

Standard Deviation

1. For each of the following sets of data, calculate the mean and the standard deviation.

- (a) 40, 41, 39, 42, 41, 40, 39, 40, 41, 40
 (b) 18, 43, 29, 52, 24, 13, 65, 21, 62, 41
 (c) 4.3, 4.5, 4.8, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.9, 4.2
 (d) 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.2, 1.2, 1.0, 1.4, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

2. The highest temperatures, in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, during a ten day period in a typical Scottish summer were recorded. The results are shown below.

18 20 19 17 21 18 19 23 22 24



- (a) Calculate the mean temperature.
 (b) Calculate the standard deviation in the temperature.
 (c) The mean temperature over the same ten day period in Barcelona was 29°C and the standard deviation was 1.2°C .
 Make two valid comparisons between the sets of data.

3. Richard plays golf with his brother Thomas every month. They complete a half round of golf. Their scores last month are written on the scorecards below.

Richard	4	3	4	3	1	3	2	5	3
Thomas	5	4	4	6	2	3	4	6	5



- (a) Calculate the mean and standard deviation of the scores.
 (b) Make two valid comparison between both players scores.

4. The ages of ten people in a college class are shown below.

21 18 32 27 31 45 19 22 24 29

- (a) Calculate the mean and standard deviation of the group of students.
 (b) They meet up 10 years later for a reunion. Write down the mean and standard deviation for the reunion.

5. The scores of 8 pupils in a prelim examination are recorded below.

60% 82% 71% 63% 44% 38% 53% 61%



- (a) Calculate the mean and standard deviation of the pupils scores.
 (b) By the time the pupils get to the final exam it is expected they will each improved by 12%.
 Write down the mean and standard deviation for the expected final exam results.
 (c) Another group of pupils in the same class had a mean score of 65% in the prelim and a standard deviation of 2.3.
 Make two valid comparisons between the groups of pupils.

6. THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED USING THE FORMULA BELOW.

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2 / n}{n - 1}}$$

Calculate the standard deviation using the following information.

- (a) $\sum x = 190$, $\sum x^2 = 4675$, set of 8 numbers.
 (b) $\sum x = 84$, $\sum x^2 = 1282$, set of 6 numbers.
 (c) $\sum x = 41.5$, $\sum x^2 = 88$, set of 20 numbers.