

FST NOTES 1-2

TOPIC: Centers of Data and Weighted Averages

GOAL

Discuss summation notation and the idea of weighted averages.

SPUR Objectives

- A Calculate measures of center and spread for data sets.
- B Calculate averages with weights, frequencies, and relative frequencies.
- C Use Σ -notation to represent a sum or mean.
- D Describe relations between measures of center and spread.

We strongly recommend *not* discussing this lesson until students have had an opportunity to read it and try the questions on their own. Reading mathematics may be a new expectation for some students. To be most effective, the reading of mathematics should be an active, not passive, process. Students should read with a pencil in hand and paper to write on, watching for important terms and symbols.

After READING the NOTES

Answer the following:

1) What do I already know?

2) What did I learn?

3) Where will I use it?

VOCABULARY

mean AVERAGE

median MIDDLE # OR AVG. OF 2 MIDDLE #'S

measures of center, MEAN, MEDIAN, MODE
measures of central tendency

mode MOST FREQUENT #

subscripted variables $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$

Σ , sigma SUM

index, i INDICATES WHICH SUBSCRIPTED VARIABLES ARE BEING ADDED

summation notation, sigma notation, Σ -notation

weighted average

relative frequency

RATIO OF EVENT COMPARED TO TOTAL

CALC STEPS

(STAT), #1 Edit, enter data in L1

(STAT) \rightarrow CALC, #1 1-Var Stats, L1 (2nd) (1)

\bar{x} : MEAN \downarrow for MEDIAN (MEDI)

In 1-3, give the mean, median, and mode of the data set.

$$\text{MEAN: } \frac{220}{10} = 22 \quad \text{MODE: } 30$$

$$1. \ 0, 10, 15, 20, 20, 25, 30, 30, 30, 40 \quad \text{MEDIAN: } \frac{20+25}{2} = 22.5$$

$$2. \ 100, 110, 115, 120, 120, 125, 130, 130, 130, 140 \quad \text{MEAN: } \frac{1220}{10} = 122$$

$$3. \ x, x+10, x+15, x+20, x+20, x+25, x+30, x+30, x+30, x+40 \quad \text{MODE: } 130 \quad \text{MEDIAN: } \frac{120+125}{2} = 122.5$$

$$\text{MEAN: } \frac{10x + 220}{10} = x + 22$$

$$\text{MEDIAN: } \frac{2x + 45}{2} = x + 22.5$$

$$\text{MODE: } x + 30$$

SUM OF THE PRODUCTS OF THE VALUES MULTIPLIED BY THE SUM OF THE WEIGHTS, DIVIDED BY THE SUM OF THE WEIGHTS

Example 2 A family-friendly beach resort has a total of 32 family suites.

Let g_i = the number of guests who checked into each suite.

a. What does $\sum_{i=1}^{32} g_i$ represent?

$g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + \dots + g_{32}$
= Total guests who checked in

b. Use \sum -notation to express the mean number of guests per room.

$$\frac{1}{32} \sum_{i=1}^{32} g_i \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{32} g_i}{32}$$

x_i = a value in data set

w_i = the weight of value

Weighted Average Formula

$$\frac{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_n x_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}$$

Weighted Averages - an average calculated when all items do not influence the average by the same factor



GPA is a weighted average

In a college economics course, suppose that homework counts for 25%, quizzes 10%, tests 45%, and attendance 20% of each student's overall grade. Frances and her friend Adam earned the following scores during the semester. Who received the higher overall course grade?

		Frances	Adam
25%	Homework	89	95
10%	Quizzes	82	90
45%	Tests	87	92
20%	Attendance	100	70

By hand:

Frances

$$\frac{(.25)(89) + (.10)(82) + (.45)(87) + (.20)(100)}{(.25 + .10 + .45 + .20)} = \boxed{89.62}$$

Adam

$$\frac{(.25)(95) + (.10)(90) + (.45)(92) + (.20)(70)}{(.25 + .10 + .45 + .20)} = \boxed{88.152}$$

Using Calculator:

STAT - EDIT

enter grades: Frances in L1
Adam in L2

enter weights (as decimals) in L3

Frances: L4 = L1 * L3

2ND LIST - MATH -5:sum(L4)

Adam: L5 = L2 * L3

2ND LIST - MATH -5:sum(L5)

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Example 4

To celebrate the opening of a new branch, a clothing store advertised that the first 200 customers would randomly receive free gift cards valued a \$5, \$15, \$50, or \$100. An internal memo to the new store manager contained the following sentence: There will be 5 \$100-dollar cards, 10 \$50-dollar cards, 35 \$15-dollar cards, and the rest will be \$5-dollar cards.

$$200 - 5 - 10 - 35 = 150$$

a) Calculate the total dollar value of the gift cards.

$$5(\$100) + 10(\$50) + 35(\$15) + 150(\$5) = \$2275$$

b) Create a frequency table and calculate the weighted average. Graph the table in a bar chart.

Amt	Freq
5	150
15	35
50	10
100	5

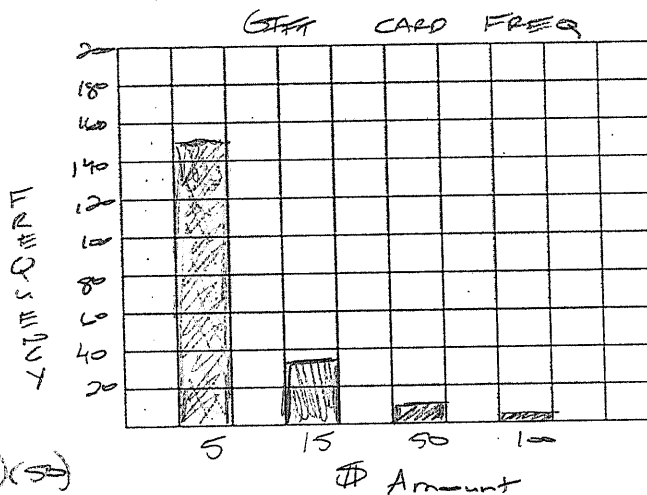
$$5(150) + 15(35) + 50(10) + 100(5) = 2275$$

$$\frac{\$2275}{200} = \$11.375$$

$$0.75(5) + (0.175)(15) + (0.05)(50) + (0.025)(100) = \$11.375$$

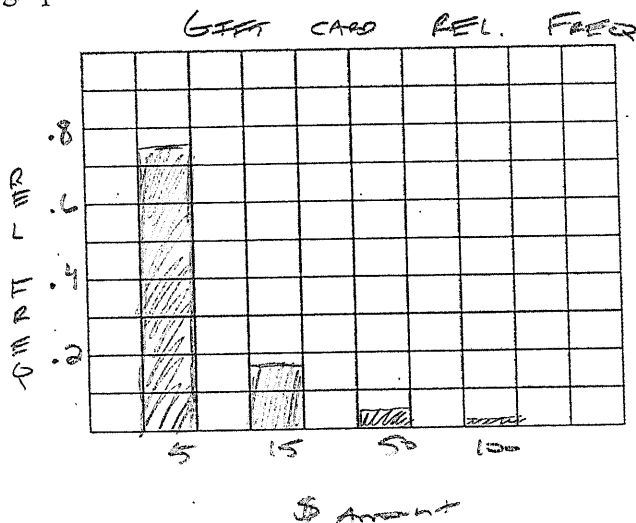
Relative Frequency -

The ratio of the number of times a number or event occurs to the total number of numbers or events



c) Create a relative frequency table and graph.

Amt	Freq	Rel. Freq
5	150	$150/200 = .75$
15	35	$35/200 = .175$
50	10	$10/200 = .05$
100	5	$5/200 = .025$



d) Compute the weighted average using the relative frequency values and compare that result to the one in Part a.

$$.75(5) + .175(15) + .05(50) + .025(100) = \boxed{\$11.375}$$

e) If there were an equal number of each gift card, what would the average be?

$$\frac{5 + 15 + 50 + 100}{4} = \frac{170}{4} = \boxed{\$42.50}$$