Week 6/7 Summary and Applications





Measures of Central Location

- Mean (Average)
 - Sum all observations and divide by number of observations
 - Sensitive to extreme values
- Median
 - The middle value of the observation
 - Not sensitive to extreme values
- Mode
 - \circ ~ The value that is seen the most in the observation

Measures of Variability

- Range
 - Range is the maximum value minus the minimum value
 - This is a very simple measure to compute but we only rely on the extremes in the data
- Standard Deviation
 - Standard Deviation measures the variation between a set of values
- Interquartile Range (IQR)
 - This measures the percentiles and quartiles in the data
 - Example: if you score a 70th percentile on a test, then 70% of the scores are below your score while 30% are above

Measures of Linear Relationships

- Correlation Coefficient
- What is its range (-1 to +1) and what do those numbers mean?



Scatter Plots & Correlation Examples

Pivot Tables

- What are they?
 - A pivot table is a way to summarize a large amount of data
- What are they used for?
 - They are typically used to summarize sales transaction data by multiple dimensions
- Example -- How many items were sold by color?

3	Count of Prod_Color		
4	Prod_Color	Total	
5	Aqua	14	
6	Black	42	
7	Blue	16	
8	Green	2	
9	Grey	4	
10	Pink	7	
11	Plum	18	
12	Red	5	
13	Silver	7	
14	White	16	

Pivot Tables Continued

- Slicers
 - A slicer provides buttons that you can use to easily filter PivotTables
- Pivot Chart
 - A pivot chart is a visual representation of a pivot table
 - Example (Using the same pivot table as previous slide)



Pivot Table and Chart Example

How many items were sold by brand? (Question 1 from slides)

Pivot Table

Pivot Chart

3	Prod_Brand	-	Count of Prod_Brand
4	Fitbit		75
5	Garmin		14
6	Polar		42



Business Decision Making

How can bad decisions be avoided?

- Using data analytics
 - Trend Analysis
 - Cost / Benefit analysis
- Data needs to be analyzed and defined in order to make smarter decisions.

How have business decisions changed?

- Business decisions used to be based mainly on intuition. (A gut feeling)
- Now, business decisions need to be based off of data and intuition.