## 4. Measure of Central Tendency and Dispersion

In the case of quantitative data, the central tendency and dispersion of the data are measured and analyzed.

- Central tendency : mean / median
- Dispersion : variance / standard deviation

Data for two quantitative variables are measured using a covariance and a correlation coefficient.

### 4.1 Measure of Central Tendency - Mean and Median

| Think | The data obtained by taking a sample of 5 middle school students and surveying their weight are as follows: <br> (Data 4.1) Weights of five middle school students (kg) <br> $\begin{array}{lllll}63 & 60 & 65 & 55 & 77\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Explore | 1) What kind of graph is used to find a representative value of these data? <br> 2) What would be a representative value for the weight of 5 students? |

- The average (or mean) is a measure of central tendency of quantitative data and is widely used as a representative value for the data. The mean is the sum of all data and divided by the number of data, which implies the center of gravity of the data. The mean is expressed as $\mu$ (read mu), and the mean of (Data 4.1) is obtained as follows:

$$
\text { Mean }=\mu=\frac{63+60+65+55+77}{5}=\frac{320}{5}=64
$$

- When $n$ number of data is expressed as $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}$, mean is expressed by the following formula.

$$
\mu=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}
$$

- In general, the mean is very appropriate as a representative value of the data, but when there is a very large or a small value in the data, it is greatly affected by this extreme value. In this case, a median can be used. The median is the value in the middle when the data are sorted in order. In (Data 4.1), the number of data is 5 which is an odd number, and the $3^{\text {rd }}$ $\left(\frac{5+1}{2}\right)$ number when data is sorted in ascending order is the median as follows:
(Data 4.1) is sorted in ascending order.

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
55 & 60 & 63 & 65 & 77
\end{array}
$$

Median is the $3^{\text {rd }}$ number in these sorted data which is 63.

- If the number of data is 6 which is an even number, how do we find the median? In this case, the median of the data is calculated as the average of the $3^{\text {rd }}\left(=\frac{6}{2}\right)$ and $4^{\text {th }}\left(=\frac{6+2}{2}\right)$ of the sorted data.
- Generally, a median is expressed as $m$, and, if the number of data is $n$, it is calculated as follows:

1) Data are sorted in ascending order.
2) Check whether the number of data $n$ is an odd number or an even number.
3) If $n$ is odd, $m=\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{t h}$ data in sorted data.

If $n$ is even, $m=$ Average of $\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{t h}$ data $\left(\frac{n+2}{2}\right)^{t h}$ data in sorted data.

- In order to see the overall distribution of the weight data, a stem and leaf plot or a histogram discussed in Chapter 3 can be considered, but a dot graph is more useful. In a dot graph, after obtaining the minimum and maximum values of data, the position of each data is calculated on the horizontal axis, and displayed as a dot.
- <Figure $4.1>$ is a dot graph for (Data 4.1). In proportion to the minimum value of 55 and the maximum value of 76 , each data is displayed by a dot. The green line is the mean $\mu$ and the red line is the median $m$. In this data, the mean is located slightly to the right of the median because 77 of the data is located to the right of the other four data. That is, the mean is more sensitive to an extreme than the median.

<Figure 4.1> Dot graph of weight data
- If there are lots of data, it is time-consuming and difficult to obtain the mean and median manually as above. Let's find the representative value of the data using ${ }^{\text {eStatH』 }} \mathrm{software}$.



Practice 4.2 Solution （Continued）
－Looking at this dot graph，it can be seen that there is almost no difference between the mean and the median due to the absence of extreme value．

| Exercise 4．1 | The following is data on the length of bicycle－only roads by <br> 25 administrative districts in Seoul as of 2019 （［Exercise 3．1］）． <br> Use 『eStatH」 to draw a dot graph，and to find and analyze <br> the representative values of data． |
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Exercise 4.2
The following is data on the maximum wind speed of typhoons that passed through Korea in 2020 （［Exercise 3．2］）． Use ${ }^{e} e S t a t H 』$ to draw a dot graph，and to find and analyze the representative values of data．
（Data 3．4）Maximum wind speed of typhoons that passed through Korea in 2020 （unit：m／sec）
4022212919222445495524272935192435405624 214318

## A．Calculation of mean using frequency table

| Think | Assume that a frequency table of the academic achievement test scores of a middle school class is given as follows： |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | ［Table 4．1］Frequency table of the academic achievement test scores of a middle school |  |
|  | Class | Frequency |
|  | $60 \leq \sim<70$ | 2 |
|  | $70 \sim 80$ | 10 |
|  | $80 \sim 90$ | 15 |
|  | $90 \sim 100$ | 3 |
|  | Total | 30 |
| Explore | How do we find the mean using th | ency table？ |

- When a frequency table is given rather than the raw data, the mean can be obtained approximately as follows using the middle values of each class interval.
- First, find the middle value of each class interval. Then, it is assumed that each class has the middle value as many as the frequency, and the mean is obtained using this approximated data.
[Table 4.2] Approximated data using the middle value of each class interval in the academic achievement test scores

- Mean is calculated as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Mean } & =\frac{65+65+75+75+75+75+75+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+95+95+95}{20} \\
& =\frac{65 \times 2+75 \times 5+85 \times 10+95 \times 3}{20} \\
& =\frac{1640}{20}=82
\end{aligned}
$$

- Using 'Frequency Distribution Polygon - Relative Frequency Comparison’ of ${ }^{\mathrm{e}} \mathrm{e} \mathrm{StatH}_{』}$, the approximate mean of the frequency table can be obtained as shown in <Figure 4.6>. After entering the left value of the class interval and 'Frequency 1', click the [Execute] button.

| Frequency Polygon - Relative Freq |  |  |  |  |  | Menu |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Main Title y title | Academic achievement test scores |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Relative Fre | eque | $x$ title |  |  |  |
|  | Histogram | Color |  |  |  |  |
|  | Category |  | Frequency 1 | Frequency 2 | Relative Freq 1 | Relative Freq 2 |
| $1 \square 60$ | $\leq \sim<$ | 70.00 | 2 |  | 0.100 |  |
| $2 \square 70$ | $\leq \sim<$ | 80.00 | 5 |  | 0.250 |  |
| $3 \bigcirc 80$ | $\leq \sim<$ | 90.00 | 10 |  | 0.500 |  |
| $4 \square 90$ | $\leq \sim<$ | 100.00 | 3 |  | 0.150 |  |
| 5 | $\leq \sim<$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | $\leq \sim<$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | $\leq \sim<$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | $\leq \sim<$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | $\leq \sim<$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 20 |  | 1.000 |  |
|  |  | Mean | 82.00 |  |  |  |
| Execute |  | Std Deviation | 8.43 |  |  |  |

<Figure 4.6> Mean calculation using a frequency table

### 4.2 Measure of Dispersion - Standard Deviation

| Think | The quiz scores (out of 10) of five middle school students are as follows: |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (Data 4.2) The quiz scores (out of 10) of five middle school students |
|  | $\begin{array}{lllll}6 & 7 & 4\end{array}$ |
| Explore | Is there a way to measure how scattered these data are? |

- The degree to which data are scattered is called a dispersion. A simple measure of the dispersion is a range which is the maximum minus the minimum.

$$
\text { Range }=\max -\min
$$

In (Data 4.2), the maximum value is 10 and the minimum value is 4 , so the range is 22 .

$$
\text { Range }=10-4=6
$$

- Since the range is too sensitive to extreme values, a variance or a standard deviation is generally used to measure the dispersion. The variance is obtained by squaring the distance between each data value and the mean, and dividing it by the number of data. Therefore, when the data are scattered far from the mean, the variance is large, and when the data are clustered around the mean, the variance is small. The variance is expressed as $\sigma^{2}$ (read as sigma squared).
- The mean of the data in (Data 4.2) is as follows:

$$
\text { Mean }=\mu=\frac{6+8+7+4+10}{5}=\frac{35}{5}=7
$$

- The variance is calculated by squaring the distances from the mean to each data value to find the sum, and then finding the mean. That is, it is the average of squared distances.

$$
\text { Var iance }=\sigma^{2}=\frac{(6-7)^{2}+(8-7)^{2}+(7-7)^{2}+(4-7)^{2}+(10-7)^{2}}{5}=\frac{20}{5}=4
$$

- When $n$ number of data is expressed as $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}$ and the mean is expressed as $\mu$, the variance can be expressed by the following formula.


## Variance

$$
\sigma^{2}=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_{i}-\mu\right)^{2} \quad(n: \text { number of data })
$$

－The standard deviation is defined as the square root of the variance and denoted by $\sigma$ ．The variance is not easy to interpret practically because it is the average of the squared distances，but the standard deviation is the square root of the variance，so it can be interpreted as a measure of the average distance between each data value and the mean．

$$
\text { Standard deviation } \quad \sigma=\sqrt{\sigma^{2}}
$$

The standard deviation of（Data 4．2）is $\sigma=\sqrt{\sigma^{2}}=\sqrt{4}=2$ ．

| Practice 4.3 | Using 『eStatH』，draw a dot graph for the quiz scores of 5 sample students（Data 4．2）and find the mean and standard deviation． |
| :---: | :---: |
| Solution | －Using the QR on the left，select＇Dot Graph－Mean／ Standard Deviation’ from the 『eStatH』 menu．Then a window like＜Figure 4．7＞appears． <br> －Enter students＇quiz scores in＇Data input＇．（You can also copy and paste the material from the e－book） |
|  |  |
|  | ＜Figure 4．7＞Quiz data input for a dot graph <br> －When the data are entered，the number of data，minimum， maximum，mean，median，variance and standard deviation are calculated．If you click the［Execute］button，a dot graph as shown in＜Figure 4．8＞appears and the mean， median，standard deviation，and a line of mean $\pm$ standard deviation are displayed． <br> －Using the simulation window below the figure，you can check the change in the standard deviation by moving a data point with the mouse．The standard deviation is also affected by an extreme point． |



| Practice 4.4 | Using 『eStatH』，let＇s draw a dot graph for the daily minimum temperature（［Practice 3．2］）in Seoul in February （Data 3．2）and find the mean and standard deviation． <br> （Data 3．2）Daily minimum temperature（［Practice 3．2］）in Seoul in February in 2021 （degree in Celsius） |
| :---: | :---: |
| Solution | －If you select＇Dot Graph－Mean／Standard Deviation＇ from the ${ }^{e} \mathrm{eStatH} \mathrm{A}_{\text {」 }}$ menu that appears using the QR on the left，the data input window as shown in＜Figure 4．9＞ appears． |
|  |  |
|  | ＜Figure 4．9＞Temperature data input for a dot graph <br> －When data are entered，the number of data，minimum， maximum，mean，median，variance and standard deviation are calculated．If you click the［Execute］button，a dot graph as shown in＜Figure 4．10＞appears and the mean， median，standard deviation，and a line of mean $\pm$ standard deviation are displayed． |


| Practice 4.4 <br> Solution <br> （continued） | Using the simulation window below the figure，you can <br> check the change in the standard deviation by moving a <br> point with the mouse．The standard deviation is also <br> affected by an extreme point． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ＜Figure $4.10>$ Dot graph of daily minimum temperature and a |  |
| simulation window |  |


| Exercise 4．3 | The following is data on the length of bicycle－only roads by <br> 25 administrative districts in Seoul as of 2019 （［Exercise 3．1］）． <br> Use 『eStatH』 to draw a dot graph and to find and analyze <br> the mean and standard deviation of the data． |
| :--- | :--- |


| Exercise 4．4 | The following is data on the maximum wind speed of <br> typhoons that passed through Korea in 2020 （［Exercise 3．2］）． <br> Use 『eStatH』 to draw a dot graph and find and analyze the <br> mean and standard deviation of data． |
| :--- | :--- |

## A. Calculation of standard deviation using frequency table

| Think | Assume that the frequency table of the academic achievement test |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | [Table 4.3] Frequency table of the academic achievement test scores of a middle school |  |
|  | Class | Frequency |
|  | $60 \leq \sim<70$ | 2 |
|  | $70 \sim 80$ | 10 |
|  | $80 \sim 90$ | 15 |
|  | $90 \sim 100$ | 3 |
|  | Total | 30 |
| Explore | How to find the standard deviation of the data in this frequency table? |  |

- In the previous section, when a frequency table was given rather than the raw data, the mean was approximated using the middle value of each class interval. The standard deviation is calculated in a similar way.
- First, find the middle value of each class. Then, it is assumed that each class has the middle value as many as the frequency, and the average is obtained using this approximate data.
[Table 4.4] Approximated data using the middle value of each class interval in the academic achievement test scores

- Mean is calculated as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Mean } & =\frac{65+65+75+75+75+75+75+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+85+95+95+95}{20} \\
& =\frac{65 \times 2+75 \times 5+85 \times 10+95 \times 3}{20} \\
& =\frac{1640}{20}=82
\end{aligned}
$$

- The variance and standard deviation are calculated in a similar way.

$$
\text { Var iance }=\frac{(65-82)^{2} \times 2+(75-82)^{2} \times 5+(85-82)^{2} \times 10+(95-82)^{2} \times 3}{20}
$$

$$
=\frac{1420}{20}=71
$$

$$
\text { Standard deviation }=\sqrt{71}=8.43
$$

- Using 'Frequency Distribution Polygon - Relative Frequency Comparison' of ${ }^{\mathrm{e}} \mathrm{e} \mathrm{tatH}_{\Perp}$, the approximate mean and standard deviation of the frequency table can be obtained as shown in <Figure 4.6>. After entering the left value of the class interval and 'Frequency 1', click the [Execute] button.

<Figure 4.11> Standard deviation calculation using a frequency table


### 4.3 Covariance and Correlation Coefficient

| Think | The height and weight of 7 male middle school students were investigated as follows: <br> (Data 4.3) Height and weight of 7 male middle school students |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|  | Height (cm) | 162 | 164 | 170 | 158 | 175 | 168 | 172 |
|  | Weight (kg) | 54 | 60 | 64 | 52 | 65 | 60 | 67 |
| Explore | Is there a measure to determine the correlation between two quantitative variables? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

- Just as the variance is used as a measure of dispersion in one quantitative variable, the following covariance is used in two quantitative variables. When $n$ number of x and y data are expressed as $\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right), \ldots,\left(x_{n}, y_{n}\right)$, and the mean is expressed as $\left(\mu_{x}, \mu_{y}\right)$, the covariance $\sigma_{x y}$ can be expressed by the following formula.

$$
\text { Covariance } \quad \sigma_{x y}=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_{i}-\mu_{x}\right)\left(y_{i}-\mu_{y}\right) \quad(n: \text { number of data })
$$

- Covariance implies the total average of the values obtained by multiplying the x -axis distance and the y -axis distance between each data point and the mean point $\left(\mu_{x}, \mu_{y}\right)$ of data. Therefore, if there are many points on the upper right and lower left of the mean point, the covariance has a positive value, indicating a positive correlation. If there are many points on the upper left and lower right of the mean point, the covariance has a negative value, indicating a negative correlation. However, since covariance can increase in value depending on the unit of data, the following correlation coefficient is used as a measure of correlation.

$$
\text { Correlation coefficient } \quad \rho=\frac{\sigma_{x y}}{\sigma_{x} \sigma_{y}}
$$

- The correlation coefficient is a variation of the covariance and can only have values between -1 and +1 . When the correlation coefficient is close to +1 , the two variables are said to have a strong positive correlation, and when the correlation coefficient is close to -1 , it is said to have a strong negative correlation. When the correlation coefficient is close to 0 , there is no correlation between the two variables.

| Practice 4.5 | Using reStatH』, calculate the covariance and correlation <br> coefficient of the height and weight of 7 students. |
| :---: | :--- |
| Solution | - If you select 'Scatter Plot - Correlation Coefficient' from the <br> reStatH』 menu using the QR on the left, a window like <br> <Figure 4.12> appears. |
| Enter students' height in 'Enter X data' and their weight in |  |
| 'Enter Y data'. (You can also copy and paste the material |  |
| from the e-book) |  |



| Exercise 4.5 | The following data are weekly study hours and test scores of 10 middle school students．Find the covariance and correlation coefficient using ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{eStatH}$ 」 and analyze what kind of correlation is． <br> （Data 4．4）Weekly study hours and test score of 10 students |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|  | Study hours | 10 | 25 | 15 | 16 | 20 | 5 | 18 | 21 | 12 | 20 |
|  | Test score | 75 | 95 | 82 | 85 | 97 | 65 | 87 | 88 | 76 | 90 |

－By using 『eStatH』，you can examine examples of data for various correlation coefficients．

| Practice 4.6 | Let＇s simulate various correlation coefficients using 『eStat H』． |
| :---: | :---: |
| Solution | －If you select＇Correlation Coefficient＇from the QR on the left or 『eStatH』 menu，an initial scatter plot as shown in ＜Figure 4．13＞appears． <br> ＜Figure 4．13＞Simulation window for a correlation coefficient <br> －Change the＇Correlation Coefficient＇under the initial scatter plot to the desired value and click the［Execute］button to display a scatter plot for the corresponding correlation coefficient． <br> －If＇Regression Line＇is checked，a regression line representing the points appears． |

－If the correlation is strong，a straight line that can explain the relationship between the variables is obtained，which is called a regression line．A detailed explanation of the regression line is covered in university level of statistics．

| Practice 4.7 | Using ${ }^{r} e S t a t H_{\Perp}$, make a point on the plane and observe the correlation coefficient and regression line while moving. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Solution | - If you select 'Correlation Coefficient - Regression Line Experiment' from the QR on the left or the ${ }^{『} e S t a t H_{\Perp}$ menu, a screen for testing the correlation coefficient and regression line as shown in <Figure 4.14> appears. |
|  | <Figure 4.14> Simulation window of a correlation coefficient and a regression line <br> - If you place a dot on this blank screen with the mouse, the regression line and correlation coefficient appear as shown in <Figure 4.15>. You can observe the change of the regression line and the correlation coefficient by moving the point after clicking it with the mouse. <br> <Figure 4.15> Example of dots and its regression line and correlation coefficient |

