

Before we begin, are there any questions from last day's work?

## Today's Learning Goal(s):

By the end of the class, I will be able to:

- calculate the 1st and 3rd quartiles, "by hand"
- calculate the interquartile range, "by hand"
- interpreta box-and-whisker plot

Begin the class by showing the Khan academy clip:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/probability/descriptive-statistics/box-and-whisker-plots/v/reading-box-and-whisker-plots>



**Box and whisker plot**

VIDEO 3:18 minutes

*(If time permits at the end):*

The second video is an instructional video on how to construct a box-and-whisker plot.

This will help you complete homework question #9 on p.146.

You may wish to skip forward to the 2:30 mark.

(before this time, he is simply reading the problem, and putting the data in numerical order)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/probability/data-distributions-a1/box--whisker-plots-a1/v/constructing-a-box-and-whisker-plot>

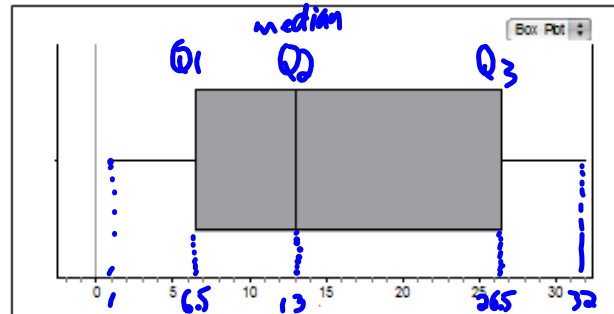


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### 3.5 Measures of Spread: Part 2

There are **more** ways to measure spread. Another way is to calculate **quartiles** and create **box-and-whisker plots**.



A set of data that has been ordered and divided into four groups, with (approximately) an equal number of values, has been divided into **quartiles**.

**Ex. 1:** Using the data 1, 27, 2, 15, 32, 4, 26, 11 calculate the:

- a) median, first quartile, and third quartile
- b) interquartile range
- c) identify key features on the box-and-whisker plot provided

**ANSWERS:**

$Q2 = 13$

median position =  $\frac{n+1}{2}$   
 $= \frac{8+1}{2}$   
 $= 4.5$   
 $\therefore$  between 4th & 5th data

- a) 1, 2, 4, 11, 15, 26, 27, 32
  - Median datum = between 4th and 5th datum (why?)
  - Median = 13 (sometimes called Q2)
  - Q1 = 1st Quartile      Q3 = 3rd Quartile
  - 1, 2, 4, 11              15, 26, 27, 32
  - Q1 = 3                      Q3 = 26.5

- b) Interquartile Range =  $Q3 - Q1$ 
  - =  $26.5 - 3$
  - = 23.5

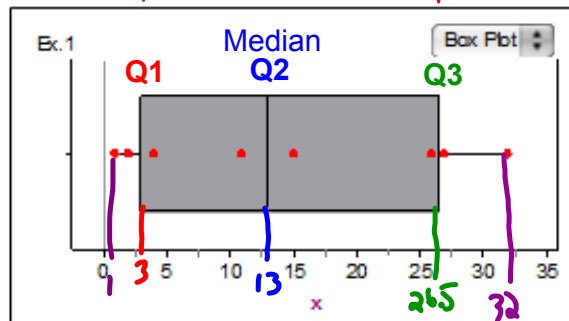
c)

Middle Half of data is between Q1 and Q3



Ex. 1

	x
1	1
2	27
3	2
4	15
5	32
6	4
7	26
8	11



Ex. 2: Let's practise the ideas above using the test marks: 90, 62, 77, 84, 63, 81, 67, 63, 54, 41, 89

a) Find the first, second and third quartile.

- ☞ 41, 54, <sup>Q1</sup>62, 63, <sup>Q2</sup>67, 77, 81, <sup>Q3</sup>84, 89, 90
- ☞ Q2 (Median) = 67
- ☞ Q1 = 62
- ☞ Q3 = 84

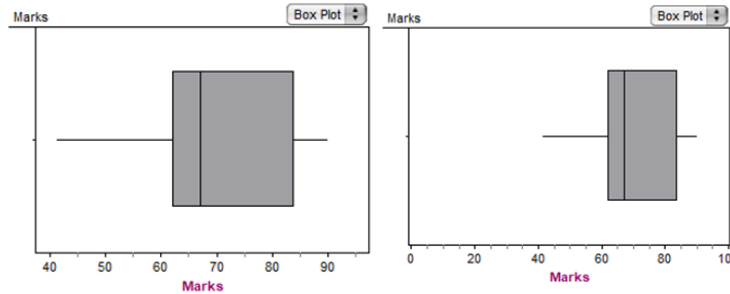
b) Find the range of the data.

- ☞ Range = 90 - 41
- ☞ = 49

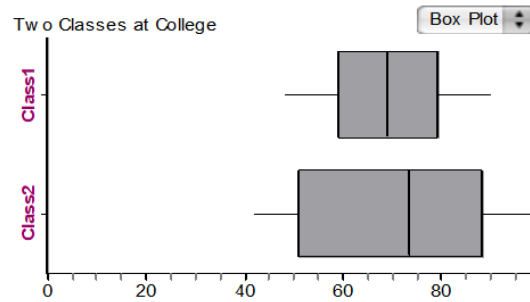
c) Calculate the interquartile range.

- ☞ IQR = Q3 - Q1
- ☞ = 84 - 62
- ☞ = 22

d) Compare two box-and-whisker plots for this data:



Ex. 3: Using the data from p.140 in the textbook, I have created two box-and-whisker plots to compare the data from two first-year math classes' midterm marks at Caldwell College.



a) Using the Box Plot, estimate the median for both classes:

Class1 median: ☞ 69 %      Class2 median: ☞ 73 %

b) Using your answer from a) which class performed better? Explain.

- ☞ Class 2 performed better based on these numbers, because the median is higher. (73% vs. 69%)

c) Using the Box Plot,

explain why the median is not always the best indicator of how well a class performed.

- ☞ It is not always the best indicator, because it does not indicate how much more spread out the marks are compared to Class1.

Class1 had more consistent scores with a smaller interquartile range (20 vs 35), as is seen in the box plot.

d) In your opinion, which class performed better? Explain.

- ☞ Class2 performed better. They had a higher median, and higher scores overall. (even though they also had the lowest scores, too)

Entertainment:

1. Go to p.556 in the text. Near the bottom left change the answers for 1b) and c) to....  
**1b) first quartile: 107; third quartile: 140**  
**1c) 33**
2. Go to p.145 and complete #1.  
**DID YOU MAKE CHANGES TO THE ANSWERS IN THE BACK???**  
**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS IN THE BACK**
3. Go to p.146 and complete #9. For help with this question, refer to the second video posted in our Google Classroom titled: "Constructing a boxplot (video) / Khan Academy.