## Math 243

Normal Probability Plots (Inv. 2.1)
Boxplots (Inv. 2.2)

## Normal probability plots

- A straight line means the data behave like observations from a normal distribution

Normal Probability Plot


## Normal probability plots

- Skewed to the right




## Normal probability plots

- Skewed to the left


data 3


## Normal probability plots

- Bimodal distribution




## Normal probability plots

- Heavy tails




## Applications

What can we do if a variable is normally distributed?

- Use the empirical rule to say where $68 \%, 95 \%$ or $99 \%$ of the data falls (i.e., within 1, 2, or 3 SDs of the mean)
- Predict the probability of being above or below a certain value.


## Inv. 2.1 part ( n )

Recall that the Empirical Rule states that about $95 \%$ of observations in a Normal Distribution are within 2 SDs of the mean.

Let's compute the proportion of Birthweights that are within 2 SDs of the mean...


## Inv. 2.1 part (n)

What proportion of birth weights are within 2 SDs of the mean?

Tally for Discrete Variables: within2sd
Tally

| within2sd | Count | Percent |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 0 | 13720 | 4.80 |
| 1 | 272187 | 95.20 |
| $\mathrm{~N}=$ | 285907 |  |

## Inv. 2.1, part (q)

## Normal Probability Calculator



Using mean of 3361.6 and SD of 474.6 from part ( $k$ )

## Inv. 2.1, part (r)

Actually, $3.3 \%$ of fullterm babies had low birthweights.

## How many pairs of shoes do you own?

In the initial course survey, you answered:

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6,12,22,13,20,10,6,15,10,5,17,14, 6, 35,15,15, 22, 11, 6, 25, 5
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Find:

- median (Q2),
- first quartile (Q1),
- third quartile (Q3)
- Interquartile range (Q3-Q1)
- Minimum
- Maximum
- Any outliers (values more than $1.5 x$ IQR from the median)


## Draw a boxplot by hand

Five number summary $=\min , ~ Q 1$, median, Q3 and max

## Boxplot using applet

## Descriptive Statistics



## Inv. 2.2: Honking

Researchers blocked the intersection and recorded the length of time it took for the driver behind them to honk...

## Inv. 2.2 part (b)

Histogram of responsetime


## Normal Probability Plot

Normal Q-Q Plot


## 5 number summary

| $n$ | Min | Q1 | Median | Q3 | Max | Mean | SD |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 57.000 | 0.344 | 0.963 | 1.180 | 1.550 | 2.840 | 1.290 | 0.528 |

Use this information to draw a boxplot by hand

## Modified Boxplot

Histogram of responsetime



## Statistical Inference for 1 Quantitative Variable

Suppose we want to make inferences beyond the sample data

- Need random sample from population/process
- Need to how about the behavior of sample means from different random samples from the same population


## Next time: Investigation 2.4 (p. 143)

## - Wikipedia

The Ethan Allen was a 40-foot, glass-enclosed tour boat operated by Shoreline Cruises on Lake George in upstate New York. On October 2, 2005, at 2:55 p.m., with 47 passengers-all from Michigan and Ohio and mostly seniors-aboard, the Ethan Allen capsized and sank just south of Cramer Point in the Town of Lake George. Twenty passengers died. The accident caused government regulators to consider new laws on passenger boat capacity.

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