

MAT 2377
Probability and Statistics for Engineers

Practice Set

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Q91. Use the data from **Q89**.

- a) Provide a the 5–number summary of the data $(q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4)$, as well as the interquartile range IQR.
- b) Display the 5–number summary as a boxplot chart.

Solution:

- a) To make it easy to compute the quartiles, we provide an **ordered stem-and-leaf diagram** of the concentrations on the next slide. There were 100 observations, so

$$Q_0 = 0.85, Q_1 = 0.89, Q_2 = 0.92, Q_3 = 0.97, Q_4 = 1.06.$$

The IQR, meanwhile, is $Q_3 - Q_1 = 0.08$.

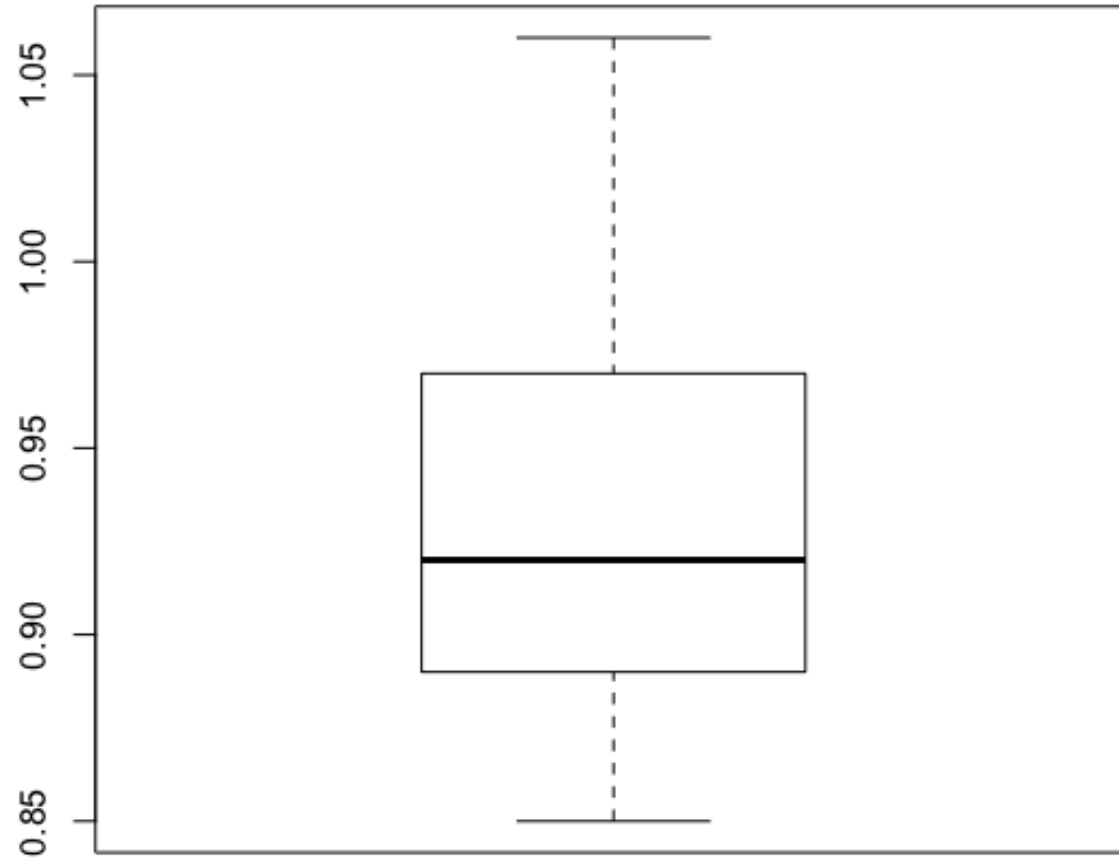
- b) There are no outliers since

$$Q_1 - 1.5 \times \text{IQR} = 0.85 - 1.5(0.08) < Q_0, \text{ and}$$

$$Q_3 + 1.5 \times \text{IQR} = 0.97 + 1.5(0.08) > Q_4.$$

Table 6.2-6 Ordered stem-and-leaf diagram of fluoride concentrations

Stems	Leaves	Frequency
0.8_f	5 5 5 5	4
0.8_s	6 6 6 7 7 7 7	7
0.8●	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	16
0.9*	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	17
0.9_t	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	19
0.9_f	4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	9
0.9_s	6 6 7 7 7 7	6
0.9●	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 9 9	10
1.0*	0 0 0 0 1 1 1	7
1.0_t	2 3 3	3
1.0_f	5	1
1.0_s	6	1



Q92. Use the data from **Q89**. Compute the **midrange** $\frac{1}{2}(Q_0 + Q_4)$, the **trimean** $\frac{1}{4}(Q_1 + 2Q_2 + Q_3)$, and the **range** $Q_4 - Q_0$ for the fluoride data.

Solution: The midrange is $\frac{1}{2}(Q_0 + Q_4) = \frac{1}{2}(0.85 + 1.06) = 0.955$.

The trimean is $\frac{1}{4}(Q_1 + 2Q_2 + Q_3) = \frac{1}{4}(0.89 + 2(0.92) + 0.97) = 0.925$.

The range is $Q_4 - Q_0 = 1.06 - 0.85 = 0.21$.

Q125. Consider the following dataset:

2.6 3.7 0.8 9.6 5.8 -0.8 0.7 0.6
4.8 1.2 3.3 5.0 3.7 0.1 -3.1 0.3

The median and the interquartile range of the sample are, respectively:

- a) 2.4, 3.3 b) 1.9, 3.8 c) 1.9, 1.8 d) 2.9, 12.2 e) none of
the preceding

Solution: the correct answer is a).

Q128. Assume that random variables $\{X_1, \dots, X_8\}$ follow a normal distribution with mean 2 and variance 24. Independently, assume that random variables $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{16}\}$ follow a normal distribution with mean 1 and variance 16. Let \bar{X} and \bar{Y} be the corresponding sample means. Then $P(\bar{X} + \bar{Y} > 4)$ is:

- a) 0.7721 b) 0.30855 c) 0.69165 d) 0.9883 e) none of the preceding

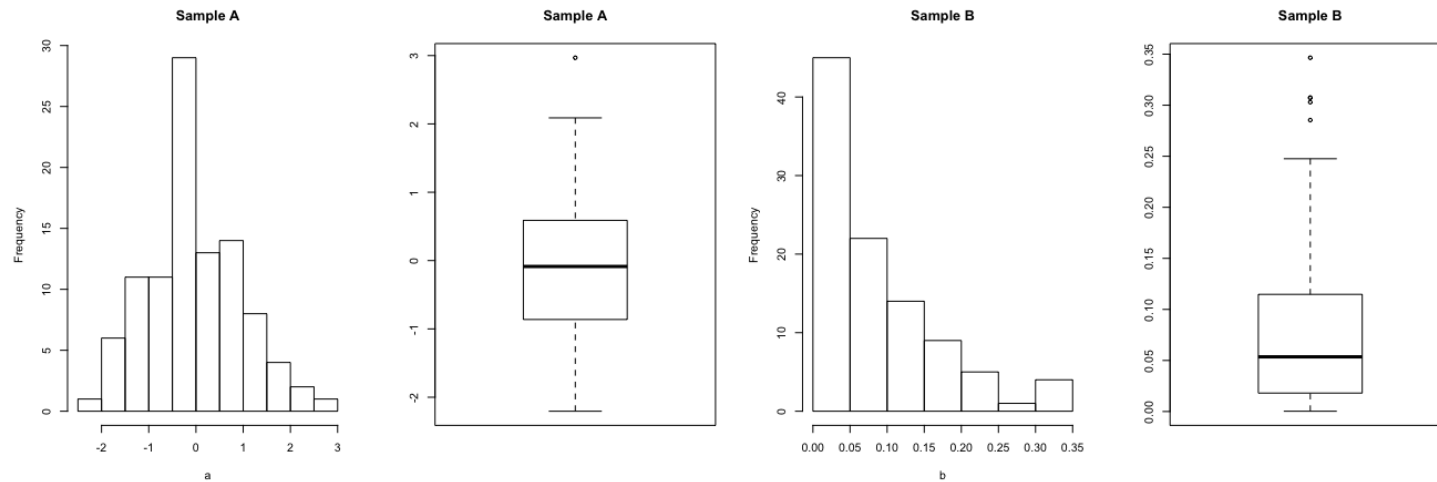
Solution: since the X_i and Y_j are independent,

$$\bar{X} + \bar{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(2 + 1, \frac{24}{8} + \frac{16}{16}\right) = \mathcal{N}(3, 4).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} P(\bar{X} + \bar{Y} > 4) &= P\left(\frac{\bar{X} + \bar{Y} - 3}{\sqrt{4}} > \frac{4 - 3}{\sqrt{4}}\right) = P(Z > 0.5) \\ &= 1 - P(Z < 0.5) = 1 - \Phi(0.5) \approx 1 - 0.6915 = 0.3085. \end{aligned}$$

Q136. The following charts show a histogram and a boxplot for two samples, A and B . Based on these charts, we may conclude that



- a) only A arises from a normal population
- b) only B arises from a normal population
- c) both A and B arise from a normal population

Solution: it is reasonable to expect that A arises from a normal population, but the skew and asymmetric distribution for B means it does not come from a normal distribution.