affected by fluctuation of sampling.

Suggested Readings & References

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- 1) Statistical Methods: P.N. Arora, Sumeet Arora & S. Arora; S. Chand & Company Ltd.
- 2) Fundamental of Mathematical Statistics: S.C. Gupta & V. Kapoor; Sultan Chand & Sons.
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