

Basic Statistics¹ Quick Sheet²

Probability, Mean, Median, Mode, Weighted Average, Standard Deviation and Variance

Probability (ρ) Measure of the likelihood that an event will occur. $\rho = \frac{\text{Number of ways an outcome can occur}}{\text{Total number of possible outcomes}}$

Mean (\bar{x}) Average of a set of numbers $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum X_i}{\text{Number of } X_i\text{'s}} \text{ or } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

Median (\tilde{x}) Middle value in a set of numbers $\tilde{x} \equiv \begin{cases} Y_{(N+1)/2} & \text{if } N \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{2} (Y_{N/2} + Y_{1+N/2}) & \text{if } N \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

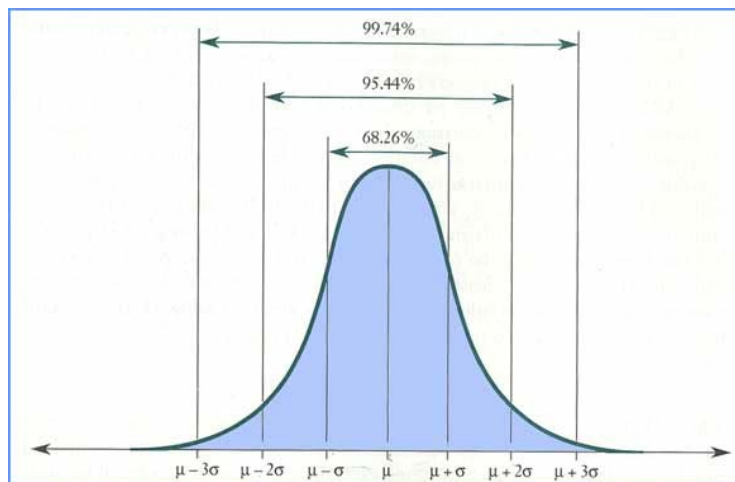
Mode Number that occurs the most often in a set of numbers

Weighted Average ($\langle x \rangle$) The average of a set of values (X_i) in which each value is interacted with a complementing value (E_i). $\sum Y_i E_i$ in which $\frac{X_i}{Y} = Y_i; E_i; \sum Y_i = 1$
or $\langle x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i E_i$

Variance (σ^2) The average of the squared differences from the mean in a set of values $\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum (X_i - X_{mean})^2}{\# X_i\text{'s in sample}}$

Standard Deviation (σ) Distance from the mean value in a set of values; square root of the variance (σ^2) $\sigma = \sqrt[2]{\sigma^2} = \sqrt[2]{\frac{\sum (X_i - X_{mean})^2}{\# X_i\text{'s in sample}}}$

Normal Distribution



¹ This is intended to present an abbreviated presentation of the included concepts in corporate finance and is not intended to be a full or complete representation of the concepts, models, metrics or the underlying foundations from which they are built.

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