

## Median and Quartiles

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a) ungrouped data  $Me = \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)$  th obs

1. Find the median for following :

93, 32, 47, 55, 78, 65, 55, 47, 32, 95

sol.

32 32 47 47

5<sup>th</sup> 55  
6<sup>th</sup> 55

65 78 93, 95

$$Me = \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \text{th obs.} = 5.5 \text{ th obs.}$$

$$= \frac{55 + 55}{2} = 55$$

Find Median for 45, 65, 34, 47, 49, 60, 42, 37, 38, 39

sol.

34 37 38 39

5<sup>th</sup> 42  
6<sup>th</sup> 45

47 49 60 65

$$Me = \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \text{th obs.} = 5.5 \text{ th obs.}$$

$$= \frac{42 + 45}{2} = 43.5$$

b) For grouped discrete data

Find the median for the following

x	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f	14	20	40	54	40	18	7	7

cf

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①

x	f	≤ Cf
3	14	14
4	20	34
5	40	74

cf

②  $N = \text{Total freq.}$   
 $= \sum f = 200$

③  $\frac{N}{2} = \frac{200}{2} = 100$

④  $Me = 6$

4	20	34
5	40	74
6	54	128
7	40	168
8	18	186
9	7	193
10	7	200

Find Median

$N = \sum f = 110$

$\frac{N}{2} = \frac{110}{2} = 55$

$Me = 30$

$x$	$f$	$\leq Cf$
10	10	10
20	25	35
30	24	59
40	36	95
50	15	110

c) For grouped continuous data

$$Me = l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{N}{2} - cf \right)}{f}$$

$l_1 = \text{LCI of Me class}$

$l_2 = \text{UCI}$

$f = \text{freq.}$

$cf = \leq \text{Cum. freq. of previous class of Me class}$

For the following distribution of weights of 60 students, find Median.

Weight	100-140	140-180	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-300
No. of Students	14	45	52	80	32	23	24

$\leq Cf$  | 14 | 59 | 111 | 191 | 223 | 246 | 270

$\leq cf \mid 14 \mid 59 \mid 111 \mid 191 \mid 223 \mid 246 \mid 270$

$$N = 270, \quad \frac{N}{2} = \frac{270}{2} = 135$$

$(200 - 220) \rightarrow$  me class  $l_1 = 200, l_2 = 220$   
 $f = 80, cf = 111$

$$Me = l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{N}{2} - cf \right)}{f}$$

$$= 200 + \frac{(220 - 200)(135 - 111)}{80}$$

$$= 200 + \frac{20 \times 24}{80}$$

$$= 200 + \frac{480}{80} = 200 + 6 = 206$$

$$me = 206$$

Find the median for the following data representing heights of 45 students.

Ht. in cms:	158-162	162-166	166-170	170-174	174-178	178-182
No. of students:	3	7	12	15	6	2

$\leq cf \mid 3 \mid 10 \mid 22 \mid 37 \mid 43 \mid 45$

$$N = 45, \quad \frac{N}{2} = \frac{45}{2} = 22.5$$

$(170 - 174) \rightarrow$  me class  
 $l_1 = 170, l_2 = 174, f = 15$   
 $cf = 22$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Me &= l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{N}{2} - cf \right)}{f} \\
 &= 170 + \frac{4 \left( 22.5 - 22 \right)}{15} \\
 &= 170 + 0.13 \\
 Me &= 170.13
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the median

CI	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39
f	8	18	27	21	10	8	7

CI	f	New CI	$\leq CF$
5-9	8	4.5-9.5	8
10-14	18	9.5-14.5	26
15-19	27	14.5-19.5	53
20-24	21	19.5-24.5	74
25-29	10	24.5-29.5	84
30-34	8	29.5-34.5	92
35-39	7	34.5-39.5	99

$l_1 = 14.5$   
 $l_2 = 19.5$   
 $f = 27$   
 $cf = 26$

$$N = 99 \Rightarrow \frac{N}{2} = \frac{99}{2} = 49.5$$

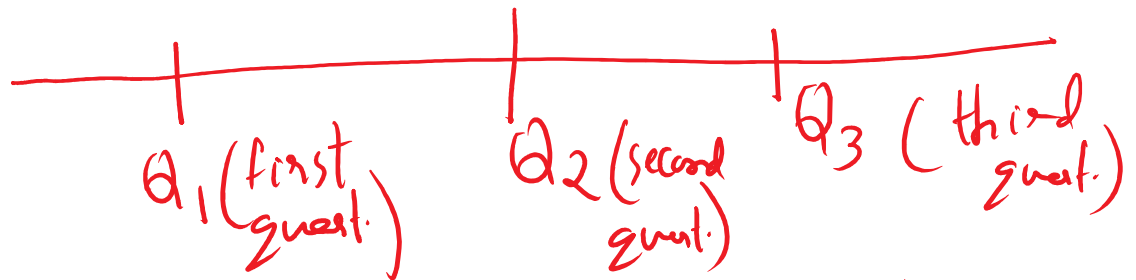
$$Me = l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{N}{2} - cf \right)}{f}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Me &= l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \cdot \frac{N}{2}}{f} \\
 &= 14.5 + \frac{(19.5 - 14.5) (49.5 - 26)}{27} \\
 &= 18.85
 \end{aligned}$$

Quartiles

$$me = Q_2$$

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$$Q_1 = l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{N}{4} - cf \right)}{f}$$

$$Q_3 = l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{3N}{4} - cf \right)}{f}$$

Calculate the quartiles for the following data:

Wages in Rs.:	Less than 35	35 - 40	40 - 45	45 - 50	Over 50
No. of workers:	24	62	99	18	15

$$\leq cf \quad | \quad 24 \quad | \quad 86 \quad | \quad 185 \quad | \quad 203 \quad | \quad 218$$

$$N = 218, \quad \frac{N}{4} = \frac{218}{4} = 54.5$$

$$l_1 = 35, \quad l_2 = 40, \quad f = 62, \quad cf = 24$$

$$Q_1 = l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{N}{4} - cf \right)}{f}$$

$$= 35 + \frac{5(54.5 - 24)}{62}$$

$$= 37.46$$

①  $Q_3 = ?$        $\frac{3N}{4} = 3 \times 54.5 = 163.5$

$$Q_3 = l_1 + \frac{(l_2 - l_1) \left( \frac{3N}{4} - cf \right)}{f}$$

$$= 40 + \frac{5(163.5 - 86)}{62}$$

$$= 46.25$$

### Practice sums

1. Find the median and the two quartiles for the following data.

Rainfall in cms:	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55
No. of Years:	2	5	8	12	10	7	6

[ Median = 39.17,  $Q_1 = 33.44$  and  $Q_3 = 45.36$  ]

2. For the following distribution of weights of 60 students, find the three quartiles.

Weights in Kgs:	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
No. of students:	3	5	12	18	14	6	2

[ Median = 47.28,  $Q_1 = 42.42$  and  $Q_3 = 52$  ]

3. Find Median

53,31,35,-25,100,60,-16,13,-3,95

4. Find Median

X	12	14	16	18	20	22
F	5	10	15	12	8	3