

data is arranged if ungroup
 total data (count them)
 tell us 50% data existence

even
 e.g. 10
 ↓
 average value
 = 5
 = median

odd
 e.g. 9
 ↓
 mid value
 = 5
 = median

Median : (mid value)

The median is defined as:
 "a value which divides the data set that have been ordered, into two equal parts, one part comprising of observations greater than the other part smaller than it"

OR more precisely:
 "a median is value at or below which 50% of the ordered data lie"

Thus the sample median of 'n' observations, $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ when arranged in ordered form smallest to largest is the middle value if 'n' is odd. And the average of two middle values if 'n' is even.

| Quartile | Q_1 | Q_2 | Q_3 | Q_4 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100% |

⇒ Q_1 and Q_3 are more used.
 25% 75%

$$Q_1 = N/4$$

$$Q_3 = 3N/4$$

⇒ Quartiles divide data into 4 parts

Deciles :

D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{10}

⇒ Deciles divide data into 10%

Percentiles :

P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{100}

Percentiles divide data into 100%

Example (ungroup data)

Given below are the marks obtained by 9 students:
calculate median from given data

data Arranged form

45

32

32

36

37

36

46

37

39

39 = median (mid value)

36

41

41

45

48

46

38

48

MEDIAN = (for grouped data)

$$\text{Median} = \bar{x} = l + \frac{h}{f} \left(\frac{n}{2} - c \right)$$

$$n = \sum f$$

h = width of class boundary

f = f against the cumulative frequency

l = lower class boundary of highlighted interval

c = cumulative frequency

Question 1 (Grouped data)

Find the median, the quartiles and the eighth deciles for the distribution of Examination marks given below:

| Marks | No. of students | class boundary | midpoint \bar{x}_i | f | cumulative frequency F |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 30-39 | 8 | 29.5 - 39.5 | 34.5 | 8 | 8 |
| 40-49 | 87 | 39.5 - 49.5 | 44.5 | 87 | 95 |
| 50-59 | 190 | 49.5 - 59.5 | 54.5 | 190 | 285 |
| 60-69 | 304 | 59.5 - 69.5 | 64.5 | 304 | 589 |
| 70-79 | 211 | 69.5 - 79.5 | 74.5 | 211 | 800 |
| 80-89 | 85 | 79.5 - 89.5 | 84.5 | 85 | 885 |
| 90-99 | 20 | 89.5 - 99.5 | 94.5 | 20 | 905 |
| | | | | $\sum f = 905$ | |

$$\text{Median} = \bar{x} = l + \frac{h}{f} \left(\frac{n}{2} - C \right)$$

$$\bar{x} = 59.5 + \frac{10}{304} \left(\frac{905}{2} - 285 \right)$$

$$\bar{x} = 59.5 + \frac{10}{304} \left(452.5 - 285 \right)$$

$$\bar{x} = 59.5 + \frac{10}{304} \left(167.5 \right)$$

$$\bar{x} = 59.5 + \frac{1675}{304}$$

$$\bar{x} = 59.5 + 5.5$$

$$\bar{x} = 65 \quad \text{Ans}$$

Advantages of Median:

- 1 It is easily calculated and understood
- 2 It is located even when the values are not capable of quantitative measurement.
- 3 It is not affected by extreme values. It can be computed when a frequency distribution involves "open end" classes like those of income and prices.
- 4 It is highly skewed distribution, median is an appropriate average to use.

Disadvantages of Median:

- 1 It is not rigorously defined.
- 2 It is not capable of lending itself to further statistical treatment.
- 3 It necessitates the arrangement of data into an array which can be tedious and time consuming for large body of data.