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Topic 1: Average of two numbers

Problem 1: Find the average of 12 and 18. Answer: The average is (12 + 18) / 2 = 30 / 2 = 15.

Problem 2: Calculate the average of 25 and 35. Answer: The average is (25 + 35) / 2 = 60 / 2 = 30.

Topic 2: Introduction to summation notation

Topic 3: Mean of a data set

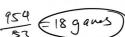
Problem 1: Find the mean of the data set $\{4, 8, 12, 16\}$. Answer: Mean = $\{4 + 8 + 12 + 16\}$ / $\{4 = 40\}$ / $\{4 = 10\}$.

Problem 2: Calculate the mean of {7, 9, 11, 13, 15}. Answer: Mean = (7 + 9 + 11 + 13 + 15) / 5 = 55 / 5 = 11.

Topic 4: Computations involving the mean, sample size, and sum of a data set

A basketball team had a mean score of 53 points per game. The total number of points they scored is 954. How many games have they played?





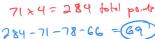
Topic 5: Finding the value for a new score that will yield a given mean

Martina has scored 71, 78, and 66 on her previous three tests. What score does she need on her next test so that her average (mean) is 71?







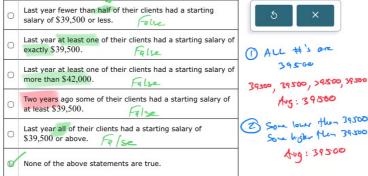


Topic 6: Rejecting unreasonable claims based on average statistics

A job placement agency advertised that last year its clients, on average, had a starting salary of \$39,500. Assuming tha following claims must be true based on this information?

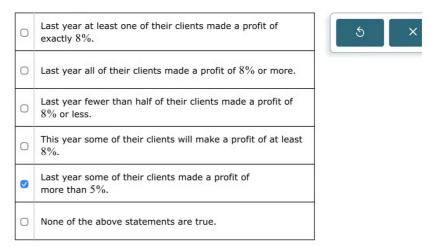
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Last year fewer than half of their clients had a starting salary of \$39,500 or less.



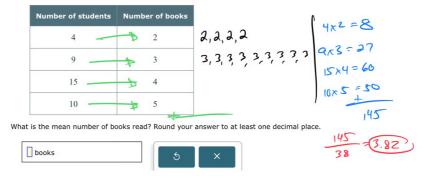
An investment company advertised that last year its clients, on average, made a profit of 8%. claims must be true based on this information?

Note: More than one statement could be true. If none of the statements is true, mark the appr



Topic 7: Weighted mean: Tabular data

The following summarizes the number of fiction books read last summer by a sample of 38 students at a certain college.



Problem 1: A course has 3 tests (weight 20% each) with scores 80, 85, 90, and a final exam (weight 40%) with score 95. Find the weighted mean.

Answer: Weighted mean = $(0.2 \times 80) + (0.2 \times 85) + (0.2 \times 90) + (0.4 \times 95) = 16 + 17 + 18 + 38 = 89$.

Problem 2: A grade has 2 quizzes (weight 25% each, scores 70, 80) and a project (weight 50%, score 90). Calculate the weighted mean.

Answer: Weighted mean = $(0.25 \times 70) + (0.25 \times 80) + (0.5 \times 90) = 17.5 + 20 + 45 = 82.5$.

Topic 8: Median of a data set

Problem 1: Find the median of the data set {3, 7, 9, 12, 15}.

Answer: Ordered set: {3, 7, 9, 12, 15}. Median is the middle value, 9.





Problem 2: Calculate the median of {4, 8, 10, 6}.

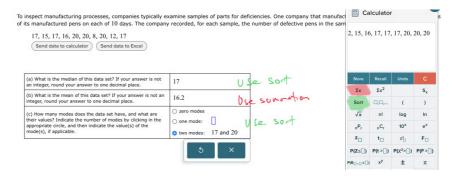
Topic 9: Mode of a data set

Problem 1: Find the mode of the data set {2, 4, 4, 6, 8}. Answer: Mode is 4, as it appears most frequently (twice).

Problem 2: Determine the mode of {1, 3, 3, 5, 5, 7}.

Answer: Modes are 3 and 5, as each appears twice (bimodal).

Topic 10: Mean, median, and mode: Computations



Topic 11: How changing a value affects the mean and median

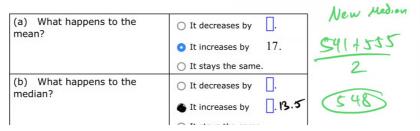
The numbers of trading cards owned by 10 middle-school students are given below. (Note that these are already ordered from least to greatest.)

395, 476, 506, 507, 528, 541, 555, 573, 588, 601

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476, 566, 567, 518, 541, 555, 573, 588, 601

Suppose that the number 395 from this list changes to 565. Answer the following.

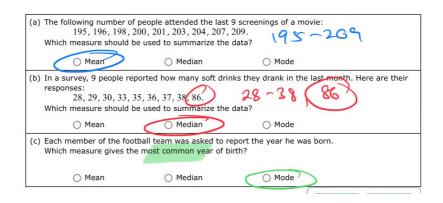


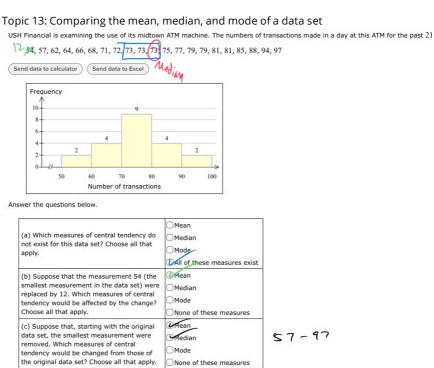


To find mean: Use ALEKS calculator and the summation button and divide by how

many there are. Orignial mean: 527 New mean: 544 544-527 = 17 Increased by 17

Topic 12: Choosing the best measure to describe data





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