## Chapter 6

## Statistical Measures and analysis

### 6.1 Measures of Central Tendency

6.1.1 Average

An average is a single significant figure which sums up the characteristics of a group of figures. It conveys a general idea of the whole group. It is generally located at the centre or the middle of distribution. Various measures of central tendency are

1. Arithmetic Mean
2. Median
3. Mode
4. Geometric Mean
5. Harmonic Mean

### 6.1.2 Arithmetic Mean

- Arithmetic Mean is a mathematical average.
- It is a method of representing the whole data by one figure.
- It is a simple measure and widely used.


## Arithmetic Mean in Individual Series

If $\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{x}_{2}, \mathrm{x}_{3}, \ldots \mathrm{x}_{n}$ are n individual values, then arithmetic mean of them is given by

$$
\frac{x_{1}+x_{2}+x_{3}+\ldots+x_{n}}{n}=\frac{\sum x}{n}
$$

Solved Problem : Find the arithmetic mean of the 10 values given:
$10,90,85,103,11,29,84,15,35,80$
Solution: $\frac{10+90+85+103+11+29+84+15+35+80}{10}=\frac{542}{10}=54.2$

### 6.1.3 Arithmetic Mean in Discrete frequency distribution

When the data are in discrete frequency distribution form, let $\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{x}_{2}, \mathrm{x}_{3}, \ldots . \mathrm{x}_{n}$ be the values of the variable with corresponding frequencies $f_{1}, f_{2}, f_{3}, \ldots . f_{n}$ respectively

Then arithmetic mean $=\frac{x_{1} \cdot f_{1}+x_{2} \cdot f_{2}+x_{3} \cdot f_{3}+\ldots+x_{n} \cdot f_{n}}{f_{1}+f_{2}+f_{3}+\ldots+f_{n}}=\frac{\sum f_{i} \cdot x_{i}}{N}$
Example : Calculate mean from the following data

| Value | 5 | 15 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 75 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Freq | 15 | 20 | 25 | 24 | 12 | 31 | 71 | 52 |


| Value | Frequency | $\mathrm{f} \times \mathrm{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 15 | 75 |
| 15 | 20 | 300 |
| 25 | 25 | 625 |
| 35 | 24 | 840 |
| 45 | 12 | 540 |
| 55 | 31 | 1705 |
| 65 | 71 | 4615 |
| 75 | 52 | 3900 |
| Total | 250 | 12600 |

Mean $=\frac{\sum f \times x}{N}=\frac{12600}{250}=50.4$

## Mean in a Continuous Series

In the case of Continuous series A. M. is given by

$$
\text { A.M. }=\frac{\sum f . m}{N}
$$

where $\mathrm{m}=$ midpoint of the the class.
Example: Calculate the arithmetic mean of the following data.

| Marks | $10-20$ | $20-30$ | $30-40$ | $40-50$ | $50-60$ | $60-70$ | $70-80$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 5 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 4 |

Solution:

| Value | Frequency | Mid value | $\mathrm{f} \times \mathrm{m}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10-20$ | 5 | 15 | 75 |
| $20-30$ | 4 | 25 | 100 |
| $30-40$ | 7 | 35 | 245 |
| $40-50$ | 12 | 45 | 540 |
| $50-60$ | 10 | 55 | 550 |
| $60-70$ | 8 | 65 | 520 |
| $70-80$ | 4 | 75 | 300 |
|  | $\mathrm{~N}=80$ |  | $\sum f . m=2330$ |

A. M. $=\frac{\sum f . m}{N}=\frac{2330}{80}=29.125$

## Merits of Mean

1. Simple to understand.
2. Easy to calculate.
3. Based on all observation.
4. Capable for algebraic treatment.
5. It is more stable.
6. It can be determined in most of the cases.

## Demerits

1. It is effected by extreme values.
2. Not suitable for ratios and percentages.
3. It cannot be calculated for qualitative data.
4. Misleading and absurd result in some cases.
5. It does not coincide with any observed values.

## 'Mean' the Best Average for the following reasons

1. Easily calculated.
2. Simple to under stand.
3. Capable for algebraic treatment.
4. Based on all observation.
5. It can located without arranging the data.
6. It is stable as it does not differ from sample to sample, when sample selected is sufficiently large.

### 6.2 Median

### 6.2.1 Median in Individual Series

Median is the middle value. When the data are arranged in ascending order or descending order the middle value is the median. It is the positional average.

## Procedure for Mean in Individual Series

- First arrange the data in ascending order.
- Then determine the size of the ${\frac{(n+1)^{t h}}{2}}^{\text {a }}$ item to get the Median.

When the value of ' $\mathbf{N}$ ' is odd Example: Find the median of the following data:

$$
4,25,45,15,26,35,55,28,48
$$

Solution 4, 15, 25, 26, 28, 35, 48, 48, 55

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Median }=\text { Value of } \frac{(n+1)^{t h}}{2} \text { item }=\text { Value of } \frac{(9+1)}{2}^{\text {th }} \text { item } \\
\text { Median }=28
\end{gathered}
$$

When the value of ' $\mathbf{N}$ ' is even Example : Find the median of the following data: 4, 25, 45, $15,18,26,35,55,28,48$

Solution : 4, 15, 18, 25, 26, 28, 35, 48, 48, 55

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Median }=\text { Value of } \frac{(n+1)^{t h}}{2} \text { item }=\text { Value of } \frac{(10+1)^{t h}}{2} \text { item } \\
& \text { Value of } 5.5 \text { th item }=\frac{5^{t h} \text { item }+6^{\text {th }} \text { item }}{2}=\frac{26+28}{2}=27
\end{aligned}
$$

### 6.2.2 Median in Discrete series

In discrete series, Median is the Value of $\frac{(n+1)}{2}^{t h}$ item.

- First arrange the data as cumulative frequency distribution.
- Then determine the value of $\frac{(n+1)^{t h}}{2}$ item.

Problem:
Calculate the value of median in the following series.

| Size | 5 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 3 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 |

## Solution:

| Size | Frequency | C. F. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 3 | 3 |  |
| 8 | 12 | 15 |  |
| 10 | 8 | 23 | $\leftarrow \frac{N}{2}$ |
| 15 | 7 | 30 |  |
| 20 | 5 | 35 |  |
| 25 | 4 | 39 |  |

Median $=$ Value of ${\frac{(n+1)^{t h}}{2}}^{\text {th }}$ item $=$ Value of $\frac{(39+1)^{t h}}{2}$ item $=$ Value of $20^{\text {th }}$ item. $=10$
Median in Continuous Distribution Procedure

- First form the cumulated frequency distribution.
- Then determine the median class by the formula $\frac{N}{2}$.
- Use the formula, Median $=l_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{N}{2}-c . f .\right)}{f} \times C$

Where ' $l_{1}$ ' is the lower limit of median class, 'c.f.' is the cumulated frequency of the preceding class, ' f ' is the frequency of the median class and ' C ' is the class width.

Eg. Calculate median for the following data

| Class | $0-5$ | $5-10$ | $10-15$ | $15-20$ | $20-25$ | $25-30$ | $30-35$ | $35-40$ | $40-45$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Freq. | 29 | 195 | 241 | 117 | 52 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 3 |

## Solution:

| Class | Frequency | C.F. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-5$ | 29 | 29 |  |
| $5-10$ | 195 | 224 |  |
| $10-15$ | 241 | 465 | $\leftarrow \frac{N}{2}$ |
| $15-20$ | 117 | 582 |  |
| $20-25$ | 52 | 634 |  |
| $25-30$ | 10 | 644 |  |
| $30-35$ | 6 | 650 |  |
| $35-40$ | 3 | 653 |  |
| $40-45$ | 3 | 656 |  |

Median class $=\frac{N}{2}=\frac{656}{2}=328^{\text {th }}$ item

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Median } & =l_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{N}{2}-c . f .\right)}{f} \times C \\
\text { Median } & =10+\frac{(328-224)}{241} \times 5 \\
& \text { Median }=12.2
\end{aligned}
$$

## Merits of Median

- It is very simple measure.
- Not affected extreme items.
- It can locate by a mere glance.
- It can be determined by graphically.


## Demerits of Median

- Not based on all observation.
- Not capable of algebraic treatments.
- It requires arraying also.
- In the case of continuous series interpolation formula is used.(Only an approximate value)


### 6.3 Mode

### 6.3.1 Introduction

Mode is the value of the item of a series which occurs most frequently.
Mode is the most repeated value in a series.
According to Kenny, "The value of the variable which most frequently in a distribution is called the mode.

### 6.3.2 Mode in Individual Series

In individual series, the value which occurs more number of times is mode.
Example:
Find mode for the following series.

$$
23,35,28,42,62,53,35,28,42,35,23,42,35 .
$$

In this series, 35 appears more number of times. Hence Mode $=35$.
In some cases, there may not be any repeated value. In that case Mode is said to be ill defined. In that case Mode is calculated by the approximation formula

$$
\text { Mode }=3 \text { Median }-2 \text { mean. }
$$

Example : Find Mode for the following distribution.

$$
40,25,60,35,81,75,90,10
$$

$$
\begin{array}{|c|}
\hline \mathrm{X} \\
\hline 10 \\
25 \\
35 \\
40 \\
60 \\
75 \\
81 \\
90 \\
\hline 416 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Median }=\text { size of the } \frac{(n+1)}{2} \text { th item. } \\
\text { size of the } 4.5^{\text {th }} \text { item. }=\frac{(40+60)}{2}=50 \\
\text { Mode }=3 \text { Median }-2 \text { Mean } \\
3(50)-2(52)=150-104=46
\end{gathered}
$$

### 6.3.3 Mode in a Discrete Frequency Series

In the case of a discrete frequency series, the value having the highest frequency is taken as the mode.

Example :

| Size | 5 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 29 | 35 | 40 | 46 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 3 | 12 | 25 | 40 | 31 | 20 | 18 | 7 |

The value 12 has the highest frequency. Hence 12 is the mode.

### 6.3.4 Mode in Continuous Frequency Series

In a continuous frequency distribution, Mode lies in the class having highest frequency. But since it is a continuous class, exact size cannot be determined. So from the modal class it is determined using interpolation formula.

$$
\text { Mode }=l_{1}+\frac{\left(f_{1}-f_{0}\right) \times c}{2 f_{1}-f_{0}-f_{2}}
$$

Where ' $l_{1}$ ' is the lower limit of the model class, $\mathrm{f}_{0}, \mathrm{f}_{2}$ are frequencies of classes just preceding and succeeding model class, $f_{1}$ is the frequency of the model class. Problem: Calculate mode from the following data:

| Size | $10-15$ | $15-20$ | $20-25$ | $25-30$ | $30-35$ | $35-40$ | $40-45$ | $45-50$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Freq. | 4 | 8 | 18 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 2 |

Solution:

| Class | Freq. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $10-15$ | 4 |  |
| $15-20$ | 8 |  |
| $20-25$ | 18 |  |
| $25-30$ | 30 | Modal Class |
| $30-35$ | 20 |  |
| $35-40$ | 10 |  |
| $40-45$ | 5 |  |
| $45-50$ | 2 |  |
|  |  |  |

$$
\text { Mode }=l_{1}+\frac{\left(f_{1}-f_{0}\right) \times c}{2 f_{1}-f_{0}-f_{2}}
$$

$\mathrm{l}_{1}=25, \mathrm{f}_{1}=30, \mathrm{f}_{0}=18, \mathrm{f}_{2}=20, \mathrm{c}=5$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Mode } & =25+\frac{(30-18) \times 5}{60-18-20} \\
& =25+\frac{60}{22}=27.73
\end{aligned}
$$

### 6.3.5 Merits and Demerits of Mode <br> Merits of Mode

1. Can be located graphically.
2. It is simple measure of central tendency.
3. Less affected by extreme values.
4. It coincide with one of the values of the series.
5. It is the best representative of series.

## Demerits of the Series

1. Not base on all observations.
2. Not capable of further algebraic treatment.
3. It is ill-defined in some cases.
4. Sometimes grouping to identify the Modal values.

### 6.3.6 Comparison Between Mean, Median and Mode

Comparing Mean, Median and Mode
2.Based on all observations
3.Capable of further mathematical treatment

| Mean | Median | Mode |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1.Mathematical aver- <br> age | positional average | positional aver |
| 2.Based on all observa- <br> tions | Middle item | Most repeated |
| 3.Capable of further <br> mathematical treat- <br> ment | Not capable of mathe- <br> matical treatment | Not capable of <br> matical treatm |

Comparison Contd...

| Mean | Median | Mode |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4. It may not be a value | It is a value found in se- | It is a value found in se- |
| found in the series. | ries | ries |
| 5. Not graphically lo- <br> cated | Can be located graphi- | Can be located graphi- |
| cally | cally |  |
| 6. Usually obtained by | Can be obtained by | Can be obtained by |
| calculation | mere inspection | mere inspection |

Comparison Contd...

| Mean | Median | Mode |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7. Affected by extreme | Not affected by ex- | Not affected by ex- |
| values | treme items | treme items |
| 8. Mean is always well <br> defined | It is well defined | In some cases ill de- <br> fined. |

### 6.3.7 Relationship Between Mean, Median and Mode

Relationship B/W Mean, Median and Mode
In symmetrical distribution, Mean $=$ Median $=$ Mode .
In moderately unsymmetrical distributions, Mean, Median and Mode will have different values. The equation connecting them is

$$
\text { Mode }=3 \text { Median }-2 \text { mean. }
$$

### 6.4 Geometric Mean

### 6.4.1 Geometrical Mean in Individual Series

If there are ' n ' values in a series, then their Geometric Mean is defined as the n th root of the product of those n values. Geometrical mean is a mathematical average. If $\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{x}_{2}, \mathrm{x}_{3}, \ldots . \mathrm{x}_{n}$ are n values of an individual series, then Geometric mean of the series is $\sqrt[n]{x_{1} \times x_{2} \times x_{3} \times \ldots . \times x_{n}}$ It is also given by

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Geometric Mean }=\text { Antilog of }\left[\frac{\log x_{1}+\log x_{2}+\ldots+\log x_{n}}{n}\right] \\
\text { Geometric Mean }=\text { Antilog }\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \log x_{i}}{n}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

Problem 1 Calculate geometric Mean for the following series, 57.5, 87.75, 53.5, 73.5, 81.75 Solution:

| Size | $\log \mathrm{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 57.5 | 1.7597 |
| 87.75 | 1.9432 |
| 53.5 | 1.7284 |
| 73.5 | 1.8663 |
| 81.75 | 1.9125 |
|  | 9.2101 |

Geometric Mean $=$ Antilog $\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \log x_{i}}{n}\right]=$ Antilog $\left[\frac{9.2101}{5}\right]=$ Antilog of $(1.8420)=69.51$

### 6.4.2 Geometric Mean in Discrete Series

For discrete frequency distribution Geometric Mean is given by

$$
\text { Geometric Mean }=\text { Antilog }\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n}\left(f \times \log x_{i}\right)}{n}\right]
$$

Eg. Find the G. M. from the following data:

| Size | 5 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

## Solution:

| x | f | $\log \mathrm{x}$ | $\mathrm{f} \times \log \mathrm{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 2 | 0.6990 | 1.3980 |
| 8 | 3 | 0.9031 | 2.7093 |
| 10 | 4 | 1.0000 | 4.0000 |
| 12 | 1 | 1.0792 | 1.0792 |
|  |  |  | 9.1865 |

G.M. $=$ Antilog $\left[\frac{\sum\left(f \times \log x_{i}\right)}{n}\right]$
$=$ Antilog $\left[\frac{9.1865}{10}\right]=8.292$

### 6.4.3 G.M in Continuous Frequency Distribution

Geometric Mean in a continuous frequency distribution is given by $=\operatorname{Antilog}\left[\frac{\sum\left(f \times \log x_{i}\right)}{n}\right]$ where ' $x$ ' is the mid point of the class.

Example: Calculate G. M.for the following data:

| Size | $100-104$ | $105-109$ | $110-114$ | $115-119$ | $120-124$ | $125-129$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Freq. | 24 | 30 | 45 | 65 | 72 | 84 |

## Solution

| Size | Mid Value(x) | Freq. | $\log \mathrm{x}$ | $\mathrm{f} \times \log \mathrm{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $100-104$ | 24 | 102 | 2.0086 | 48.2064 |
| $105-109$ | 30 | 107 | 2.0294 | 60.8820 |
| $110-114$ | 45 | 112 | 2.0492 | 92.2140 |
| $115-119$ | 65 | 117 | 2.0682 | 134.4330 |
| $120-124$ | 72 | 122 | 2.0864 | 150.2208 |
| $125-129$ | 84 | 127 | 2.1038 | 176.7192 |
|  | 320 |  |  | 662.6754 |

G.M. $=$ Antilog $\left[\frac{\sum\left(f \times \log x_{i}\right)}{n}\right]=$ Antilog $\left[\frac{662.6754}{320}\right]=117.7$

Merits of G. M.

- It is based on all observations.
- It is rigidly defined.
- It is useful in averaging ratios and percentages.
- It is not affected by extreme values.
- It is capable of algebraic treatment.


## Demerits of G. M.

- It is difficult to understand.
- It cannot be compared when there are both negative and positive values or when one or more of the values are zero.

Application Geometric mean is useful to find the average percentage increase in sales, production, etc.

### 6.5 Harmonic Mean

Harmonic Mean of a set of ' $n$ ' values is defined as the reciprocal of the mean of the reciprocals of those values.

Harmonic mean is used when it is desired to give greatest weightage to the smallest items.
It is applied in averaging rates, times, etc.
Expression for Harmonic Mean If $\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{x}_{2}, \mathrm{x}_{3}, \ldots \mathrm{x}_{n}$ are n values of an individual series, then Harmonic Mean is given by

$$
\text { Harmonic Mean }=\left[\frac{n}{\left(\frac{1}{x_{1}}+\frac{1}{x_{2}}+\frac{1}{x_{3}}+\ldots+\frac{1}{x_{n}}\right)}\right]=\left[\frac{n}{\sum \frac{1}{x}}\right]
$$

Example Calculate the Harmonic Mean of the following series. 2, 3, 4, 5.

| x | $\frac{1}{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 0.50 |
| 3 | 0.33 |
| 4 | 0.25 |
| 5 | 0.20 |
| $\mathrm{n}=4$ | $\sum=1.28$ |

Harmonic Mean $=\left[\frac{n}{\sum \frac{1}{x}}\right]=\frac{4}{1.28}=3.125$

### 6.5.1 Harmonic Mean in a Discrete Series

In the case of discrete frequency series distribution, the Harmonic Mean is given by

$$
\text { H. M. }=\left[\frac{n}{\sum f \times \frac{1}{x}}\right]
$$

E.g. Find the Harmonic Mean from the following data:

| Size | 6 | 10 | 14 | 18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Freq. | 20 | 40 | 30 | 10 |

## Solution

| Size $(\mathrm{x})$ | Frequency | $\frac{1}{x}$ | $\mathrm{f} \times \frac{1}{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 20 | 0.1667 | 3.334 |
| 10 | 40 | 0.1000 | 4.000 |
| 14 | 30 | 0.0714 | 2.142 |
| 18 | 10 | 0.0556 | 0.556 |
|  | $\sum=100$ |  | $\sum=10.032$ |

$$
\text { H.M. }=\left[\frac{n}{\sum f \times \frac{1}{x}}\right]=\frac{100}{10.032}=9.97
$$

### 6.5.2 Harmonic Mean in Continuous Frequency Distribution

In continuous frequency distribution harmonic mean is given by

$$
H . M .=\left[\frac{n}{\sum f \times \frac{1}{x}}\right], ' \mathrm{x} \text { ' is the mid value of the class }
$$

Eg. Find the H. M. for the following distribution.

| Class | $10-20$ | $20-30$ | $30-40$ | $40-50$ | $50-60$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Freq. | 4 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 3 |

## Solution:

| Class | Mid Value | freq. | $\frac{1}{x}$ | $\mathrm{f} \times \frac{1}{x}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10-20$ | 15 | 4 | 0.0670 | 0.2680 |
| $20-30$ | 25 | 6 | 0.0400 | 0.2400 |
| $30-40$ | 35 | 10 | 0.0290 | 0.2900 |
| $40-50$ | 45 | 7 | 0.1540 | 0.1540 |
| $50-60$ | 55 | 3 | 0.0180 | 0.0540 |
|  |  | $\sum=30$ |  | $\sum=1.0060$ |

H.M. $=\left[\frac{n}{\sum f \times \frac{1}{x}}\right]=\frac{30}{1.0060}=29.82$

## Merits of H. M.

- It possess almost all characteristic of a good average.
- It is based on all observations.
- It is amenable to more algebraic treatment.
- It is not affected much by sampling fluctuations.
- It can be used to average relative values.


## Demerits of Harmonic Mean

- It is difficult to calculate and not easy to understand.
- It gives greater weight to larger values.
- It cannot be calculated when there are both negative and positive items or when an item is zero.
- It is not a popular average.

Applications Harmonic mean is useful for:

- For computing the average rate of increase in profits.
- Average rate of speed.
- Average price etc.


### 6.6 Measures of Dispersion

- Dispersion refers to the variability in series of items.
- It speaks about the spread or scatter of this values in a series.
- Measure of dispersion measure the variability in a series.
- They tell us the extent to which the values of a series differ between each other or from their average.

Measures of Dispersion are classified into

1. Absolute measures. and
2. Relative Measures.

Absolute Measures Absolute measure of dispersion are expressed in the same units in which the data are collected. They measure variability in a series.

Various Absolute measures of dispersion are

1. Range
2. Quartile deviation
3. Mean Deviation. and
4. Standard Deviation.

Relative Measures A relative measure of dispersion is the ratio of the measure of dispersion to an appropriate average from which deviations are measured. It is also called coefficient of dispersion.

Relative measure of dispersion are useful for comparing two series for their variability. Greater the value of relative measure of dispersion in a series, greater is the variability in a series.

The important relative measures of dispersion are

1. Coefficient of Range.
2. Coefficient of Quartile Deviation.
3. Coefficient of Mean Deviation.
4. Coefficient of Variation.

The most commonly used relative measure of dispersion is coefficient of variation.

### 6.6.1 Range

1. Range is the simplest possible measure of dispersion.
2. Range is the simplest possible measure of dispersion.
3. It is the difference between the highest and lowest values in a series.
4. Range $=\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{L}$, ' H ' is the Highest value and ' L ' is the Lowest value.
5. Range there for measures the maximum variation in the values of a series.

Range is an absolute measure. The relative measure based on range is the coefficient of range.
Coefficient of range $=\frac{H-L}{H+L}$

## Range in Individual Series

Eg. Find the range in the series: $25,32,85,32,42,10,20,18,28$.
Solution: Range $=$ H- L, ie 85-10 $=75$

## Range in Discrete Series

Example: Calculate the range and Coefficient of range for the following distribution.

| Size | 5 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 3 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 |

$$
\text { Range }=\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{L} ;=25-5=20
$$

## Coefficient of Range

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Coefficient of Range }=\frac{H-L}{H+L} \\
=\frac{25-5}{25+5} \\
=\frac{20}{30}=0.6667
\end{gathered}
$$

## Uses of Range

- Range is used in certain fields to measure variability, particularly in those data where variation is not much. (e.g. Doctors are interested in range in body temperature)
- It is used in quality control.
- Range is used to study variation in prices of shares and interest rates.
- In weather forecasts, the minimum and the maximum temperature of every day are studied (To predict the range within which the temperature may vary).


### 6.7 Quartile Deviation

### 6.7.1 Definition

Quartile Deviation is defined as half the distance between the third and first quartiles.
Quartile Deviation is am absolute measure and it is given by

$$
\text { Quartile Deviation }=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{2}
$$

$Q_{1}$ and $Q_{3}$ are the first quartile and third quartile respectively.
The corresponding relative measure is the Coefficient of Quartile Deviation which is given by
Coefficient of Quartile Deviation $=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{Q_{3}+Q_{1}}$

## QD in Individual Series

$\mathrm{Q}_{1}=$ size of $\left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)^{\text {th }}$ item, when the items are arranged in ascending order.
$\mathrm{Q}_{3}=$ size of $\left(\frac{n+1}{4} \times 3\right)^{\text {th }}$ item, when the items are arranged in ascending order.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Quartile Deviation }=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{2} \\
\text { Coefficient of Quartile Deviation }=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{Q_{3}+Q_{1}} \\
\text { Inter Quartile Range }=\mathrm{Q}_{3}-\mathrm{Q}_{1}
\end{gathered}
$$

Example Compute Quartile measure of dispersion, Interquartile range, and Coefficient of Quartile Deviation for the following series. $23,25,8,10,9,29,45,85,10,16,24$.

Solution If values are arranged in the ascending series, $8,9,10,10,16,23,24,25,29,45,85 . ; \mathrm{N}=11$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{Q}_{1}=\text { size of }\left(\frac{11+1}{4}\right)^{t h} \text { item }=\text { size of } 3^{r d} \text { item }=10 \\
& \mathrm{Q}_{3}=\text { size of }\left(\frac{11+1}{4} \times 3\right)^{\text {th }} \text { item }=\text { size of } 9^{t h} \text { item }=29
\end{aligned}
$$

Q. D. Quartile Deviation $=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{2}=\frac{29-10}{2}=9.5$

Interquartile Range Inter Quartile Range $=\mathrm{Q}_{3}-\mathrm{Q}_{1}=19$
Coefficient of $\mathrm{QD}=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{Q_{3}+Q_{1}}=\frac{29-10}{29+10}=\frac{19}{39}=0.49$

### 6.7.2 QD in Discrete Series

Quartile Deviation $=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{2}$,
$\mathrm{Q}_{1}=$ size of $\left(\frac{N+1}{4}\right)^{t h}$ item, $\mathrm{N}=\sum f$
$\mathrm{Q}_{3}=$ size of $\left(\frac{3 N+1}{4}\right)^{\text {th }}$ item, $\mathrm{N}=\sum f$
Example Find the QD for the following series

| Size | 5 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 19 | 20 | 32 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Freq. | 3 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 8 | 7 | 6 |

## Solution

$$
\begin{gathered}
\begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
\hline \text { Size } & \text { Freq } & \text { Cum. Freq } \\
\hline 5 & 3 & 3 \\
\hline 8 & 10 & 13 \\
\hline 10 & 15 & 28 \\
\hline 12 & 20 & 48 \\
\hline 19 & 8 & 56 \\
\hline 20 & 7 & 63 \\
\hline 32 & 6 & 69 \\
\hline & \sum \mathrm{~N}=69 & \\
\mathrm{Q}_{1}=\operatorname{size} \text { of }\left(\frac{N+1}{4}\right)^{\text {th }} \text { item }=17.5 \text { item size }=10 \\
\mathrm{Q}_{3}=\operatorname{size} \text { of }\left(\frac{3 N+1}{4}\right)^{\text {th }} \text { item }=52.5 \text { item size }=19 \\
\mathrm{QD}=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{2}=\frac{19-10}{2}=4.5
\end{array}
\end{gathered}
$$

### 6.7.3 QD in a Continuous Series

Here QD is the the same, i.e. $\mathrm{QD}=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{2}$
$\mathrm{Q}_{1} \& \mathrm{Q}_{3}$ are size of $\left(\frac{N}{4}\right)$ th item and size of $\left(\frac{N}{4} \times 3\right)$ th item respectively. They cannot be determined directly and is determined graphically by the interpolation formula which is given by.

$$
\mathrm{Q}_{1}=l_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{N}{4}-c f\right)}{f} \times c \quad \text { and } \quad \mathrm{Q}_{3}=l_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{3 N}{4}-c f\right)}{f} \times c
$$

Where
${ }^{\prime} l_{1}$ ' is the lower limit of the quartile class.
' f ' is the frequency of the class.
'cf' is the cumulative frequency of the preceding class.
' $c$ ' is the class interval of the quartile class.

Example Find the quartile deviation for the following frequency distribution.

| Age | $0-10$ | $10-20$ | $20-30$ | $30-40$ | $40-50$ | $50-60$ | $60-70$ | $70-80$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | 15 | 30 | 53 | 75 | 100 | 110 | 115 | 125 |

Solution First you have to form the cumulative frequency distribution and determine $\mathrm{Q}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{Q}_{3}$ $\mathrm{Q}_{1}=l_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{N}{4}-c f\right)}{f} \times c \quad \mathrm{Q}_{3}=l_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{3 N}{4}-c f\right)}{f} \times c$

| Size | f | cf |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-10$ | 15 | 15 |  |
| $10-20$ | 30 | 45 |  |
| $20-30$ | 53 | 98 |  |
| $30-40$ | 75 | 173 | $\frac{N}{4}$ |
| $40-50$ | 100 | 273 |  |
| $50-60$ | 110 | 383 |  |
| $60-70$ | 115 | 498 | $\frac{3 N}{4}$ |
| $70-80$ | 125 | 623 |  |
|  | $\sum=623$ |  |  |

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{N}{4} \text { item size }=\frac{623}{4} \text { th item }=155.75 \\
\mathrm{Q}_{1}=\mathrm{l}_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{N}{4}-c f\right)}{f} \times c=30+\left(\frac{(155.75-98)}{75}\right) \times 10=37.7 \\
\frac{3 N}{4} \text { item size }=\frac{3 \times 623}{4} \text { th item }=467.5 \\
\text { Lower quartile class is } 60-70 \\
\mathrm{Q}_{3}=\mathrm{l}_{1}+\frac{\left(\frac{3 N}{4}-c f\right)}{f} \times c=60+\left(\frac{(467.5-383)}{115}\right) \times 10=67.33 \\
\text { Quartile Deviation }=\frac{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}{2}=\frac{67.33-37.7}{2}=14.815
\end{gathered}
$$

### 6.8 Mean Deviation

### 6.8.1 Definition

Mean Deviation is defined as the arithmetic mean of deviations of all the values in a series from their average, counting all such deviations as positive. The average selected may be mean, median or mode.

$$
\therefore \text { Mean Deviation }=\frac{\sum|d|}{n}
$$

where ' $|d|$ ' represents deviation from an average without sign. ' $n$ ' being number of items.
Mean deviation is an absolute measure. Its relative value is Coefficient of Mean Deviation. It is equal to the ratio of Mean deviation to Average from which Mean Deviation is computed.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { If Mean is the chosen average, } \\
& \text { Coefficient of Mean Deviation }=\frac{\text { Mean Deviation }}{\text { Mean }}
\end{aligned}
$$

### 6.8.2 Mean Deviation in Individual Series

Example Find the mean deviation from mean and its coefficient for the following values $25,63,85,75,62,70,8^{3}$
Solution First you have to find out the Mean.
Here the mean is obtained as

$$
\text { Mean }=\frac{25+63+85+75+62+70+83+28+30+12}{10}=53.3
$$

| x | $\|\mathrm{d}\|=\mathrm{x}-53.3$ without <br> sign |
| :--- | :--- |
| 25 | 283 |
| 63 | 9.7 |
| 85 | 31.7 |
| 75 | 21.7 |
| 62 | 8.7 |
| 70 | 16.7 |
| 83 | 29.7 |
| 28 | 25.3 |
| 30 | 23.3 |
| 12 | 41.3 |
| 533 | 236.4 |

Then find out deviations ' $|d|$ for each value i.e. $25-53.3=28.3$
Mean Deviation $=\frac{\sum|d|}{n}=\frac{236.4}{10}=23.64$
Coefficient of mean deviation $=\frac{\text { Mean Deviation }}{\text { Mean }}=\frac{23.64}{53.3}=0.44$

Mean Deviation from Median Calculate mean deviation from median and its coefficient for the following values, $5,25,28,33,35,44,82,83,87,96,99$ Solution Median $=$ Size of $\frac{(N+1)}{2}$ th item. $=$ Size of 6 th item $=44$.
Find out the deviation of each value from median. Find the sum of deviation.

| x | $\|\mathrm{d}\|=\mathrm{x}-44$ without <br> sign |
| :--- | :--- |
| 5 | 39 |
| 25 | 19 |
| 28 | 16 |
| 33 | 11 |
| 35 | 9 |
| 44 | 0 |
| 82 | 38 |
| 83 | 39 |
| 87 | 43 |
| 96 | 52 |
| 99 | 55 |
|  | 321 |

Mean Deviation $=\frac{321}{11}=29.18$.
Coefficient of Mean Deviation $=\frac{29.18}{44}=0.66$

### 6.8.3 Mean Deviation in a Discrete Series

Mean Deviation in Discrete Frequency Series In the case of discrete frequency series, MD is given
by,

$$
\mathrm{MD}=\frac{\sum f \times|d|}{N}
$$

Where ' f ' is the frequency corresponding to the given size, ' $|x|$ ' and ' N ' is the total frequency. Example Calculate the MD for the following series from mean.

| Size | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 171 | 82 | 50 | 25 | 13 | 7 | 2 |


| x | f | fx | $\|\mathrm{d}\|$ <br> $=\|\mathrm{x}-1.02\|$ | $\mathrm{f}\|\mathrm{d}\|$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 171 | 0 | 1.02 | 174.42 |
| 1 | 82 | 82 | 0.02 | 1.64 |
| 2 | 50 | 100 | 0.98 | 49.00 |
| 3 | 25 | 75 | 1.98 | 49.5 |
| 4 | 13 | 52 | 2.98 | 38.74 |
| 5 | 7 | 35 | 3.98 | 27.86 |
| 6 | 2 | 12 | 4.98 | 9.96 |
|  | 350 | 356 |  | 351.12 |

solution Mean of the series $=\frac{\sum f \times x}{N}=\frac{356}{350}=1.02$
Mean Deviation $=\frac{\sum f \times|d|}{N}=\frac{351.52}{350}=0.98$

### 6.8.4 MD in Continuous Frequency Distribution

MD in continuous frequency distribution is given by:
Mean Deviation $=\frac{\sum f \times|d|}{N}$
It is same as discrete frequency series. The only difference is that here the mid value of the class is taken as ' x '.

Example Calculate the MD from mean for the following frequency distribution.

| Marks | $0-10$ | $10-20$ | $20-30$ | $30-40$ | $40-50$ | $50-60$ | $60-70$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 4 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 |

Mean of the series $=\frac{\sum f \times x}{N}=\frac{2100}{60}=35$
Mean Deviation $=\frac{\sum f \times|d|}{N}=\frac{680}{60}=11.33$

### 6.8.5 Merits and Demerits of Mean Deviation <br> Merits

- Mean deviation is a very simple and an easy measure of dispersion.
- It is easily understood.
- It is based on all the items of the series. So it is more representative.
- Mean deviation is less affected by extreme values.

| Marks | f | Mid <br> x | fx | $\|\mathrm{d}\|$ <br> $=\|\mathrm{x}-35\|$ | $\mathrm{f}\|\mathrm{d}\|$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0-10$ | 4 | 5 | 20 | 30 | 120 |
| $10-20$ | 6 | 15 | 90 | 20 | 120 |
| $20-30$ | 10 | $(25)$ | 250 | 10 | 100 |
| $30-40$ | 20 | 35 | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| $40-50$ | 10 | 45 | 450 | 10 | 100 |
| $50-60$ | 6 | 55 | 330 | 20 | 120 |
| $60-70$ | 4 | 65 | 260 | 30 | 120 |
|  | 60 |  | 2100 |  | 680 |

## Demerits

- Mean deviation suffers from inaccuracy because ' + ' or '- -' signs are ignored.
- Mean deviation is not capable of any further algebraic treatment.
- Mean deviation is not reliable measure when calculated from Mode as the Mode is uncertain in some cases.


## Uses of MD

- Mean deviation is significantly used (or measuring variability of the series relating to Economic and Social phenomena.
- Variability in the distribution of wealth and income is generally measured in terms of Mean deviation.


### 6.9 Standard Deviation

### 6.9.1 Meaning of the Term

Definition According to Spiegel, "Standard Deviation is the square root of the mean of the squares of the deviations of all values of a series from their Arithmetic Mean"

### 6.9.2 Standard Deviation in Individual Series

If $\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{x}_{2}, \mathrm{x}_{3}, \ldots \ldots . \mathrm{x}_{n}$ are ' n ' values, then the standard deviation '

$$
\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{\left(x_{1}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}+\left(x_{2}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}+\left(x_{2}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}+\ldots+\left(x_{n}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}}{n}}
$$

Standard Deviation $=\sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^{2}}{n}} ; \quad$ ' $n$ ' is the no. of items.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { On simplification } \sigma=\sqrt{\frac{\sum x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^{2}} \\
\text { Variance }=\sigma^{2}=\frac{\sum x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^{2} \\
\text { Coefficient of variation }=\frac{S D}{M e a n}
\end{gathered}
$$

### 6.9.3 SD in Individual Series

Eg. Find the standard variation, variance and coefficient of variation for the following series.

$$
5,8,7,11,9,10,8,2,4,6
$$

| x | $\mathrm{x}^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 25 |
| 8 | 64 |
| 7 | 49 |
| 11 | 121 |
| 9 | 81 |
| 10 | 100 |
| 8 | 64 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 4 | 16 |
| 6 | 36 |
| 70 | 560 |

$$
\begin{gathered}
S D=\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{\sum x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^{2}} S D=\sqrt{\frac{560}{10}-\left(\frac{70}{10}\right)^{2}}=\sqrt{56-49}=\sqrt{7}=2.646 \\
\text { Variance }=\sigma^{2}=7 \\
\text { Coefficient of Variation }=\frac{2.646}{7} \times 100=37.8
\end{gathered}
$$

### 6.9.4 SD in Discrete Frequency Series

$$
S D=\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{\sum f \times x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum f \times x}{n}\right)^{2}}
$$

Example Find the standard deviation for the following series:

| Mark | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of Students | 8 | 10 | 16 | 9 | 7 |


| x | f | fx | $\mathrm{x}^{2}$ | $\mathrm{fx}^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 8 | 16 | 4 | 32 |
| 4 | 10 | 40 | 16 | 160 |
| 6 | 16 | 96 | 36 | 576 |
| 8 | 9 | 72 | 64 | 576 |
| 10 | 7 | 70 | 100 | 700 |
|  | 50 | 294 |  | 2044 |

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{\sum f \times x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum f \times x}{n}\right)^{2}} \\
\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{2044}{50}-\left(\frac{294}{50}\right)^{2}} \\
=\sqrt{40.88-(5.88)^{2}} \\
=\sqrt{40.88-34.57}=\sqrt{6.31}=2.51
\end{gathered}
$$

SD in Continuous Series Here the only difference is that the mid value of the class is taken as the size( x ).

$$
\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{\sum f \times x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum f \times x}{n}\right)^{2}}
$$

## Example 1

Find the standard deviation, variance and coefficient of variation.

| Size | $0-2$ | $2-4$ | $4-6$ | $6-8$ | $8-10$ | $10-12$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 6 |

## Solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \text { Size } & \mathrm{f} & \text { Mid X } & \mathrm{fx} & \mathrm{x}^{2} & \mathrm{fx}^{2} \\
\hline 0-2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\
\hline 2-4 & 4 & 3 & 12 & 9 & 36 \\
\hline 4-6 & 6 & 5 & 30 & 25 & 150 \\
\hline 6-8 & 4 & 7 & 28 & 49 & 196 \\
\hline 8-10 & 2 & 9 & 18 & 81 & 162 \\
\hline 10-12 & 6 & 11 & 66 & 121 & 726 \\
\hline & 24 & & 156 & & 1272 \\
\sigma & =\sqrt{\frac{\sum f \times x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum f \times x}{n}\right)^{2}} \sigma=\sqrt{\frac{1272}{24}-\left(\frac{156}{24}\right)^{2}} \\
& =\sqrt{53-(6.5)^{2}}=\sqrt{53-42.25}=\sqrt{10.75}=3.28 \\
\text { Variance }=\sigma^{2}=10.75
\end{array} \\
& \\
& \\
& \hline
\end{aligned}
$$

Mean $=\frac{\sum f x}{N}=\frac{156}{24}=6.5 ;$ Coefft of variation $=\frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100=\frac{3.28}{6.5} \times 100=50.46$

## Example 2

The scores of two batsmen 'Sachin' and 'Dhoni' during a certain match are as follows.

| Sachin | 10 | 12 | 80 | 70 | 60 | 100 | 0 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dhoni | 8 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 8 |

Examine which of the batsmen is more consistent in scoring. Who is more efficient batsmen?

## Solution

The batsman who has the low coefficient of variation is more consistent. Also the batsman who has higher average score is more efficient.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{x}=\frac{\sum x}{n}=\frac{336}{8}=42 \\
& \text { (More efficient) } \\
& \bar{x}=\frac{\sum x}{n}=\frac{66}{8}=8.25
\end{aligned}
$$

## Sachin

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad \sigma=\sqrt{\frac{\sum x^{2}}{n}-\left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^{2}}=\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{25160}{8}-\left(\frac{336}{8}\right)^{2}} \\
& =\sqrt{3145-(42)^{2}}=\sqrt{3145-1764}=\sqrt{1381}=37.16 \\
& \text { Coefft. of variation }=\frac{S D}{\text { Mean }} \times 100=\frac{37.16}{42} \times 100=88.48
\end{aligned}
$$

Table 6.1: Sachin

| x | $\mathrm{x}^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 100 |
| 12 | 144 |
| 80 | 6400 |
| 70 | 4900 |
| 60 | 3600 |
| 100 | 1000 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 16 |
| 336 | 25160 |

Table 6.2: Dhoni

| x | $\mathrm{x}^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 8 | 64 |
| 9 | 81 |
| 7 | 49 |
| 10 | 100 |
| 5 | 25 |
| 9 | 81 |
| 10 | 100 |
| 8 | 64 |
| 66 | 564 |

Dhoni
$\sigma=\sqrt{\frac{564}{8}-\left(\frac{66}{8}\right)^{2}}=\sqrt{70.5-(8.25)^{2}}=\sqrt{2.44}=1.56$
Coefft. of Variation $=\frac{1.56}{8.25} \times 100=18.93$ (More Consistent)

## Why SD is Best Measure?

Standard Deviation possesses most of the important characteristics which an ideal measure of dispersion should have.

- Standard Deviation is rigidly defined.
- It is based on all the observations of the data.
- It is amenable to more algebraic treatment.
- It possesses many mathematical properties.
- It is not much affected by sampling fluctuations.
- It does not ignore the signs of the deviations.
- It is possible to find out S. D. of two or more groups.
- Coefficient of Variation is based on Standard Deviation and it can be used to compare variability of two series.
- Standard Deviation is used to find out statistical measures like coefficient of Skewness, coefficient of Correlation, Regression equations etc.

So Standard Deviation is the best measure of dispersion.

### 6.9.5 Merits and Demerits of SD

## Merits

- SD is based on all values of a series.
- It is rigidly defined.
- It is capable of further mathematical treatment.
- It is not much affected by sampling fluctuations.


## Demerits

- It is difficult to calculate.
- Signs of deviations are not ignored.
- It gives weight for extreme values.


### 6.10 Skewness and Kurtosis

### 6.10.1 Symmetric Distributions

A frequency distribution is said to be symmetric if the frequencies are distributed symmetrically or evenly on either side of an average.

In a symmetrical frequency distribution, the number of items above the mean and below the mean would be the same and the items are symmetrically arranged about the mean.

Further, for symmetric distribution, $\mathrm{Q}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{Q}_{1}$ are equidistant from median.
Skewness
Skewness means lack of symmetry. The word skewness literally denotes asymmetry.
If a frequency distribution is skewed, there will be more items on one side of the mode than the other side

In the case of a skewed distribution, the mean and the median are pulled away from the mode. That is, for a skewed distribution mean, median and mode are not equal.

- For a skewed distribution $\mathrm{Q}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{Q}_{3}$ will not be equidistant from median.
- It has a long tail on one side and a short tail on the other side.
- Most of the economic data have skewed distributions.

Example : Income, Savings, etc. have skewed distributions.

+ ve and -ve Skewness
- Skewness may be either positive or negative.
- Skewness is said to be positive when mean is greater than median and median is greater than mode. In this case the curve is skewed to the right.
- Here more than half the area falls at the right side of the highest ordinate.
- Skewness is said to be negative when mean is less than median and median is less than mode (the curve is skewed to the left).
- Here more than half the area falls at the left of the highest ordinate.
- For a positively skewed longer tail at the right and for a negatively skewed curve, tail at the left.



### 6.10.2 Measures of Skewness

## Ist Measure of Skewness

Karl Pearson's Coefficient ' $J$ ' $=\frac{\text { Mean }- \text { Mode }}{\text { Standard Deviation }}$
In case, if in a frequency distribution, the Mode is ill defined, then Mean-Mode is taken as 3(Mean-Median)

If Mode Ill Defined ' J ' $=\frac{3(\text { Mean }- \text { Median })}{\text { StandardDeviation }}$; value of ' J ' will be $-3<\mathrm{J}>3$
2nd Measure of Skewness(Bowley's Coefft.)
Bowley's coefft. ' J ' $=\frac{\left(Q_{3}+Q_{1}-2 M\right)}{Q_{3}-Q_{1}}$
Where ' M ' is the Median.
Third Measure of Skewness(Kelly's Coefft.)
$' \mathrm{~J} '=\frac{\left(D_{9}+D_{1}-2 \text { Median }\right)}{\left(D_{9}-D_{1}\right)}$ or $\frac{\left(P_{90}+P_{10}-2 \text { Median }\right)}{\left(P_{90}-P_{10}\right)}$
Where ' $D$ ' stands for decile and 'P'stands for Percentile.

## Fourth Measure of Skewness

On the basis of central moments, Coefficient of skewness is given by ' J ' $=\frac{\mu_{3}}{\sqrt{\mu_{2}^{2}}}$
Where' $\mu_{3}$ and $\mu_{2}$ are third moment and second moment respectively.

## Central Moment $\mu_{r}$

Central Moment ' $\mu_{r}$ ' $=\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^{r}}{n}$ for individual series and $\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{r}}{N}$ for a frequency distribution.

### 6.10.3 Measures of Kurtosis

Kurtosis The term 'Kurtosis' indicates whether a distribution is flat topped or peaked.
Measure of Kurtosis is therefore measure of peakedness.
Mesokurtic When a curve is neither peaked nor flat topped, it is called mesokurtic(normal).
Leptokurtic When a frequency curve is more peaked than the normal curve it is called leptokurtic.

Platykurtic When a frequency curve is more flat topped than the normal curve, it is called platykurtic.

## Measure of Kurtosis

Measure of Kurtosis is derived from moments.


Table 6.3: The first four moments are as follows

| Individual Series | Frequency Distribution |
| :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{\prime} \mu_{1} \text { ' }=\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^{1}}{n}$ | $' \mu_{1}^{\prime}=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{1}}{N}$ |
| ${ }^{\prime} \mu_{2}{ }^{\prime}=\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^{2}}{n}$ | $' \mu_{2}^{\prime} \text { ' }=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{2}}{N}$ |
| ${ }^{\prime} \mu_{3}{ }^{\prime}=\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^{3}}{n}$ | ${ }^{\prime} \mu_{3}{ }^{\prime}=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{3}}{N}$ |
| ${ }^{\prime} \mu_{4}^{\prime}=\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^{4}}{n}$ | $' \mu_{4}^{\prime}=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{4}}{N}$ |

Measure of Kurtosis ' $\beta_{2}$ ' $=\frac{\mu_{4}}{\left(\mu_{2}\right)^{2}}$
When $\beta_{2}=3$, the distribution will be mesokurtic, if it is lower than 3 , the distribution is platykurtic and if it is greater than 3, it is leptokurtic.

## Central Moments

Example: Find the coefficient of Skewness and Measure of Kurtosis for the following frequency distribution.

| Class | $0-2$ | $2-4$ | $4-6$ | $6-8$ | $8-10$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

## Solution

| Class | x | f | fx | $x-\bar{x}$ | $\mathrm{f}(x-\bar{x})$ | $f(x-\bar{x})^{2}$ | $f(x-\bar{x})^{3}$ | $f(x-\bar{x})^{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-2$ | 1 | 2 | 2 | -3.2 | -6.4 | 20.48 | -65.54 | 209.73 |
| $2-4$ | 3 | 3 | 9 | -1.2 | -3.6 | 4.32 | -5.18 | 6.22 |
| $4-6$ | 5 | 3 | 15 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 1.92 | 1.54 | 1.23 |
| $6-8$ | 7 | 1 | 7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 7.84 | 21.95 | 61.46 |
| $8-10$ | 9 | 1 | 9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 23.04 | 110.59 | 530.83 |
|  |  | 10 | 42 | 4 | 0 | 57.60 | 63.36 | 809.47 |

$$
\begin{gathered}
\bar{x}=\frac{f \times \sum x}{N}=\frac{42}{10}=4.2 \\
{ }^{\prime} \mu_{1}^{\prime} \text { ' }=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{1}}{N}=\frac{0}{N}=0 \\
{ }^{\prime} \mu_{2}^{\prime}=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{2}}{N}=\frac{57.60}{10}=5.76 \\
{ }^{\prime} \mu_{3}^{\prime}=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{3}}{N}=\frac{63.36}{10}=6.34 \\
{ }^{\prime} \mu_{4}^{\prime}=\frac{\sum f \times(x-\bar{x})^{4}}{N}=\frac{809.47}{10}=80.95
\end{gathered}
$$

Coefficient of skewness ' $J$ ' $=\frac{\mu_{3}}{\sqrt{\left(\mu_{2}\right)^{3}}}=\frac{6.36}{\sqrt{(5.76)^{3}}}=0.46$
$\therefore$ the distribution is positively skewed.
Measure of Kurtosis $=' \beta_{2}{ }^{\prime}=\frac{\mu_{4}}{\left(\mu_{2}\right)^{2}}=\frac{80.95}{(5.76)^{2}}=2.44$
$\therefore$ the distribution is platykurtic.

### 6.10.4 Lorenz Curve

## Lorenz Curve

- Lorenz curve is a graphical method of studying dispersion in a series.
- It is used in Business to Study the disparities of the distribution of wages, turn over, production, population, etc.
- In Economics it is useful to measure inequalities in the distribution of income between different countries, or between different periods of time.
- Lorenz curve is a graph drawn to a frequency distribution taking the cumulated percentage values of frequencies along the X -axis and cumulated percentage values of the variable along the Y- axis.

A typical Lorenz curve is given by


Measurement of Variability

- If there is no equality in the distribution Lorenz curve will coincide with the line of equal distribution.
- The more the Lorenz curve is away from the line of equal distribution the greater is the inequality or variability.

Lorenz curve is useful to:

- Study the variability in distribution.
- Compare the variability relating to phenomenon for two regions.
- study the changes in variability over a period.


### 6.11 Index numbers

### 6.11.1 Introduction

Meaning Definition by Croxton and Cowden Index numbers are devices for measuring differences in the magnitude of a group of related variables.
Definition by Spiegel An index number is a statistical measure designed to show changes in a variable or a group of related variables with respect to time, Geographic location or other characteristics.

Definition by Wessel Willet and Simone An index number is a special type of average that provide in measurement of relative changes from time to time or from place to place.

Example An index number, therefore, is a statistical device for measuring changes in the magnitude of a group of related variables during a specific period in comparison to their level on some other period. i.e. index numbers measure changes in group of related variables over time.

## Characteristics of Index Numbers

- Index numbers are specialised averages.i.e. we consider different types of items, units, price quotations, etc.
- Index numbers are expressed in percentages of relative changes; but the sign ' $\%$ ' is never used.
- Index numbers measure changes not capable of direct measurement. e.g. 'price level', 'Economic activity', 'Cost of living', etc. are not capable of direct measurement.
- Index numbers are meant for comparison. Comparison is made over different intervals of time with reference to a particular base year.
- Index numbers have universal application. They are used to to ascertain changes in different sectors of economy.


## Important Uses of Index Numbers

- Index numbers measure changes in price level.
- Index numbers are indicators of inflationary or deflationary tendencies. Index numbers are useful to arrive at the real value of money or purchasing power of money.
- Index numbers can be used to make measuring adjustments in wages of employees. When there is increase in cost of living index number the wages of workers are also to be increased accordingly.
- Many of the economic and business policies are guided by index numbers. eg. Index numbers of Industrial Production shows relative changes in physical outputs.
- Index numbers can be used to study trends and tendencies of various phenomena.


## Index Numbers are Economic Barometers

- Barometer is an instrument which is used for recording the changes in atmospheric pressure.
- Wholesale price index numbers record the changes in the price level of a country.
- Index numbers of agricultural production and industrial production reveal the changes in the progress in the fields of agriculture and industry.


## Index Number is Economic Barometer

- Index numbers of business activity throw light on the economic progress that various countries have made.

Since index numbers make a complete study of the economic changes in the country, they are called economic barometers.

## Limitations of Index Numbers

- Index numbers are based on samples so they do not take into account each and every item. Hence they are not perfect.
- Index numbers are only approximate indicators of the relative level of a phenomenon.
- All index numbers are not good for all purposes. An index number calculated for one purpose cannot be used in other places where they may not be fully appropriate.
- Index numbers are specialised type of average that they are subject to all limitations also which an average suffers.
- There are different methods for calculations of index numbers. So if a suitable method is not selected, the result obtained may not be accurate.
- Index numbers are liable to be misused by choosing an abnormal base year or irrational weights.


## Problems in Constructing Index Numbers

- Purpose of index :- If not properly defined, would lead to confusions.
- Selection of the base period :- If not properly chosen, IN will be useless.
- Selection of items :- Difficult to include all items.
- Obtaining price quotation :- Should collect from a number of markets.
- 
- Selection of an average :- Though Geometric Mean is the best average, arithmetic mean is usually used since it is simple.
- Selection of appropriate weight. If weights are wrongly chosen, IN will be inappropriate.
- Selection of an appropriate method and formula.


### 6.11.2 Simple and Weighted Index Numbers

## Simple Index Number

Simple Index numbers are those in the calculation of which all the items are treated equally important. No item has importance than other.

## Weighted Index Number

Weighted index numbers are those index numbers in the calculation of which each item assigned a particular weight. The importance of each item differs.

## Meaning of the Term Weight

- Weight refers to the relative importance of the item.
- The system of weighing may be arbitrary or rational.
- In arbitrary way, the statistician is free to assign weights.
- In rational weighing some criteria have been fixed for assigning weights.
- The weights may be on the basis of the value or quantity purchased, consumed or sold.
- When quantity forms the basis, it is called 'Quantity weighing' and in case of value, it is called 'Value weighing'.


## Price Index Number

Price index numbers measure changes in the price of a commodity for a given period.
Example : Wholesale Price Index Number, cost of living index number, etc.

### 6.11.3 Methods for Construction of Price Index number

- Unweighted Index Numbers
- Weighted Index Numbers.


## Unweighted or Simple Index Numbers

Simple index numbers are those index numbers in which all items are treated equally. There are two methods available:

- Simple Aggregate Method
- Simple Average Price Relative Method.


## Simple Aggregate Method

Index Number $\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum P_{1}}{\sum P_{0}} \times 100$
where $P_{1}$ and $P_{2}$ are price for the current year and price for the base year.

## Example :

Construct index number for 2015 on the basis of price of 2010 .

| Commodities | Price of 2010 $\left(\mathrm{P}_{0}\right)$ | Price of 2015 $\left(\mathrm{P}_{1}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 115 | 130 |
| B | 72 | 89 |
| C | 54 | 75 |
| D | 60 | 72 |
| E | 80 | 105 |
| Sum | $\sum P_{0}=381$ | $\sum P_{1}=471$ |

Index Number $\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum P_{1}}{\sum P_{0}} \times 100=\frac{471}{381} \times 100=123.62$

## 2. Simple Average Price Relative Method

Here Index number corresponding to each item is found out first and then average is taken.

$$
\text { Price Index Index Number }=\frac{\sum I}{N}
$$

Where ' I ' $=\frac{P_{1}}{P_{0}} \times 100$ for each item and ' N ' is the total number of items.

## Example :

Calculate simple index number by average relative method.

| Items | Price in Base Year | Price in Current Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 5 | 7 |
| B | 10 | 12 |
| C | 15 | 25 |
| D | 20 | 18 |
| E | 8 | 9 |

## Solution

| Items | Price in Base Year | Price in Current Year | $\mathrm{I}=\frac{P_{1}}{P_{0}} \times 100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 5 | 7 | 140 |
| B | 10 | 12 | 120 |
| C | 15 | 25 | 166.7 |
| D | 20 | 18 | 90 |
| E | 8 | 9 | 112.5 |
| $\mathrm{~N}=5$ |  | $\sum I=629.2$ |  |

Index Number $=\frac{\sum I}{N}=\frac{629.2}{5}=125.84$

### 6.11.4 Weighted Index Number

In this method quantity consumed is also taken into account.
There two such index numbers

- Weighted Aggregate Method.
- Weighted Average of Price Relative Method.


## I. Weighted Aggregate Method

This method is based on the weight of the prices of the selected commodities. Commonly used methods are:

1. Laspeyre's Method
2. Paasche's Method
3. Bowley-Dorbish Method
4. Fischer's Ideal Method
5. Kelly's Method
6. Marshal-Edgeworth Method

## 1. Laspeyre's Method

Here the index number is given by

$$
\text { Index Number }\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times 100
$$

where $P_{1}, P_{0}$ and $q_{0}$ are Price of current year, Price of base year and quantity of base year respectively.

## 2. Paasche's Method

Here the index number is given by

$$
\text { Index Number }\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times 100
$$

where $P_{1}, P_{0}$ and $q_{1}$ are Price of current year, Price of base year and quantity of current year respectively.

## 3.Fischer's Ideal Method

Here the index number is given by

$$
\text { Index Number }\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}}} \times 100
$$

where $\mathrm{P}_{1}, \mathrm{P}_{0}$ and $\mathrm{q}_{1}, \mathrm{q}_{0}$ are Price of current year, Price of base year and quantity of current year, quantity of base year respectively.
i.e. index number $=\sqrt{L \times P}$
where ' L ' and ' P ' are Laspeyre's and Paasche's index numbers respectively.

## 4. Bowley-Dorbish Method

Here the index number is given by average of Laspeyre's and Paasche's index numbers. i.e. Index Number $=\frac{L+P}{2}$

## 5. Kelly's Method

Index Number, $\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum P_{1} q}{\sum P_{0} q} \times 100 ;$ and ' q ' $=\frac{q_{1}+q_{0}}{2}$

## 6. Marshall-Edgeworth Method

Index Number $=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}+\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}+\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times 100$

## Problem

Calculate Laspeyre's Index Number, Paasche's Index Number and Fischer's Index Number for the following data related with the prices and quantities consumed for 2010 and 2015.

| Commodity | 2010 <br> Price $\left(\mathrm{P}_{0}\right)$ | 2010 <br> Quantity $\left(\mathrm{q}_{0}\right)$ | 2015 <br> Price $\left(\mathrm{P}_{1}\right)$ | 2015 <br> Quantity $\left(\mathrm{q}_{1}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | 5 | 15 | 7 | 12 |
| Wheat | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| Sugar | 7 | 4 | 9 | 3 |
| Tea | 52 | 2 | 55 | 2 |

## Solution

| Commodity | $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | 5 | 15 | 7 | 12 | 105 | 75 | 84 | 60 |
| Wheat | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 30 | 20 | 24 | 16 |
| Sugar | 7 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 36 | 28 | 27 | 21 |
| Tea | 52 | 2 | 55 | 2 | 110 | 104 | 110 | 104 |
| sum $\sum$ |  |  |  |  | 281 | 227 | 245 | 201 |

Laspeyre's Index Number $\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times 100$

$$
=\frac{281}{227} \times 100=123.79
$$

## Paasche's Method

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Paasche's Index Number }\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times 100 \\
=\frac{245}{201} \times 100=121.89
\end{gathered}
$$

## Fischers Method

Fischer's index number $\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\sqrt{L \times P}$

$$
=\sqrt{123.79 \times 121.89}=122.84 .
$$

### 6.11.5 II. Weighted Average Price Relative Method

Here Index Number is given by

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Index Number }=\frac{\sum I \times V}{\sum V} \\
\text { where ' } \mathrm{I} \text { ' }=\frac{P_{1}}{P_{0}} \times 100 \text { which is called 'index'. }
\end{gathered}
$$

## Sample Problem

Calculate the index number of Price for 2018 on the basis of 2014 from the data given below:

| Commodity | Weight | Price of 2014 | Price of 2018 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 40 | 16 | 20 |
| B | 25 | 40 | 60 |
| C | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| D | 20 | 5 | 6 |
| E | 10 | 2 | 1 |

## Solution

| Commodity | Weight | $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{I}=\frac{P_{1}}{P_{0}} \times 100$ | IV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 40 | 16 | 20 | 125 | 5000 |
| B | 25 | 40 | 60 | 150 | 3750 |
| C | 5 | 2 | 2 | 100 | 500 |
| D | 20 | 5 | 6 | 120 | 2400 |
| E | 10 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 500 |
|  | $\sum \mathrm{~V}=100$ |  |  |  | $\sum \mathrm{IV}=12150$ |

Index Number $=\frac{\sum I \times V}{\sum V}=\frac{12150}{100}=121.5$

### 6.11.6 Quantity Index Number

In Price index number weight is given to quantity where as in Quantity index number weight is given to Price.
Laspeyre's Quantity Index Number Laspeyre's Quantity Index Number $\left(\mathrm{q}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum q_{1} P_{0}}{\sum q_{0} P_{0}} \times 100$ Paasche's Quantity Index Number

$$
\text { Index Number }\left(\mathrm{q}_{01}\right)=\frac{\sum q_{1} P_{1}}{\sum q_{0} P_{1}} \times 100
$$

## Problem

From the following data compute quantity index number according to Laspeyre's method and Paasche's method.

|  | 2010 | 2010 | 2015 | 2015 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commodity | Price | Total Value | Price | Total Value |
| Rice | 8 | 80 | 10 | 110 |
| Sugar | 10 | 90 | 12 | 108 |
| Pulses | 16 | 256 | 20 | 340 |

## Solution

| Commodity | $\mathbf{P}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{P}_{1}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{1}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{P}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{0} \mathbf{P}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{P}_{1}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{0} \mathbf{P}_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | 8 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 88 | 80 | 110 | 100 |
| Sugar | 10 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 90 | 90 | 108 | 108 |
| Pulses | 16 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 272 | 256 | 340 | 320 |
| Total |  |  |  |  | 450 | 426 | 558 | 528 |

Laspeyre's Quantity index number $\mathrm{q}_{01}=\frac{\sum q_{1} P_{0}}{\sum q_{0} P_{0}} \times 100$
$=\frac{450}{426} \times 100=105.63$

| Commodity | $\mathbf{P}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{P}_{1}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{1}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{1} \mathbf{P}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{0}} \mathbf{P}_{0}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{1} \mathbf{P}_{1}$ | $\mathbf{q}_{0} \mathbf{P}_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice | 8 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 88 | 80 | 110 | 100 |
| Sugar | 10 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 90 | 90 | 108 | 108 |
| Pulses | 16 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 272 | 256 | 340 | 320 |
| Total |  |  |  |  | 450 | 426 | 558 | 528 |

Paasche's Quantity index number $\mathrm{q}_{01}=\frac{\sum q_{1} P_{1}}{\sum q_{0} P_{1}} \times 100$
$=\frac{558}{528} \times 100=105.68$

### 6.11.7 Types of Index Numbers

Generally index numbers of are of three types

## 1. Price Index Number

They indicate the general levels of prices of articles, commodities, services, in the current period as compared to a base period.

Example : Whole sale price index number, Consumer Price index number, etc.
2. Quantity Index Numbers

Quantity index numbers indicate general level of quantities of goods produced or consumed in the current period compared to a base period.

Example :

- Index numbers of quantity of goods imported
- Index numbers of quantity of goods exported
- Index numbers of quantity of agricultural production. etc.


## 3. Value Index Numbers

They measure total money value of transaction taking place.

### 6.11.8 Tests for Index Numbers

A good index number should satisfy the following tests.

1. Time Reversal Tests
2. Factor Reversal Tests and
3. Unit Test

## 1. Time Reversal Test (Irving Fischer)

An index number should be such that, when the base year and current year are interchanged(reversed), the resulting index number should be the reciprocal of the earlier.

Let $\mathrm{P}_{01}$ be the index number for the period ' 1 ' with respect to the base period ' 0 ' and let $\mathrm{P}_{10}$ is the index number for the period ' 0 ' with respect to period ' 1 ', then the particular index number satisfies time reversal test if:

$$
\mathrm{P}_{01} \times \mathrm{P}_{10}=1
$$

$P_{01}$ and $P_{10}$ are mere ratios \& should not be represented as percentages.
Time reversal test is not satisfied by Laspeyre's and Paasche's Index number. But Fischer index number and Marshal and Edgeworth index number satisfy this condition.

Fischer's index number is given by

$$
\text { Index Number }\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}}} \times 100
$$

According to time reversal test

$$
\mathrm{P}_{01} \times \mathrm{P}_{10}=1
$$

According to time reversal test:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{P}_{01} \times \mathrm{P}_{10}=1 \\
\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum P_{0} q_{1}}{\sum P_{1} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum P_{0} q_{0}}{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}}=1
\end{gathered}
$$

It can also be verified experimentally.

## Factor Reversal Test(Proposed by Irving Fischer)

Here the argument is that the index number should be such that the price index number and quantity index number calculated according to the formula should be quality effective in indicating changes.

Factor reversal test require that the product of the price index number and quantity index number should indicate the net change in value taking place in between the two periods.

According to factor reversal test :

$$
\mathrm{P}_{01} \times \mathrm{q}_{01}=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} ; \quad \text { RHS part is the value index ratio. }
$$

Only Fischer's Index number satisfy this condition.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum q_{1} P_{0}}{\sum q_{0} P_{0}} \times \frac{\sum q_{1} P_{1}}{\sum q_{0} P_{1}}} \\
\text { i.e }=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Unit Test

This test requires that the index number formula should be independent of units in which prizes or the quantities of various commodities are quoted.

All index numbers except simple aggregate of prizes and simple aggregate of quantities satisfy this test.

## Example

From the following data, find Fisher's index number and show that the time and factor reversal tests are satisfied by it.

| Commodity <br> or Items | Base Year <br> Price | Base Year <br> Expenditure | Current Year <br> Price | current Year <br> Expenditure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 8 | 80 | 10 | 120 |
| B | 10 | 120 | 12 | 96 |
| C | 5 | 40 | 5 | 50 |
| D | 4 | 56 | 3 | 60 |
| E | 20 | 100 | 25 | 150 |

## Solution

Fischer's Index Number $\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}}} \times 100$
Time reversal test:

$$
\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum P_{0} q_{1}}{\sum P_{1} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum P_{0} q_{0}}{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}}=1
$$

Factor Reversal Test:
$\sqrt{ } \sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum q_{1} P_{0}}{\sum q_{0} P_{0}} \times \frac{\sum q_{1} P_{1}}{\sum q_{0} P_{1}}}=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}}$

| Commodity | $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 8 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 80 | 96 | 100 | 120 |
| B | 10 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 120 | 80 | 144 | 96 |
| C | 5 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 50 |
| D | 4 | 14 | 3 | 20 | 56 | 80 | 27 | 60 |
| E | 20 | 5 | 25 | 6 | 100 | 120 | 125 | 150 |
| E |  |  |  |  | 396 | 926 | 436 | 476 |

Fischer's Index Number $\left(\mathrm{P}_{01}\right)=\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}}} \times 100$

$$
=\sqrt{\frac{436}{396} \times \frac{476}{926}} \times 100=75.23
$$

| Commodity | $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $\sum$ |  |  |  |  | 396 | 926 | 436 | 476 |

Time reversal test:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum P_{0} q_{1}}{\sum P_{1} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum P_{0} q_{0}}{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}}=1 \\
=\sqrt{\frac{436}{396} \times \frac{476}{926} \times \frac{926}{476} \times \frac{396}{436}}=1
\end{gathered}
$$

| Commodity | $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{0} q_{1}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1} q_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $\sum$ |  |  |  |  | 396 | 926 | 436 | 476 |

Factor Reversal Test:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times \frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{1}} \times \frac{\sum q_{1} P_{0}}{\sum q_{0} P_{0}} \times \frac{\sum q_{1} P_{1}}{\sum q_{0} P_{1}}}=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \\
& \quad=\sqrt{\frac{436}{396} \times \frac{476}{926} \times \frac{926}{396} \times \frac{476}{436}}=\frac{476}{396}=\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{1}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}}
\end{aligned}
$$

### 6.11.9 Consumer Price Index Number

'Consumer Price Index Number' is also known as 'Cost of Living Index Number' or 'Retail Price Index Number'.

Consumer Price Index Numbers are generally used to represent the average change over time in the pries paid by the ultimate consumer for a specified basket of goods and services.

It represents the average change in prices over a period of time, paid by the consumer for goods and services.

## Steps for Construction of Consumer Price Index

- Determination of class of people for whom the index number is to be constructed.
- Selection of base period.
- Conducting a family budget enquiry.
- Obtaining price quotations.
- Selecting Proper weights.
- Selection of suitable methods for constructing index.

Usually Aggregate Expenditure Method (By Laspeyre formula) and Family Budget Method (Average Relative Method) is used to construct the cost of living index number.

1. Aggregative Expenditure Method : $\frac{\sum P_{1} q_{0}}{\sum P_{0} q_{0}} \times 100$
2. Family Budget Method : $\frac{\sum I V}{V}$

Example : An enquiry into the budgets of middle class families in Thrissur City gave the following information. What changes in the cost of living of 2016 as compared to 2012 ?

| Expenses | Food | Rent | Clothing | Fuel | Misc. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\approx$ Proportion | $35 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Price(2012) | 150 | 30 | 75 | 25 | 40 |
| Price(2016) | 145 | 30 | 65 | 23 | 45 |

## Solution

| Expenses | Weight | $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{I}=\frac{P_{1}}{P_{0}} \times 100$ | IV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food | 35 | 150 | 145 | 96.67 | 3383.45 |
| Rent | 15 | 30 | 30 | 100 | 1500.00 |
| Clothing | 20 | 75 | 65 | 86.67 | 1733.40 |
| Fuel | 10 | 25 | 23 | 92 | 920.00 |
| Misc. | 20 | 40 | 45 | 112.50 | 2250.00 |
| $\sum$ | 100 |  |  |  | 9786.85 |

Cost of Living Index Number : $\frac{\sum I V}{\sum V}=\frac{9786.85}{100}=97.87(-2.13 \%)$

## Utility of Consumer Price Index Number

- Important use is for wage negotiations and and wage contracts.
- For Govts, they are used for wage policy, Price control, Rent control, Taxation, etc.
- Used for measuring purchasing power of money.
- Used for analysing markets for particular kind of goods and services.
- They are used for estimating the real wages of the workers from the wages paid to them.


### 6.11.10 Purchasing Power of Money

Purchase of power of money is also called 'Value of Rupee'. As the prize of commodities increases the value of Rupee decreases.

Value of Rupee for a period is the reciprocal of Price Index of that period multiplied by 100.

$$
\text { Current Purchasing Power of Money }=\frac{1}{\text { CurrentPriceIndex }} \times 100
$$

### 6.12 Analysis of Time Series

6.12.1 Time Series

Time series is the arrangement of data according to their occurrence.
It helps to find out the variations to the value of data due to changes in time.

## Importance

- It helps for understanding past behaviour.
- It facilitates forecasting and planning.
- It facilitates comparison.
- It helps in evaluating current programmes.


### 6.12.2 Components of Time Series

Statistical Series are usually affected by multiplicity of causes like tastes and habits of people, changes in population, changes in the cost of production, changes in the income of people, etc.

The effects of these factors on time series are called components of time series. They are:

1. Secular Trend
2. Seasonal Variation
3. Cyclic Variation.
4. Irregular Fluctuations.

## 1. Secular Trend

Secular Trend may be defined as the changes over a long period of time. The significance is greater when the period of time is larger.

It is the general tendency of a statistical data
Example: Population increases, Illiteracy decreases.

## 2. Seasonal Variations

Seasonal variations are measured for one calendar year. It is the variations which occur with some degree of regularity.

Example : Climate conditions, Social customs, etc.

## 3. Cyclic Variations

Cyclic variations are those variations which offer on account of business cycle for greater than one year. These cyclic moments pass through different stages of prosperity, recession, depression and recovery.


### 6.12.3 4. Irregular Fluctuations

Irregular fluctuations are caused by unusual, unexpected, and accidental causes like earthquake, flood, strike, etc.

### 6.12.4 Methods for Measuring Trend

## 1. Graphical Method(Free Hand Method)

- This is the simplest method for measuring Trend.
- Under the method original data are plotted on the graph.
- The plotted points should be joined to get a curve.
- A straight line should be drawn through the middle area of the curve.
- Such line will describe the tendency of the data.


## Semi Average Method

- The whole data are divided into two parts in the chronological order.
- If the number of years are odd, the middle year is omitted.
- Then average of these two groups are calculated.
- The two averages are then plotted in the graph against the middle year of each group.
- The two points are then joined together so as to get a straight line.
- This line is called ward live.
- Trend values are then calculated from this trend line corresponding to each year.


## Problem

Determine trend by applying method of semi average.

| Year | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value | 45 | 58 | 62 | 50 | 70 | 72 | 68 | 70 | 78 | 75 |


| Year | Values | Semi Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2008 | 45 |  |
| 2009 | 58 |  |
| 2010 | 62 | $\frac{285}{5}=57$ |
| 2011 | 50 |  |
| 2012 | 70 |  |
| 2013 | 72 |  |
| 2014 | 68 |  |
| 2015 | 70 | $\frac{363}{5}=72.6$ |
| 2016 | 78 |  |
| 2017 | 75 |  |



| Year | Values |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2008 | 50.5 |
| 2009 | 53.2 |
| 2010 | 57 |
| 2011 | 60 |
| 2012 | 63 |
| 2013 | 65.8 |
| 2014 | 70 |
| 2015 | 72.6 |
| 2016 | 75 |
| 2017 | 78.5 |

## 3. Method of Moving Average

- Moving average method is an improvement over free hand curve and semi average method.
- is quite simple and is used for smoothing the fluctuations in curves.
- The trend values obtained by this method are more accurate.
- Under this method, a series of successive average should be calculated from a series of values.
- Moving average is calculated for $3,4,5,6$, or 7 year periods.
- The period of moving average is so chosen that it is nether be too long or too short so that trend values are not distorted or irregular fluctuations are not significant.

The moving average can be calculated as follows:

## 3 Year Moving Average

3 year period moving average is calculated as $\frac{a+b+c}{3}, \frac{b+c+d}{3}, \frac{c+d+e}{3}, \frac{d+e+f}{3}, \ldots$ and so on

## 5 Year Moving Average

5 Year moving average is calculated as $\frac{a+b+c+d+e}{5}, \frac{b+c+d+e+f}{5}, \frac{c+d+e+f+g}{5}$, and so on.

## Example:

Compute a 3 year moving average for the following data:

| Year | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales | 55 | 47 | 59 | 151 | 79 | 36 | 45 | 72 | 83 | 89 | 102 |

## Solution

| Year | sales | 3 yearly moving total | 3 yearly moving average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2002 | 55 | - | - |
| 2003 | 47 | 161 | 53.67 |
| 2004 | 59 | 257 | 85.67 |
| 2005 | 151 | 289 | 96.33 |
| 2006 | 79 | 266 | 88.67 |
| 2007 | 36 | 160 | 53.33 |
| 2008 | 45 | 153 | 51 |
| 2009 | 72 | 200 | 66.67 |
| 2010 | 83 | 244 | 81.33 |
| 2011 | 89 | 274 | 91.33 |
| 2012 | 102 | - | - |

## 4. Method of Least Squares

- This is the popular method of drawing trend line.
- The trend line obtained by this method is called line of best fit.
- The trend line is represented as ' $y=a+b x$ '
- The value of 'a' and 'b' are determined by solving the following two normal equations.
- To find 'a' and 'b', we apply the method of least squares.
- Let 'E' be the sum of the squares of the deviations of all original values from their respective values derived from the equations,so that ${ }^{'} \mathrm{E}=[\mathrm{y}-(\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{bx})]^{2}$.
- As per calculus method, for minimum ' $\frac{\partial E}{\partial a}$, $=0$ and ${ }^{\prime} \frac{\partial E}{\partial b}$, $=0$.
- On solving we get two equations: $\sum y=N a+b \sum x$ and $\sum x y=a \sum x+b \sum x^{2}$
- Where ' $x$ ' and ' $y$ ' represents the time and the value of the variable, ' $a$ ' and ' $b$ ' are constants an ' N ' represents the total number.
- Solving these equations we get ' $a$ ' and ' $b$ '.
- Substituting these values in the equation ' $y=a+b x$ ' will give us the trend line.

When middle year is taken as the origin, then $\sum x=0$, then normal equation would be

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sum y=N a+b \sum x ; \sum y=\mathrm{Na} ; \therefore a=\frac{\sum y}{N} \\
\sum x y=a \sum x+b \sum x^{2} ; \sum x y=\mathrm{b} \sum x^{2} \therefore \mathrm{~b}=\frac{\sum x y}{\sum x^{2}}
\end{gathered}
$$

Then graph may be drawn to represent trend line.

## Example

Calculate the trend values through the method of least squares and also forecast the production in 2013 and 2015.

| Year | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Production | 47 | 64 | 77 | 88 | 97 | 109 | 113 |

## Solution:

| Year ' t ' | Production ' y ' | $\mathrm{x}=(\mathrm{t}-2009)$ | xy | $\mathrm{x}^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2006 | 47 | -3 | -141 | 9 |
| 2007 | 64 | -2 | -128 | 4 |
| 2008 | 77 | -1 | -77 | 1 |
| 2009 | 88 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2010 | 97 | 1 | 97 | 1 |
| 2011 | 109 | 2 | 218 | 4 |
| 2012 | 113 | 3 | 339 | 9 |
| $\sum$ | 595 |  | 308 | 28 |

Calculation of ' $a$ '

$$
a=\frac{\sum y}{N}=\frac{595}{7}=85
$$

## Calculation of 'b'

$$
\mathrm{b}=\frac{\sum x y}{\sum x^{2}}=\frac{308}{28}=11 .
$$

The equation for straight line will be ' $y=a+b x$ ' $\mathrm{a}=85 ; \mathrm{b}=11 ; \therefore \mathrm{y}=85+11 \mathrm{x}$.
Then for each year trend values (' $y$ ') can be calculated by putting the value of x for that year in the above equation for straight line.

| Year | ' x | ' $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{bx}$ ' | Trend value, ' y ' |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2006 | -3 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(-3)$ | 52 |
| 2007 | -2 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(-2)$ | 63 |
| 2008 | -1 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(-1)$ | 74 |
| 2009 | 0 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(0)$ | 85 |
| 2010 | 1 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(1)$ | 96 |
| 2011 | 2 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(2)$ | 107 |
| 2012 | 3 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(3)$ | 118 |
| 2013 (Expected) | 4 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(4)$ | 129 |
| 2015 (Expected) | 6 | $\mathrm{y}=85+11(6)$ | 151 |

Graph may drawn with above actual values and trend values for verification.

### 6.12.5 Seasonal Variations

- Seasonal variations are quite regular and uniform and can be predicted with some amount of accuracy.
- Our past experience is the best guide for such forecasts.

Example : Prices of rice will come down during harvesting season and there it will go up in the sowing season.

- One is interested in seasonal fluctuations in order to take the advantage of it.
- We try to purchase rice and stock it.
- At the peak of the season, the price is low and quality may be high.
- It helps in definite forecasting and adjustment of supply to possible demand of the people.


## Factors affecting Seasonal Variation

- Seasonal variation occurs because of natural factors and man made conventions most of the business and economic activities vary in systematic pattern during the season of the year.
- The major factors responsible for seasonal variations are
$\star$ Climate and weather conditions.
$\star$ Customs, traditions and habits.
- The most important factor causing seasonal variation is the changes in the climate and weather conditions such as rainfall, temperature, etc.
- They act on different products differently. e.g. Sales of umbrella will be more in rainy season and also greater demand for cold drinks during summer.
- The nature is primarily responsible for seasonal variations.
- Custom tradition and habits have their in back
- For example on certain occasions like Deepavali, Christmas etc., there is big demand for sweets and gifts, during Onam, there will be higher sales of textile goods there is huge demand for gold during marriage season.


## Measurement of Seasonal Variation

Methods for measuring Seasonal Variation.

1. Method of averages.
2. Ratio to trend method.
3. Ratio to moving average method.
4. Method of link relatives.

## Sample Problem

Fit a straight line trend by the method of least squares and estimate the value of 2021.

| Year | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Values | 380 | 400 | 650 | 720 | 690 | 600 | 870 | 930 |

