Measures of Center

A **measure of center** is a measure that represents the center, or typical value, of a data set. The *mean*, *median*, and *mode* are measures of center.

Mean	Median	Mode	
The mean of a numerical data set is the sum of the data divided by the number of data values. The symbol \bar{x} represents the mean. It is read as "x-bar."	The median of a numerical data set is the middle number when the values are written in numerical order. When a data set has an even number of values, the median is the mean of the two middle values.	The mode of a data set is the value or values that occur most often. There may be one mode, no mode, or more than one mode. Mode is the only measure of center that can represent a nonnumerical data set.	

Example 1 The table shows the sizes (in kilobytes) of emails in your inbox.

- **a.** Find the mean, median, and model of the email sizes.
- b. Which measure of center best represent the data? Explain.
- **a. Mean** $\overline{x} = \frac{1.5 + 13 + 1.8 + \dots + 5.5 + 11}{15} = 5.78$

Median 1.5, 1.8, 1.9, 2, 2.4, 2.8, 4.9, 5, 5.5, 5.6, 9.1, 9.2, 11, 11, 13

middle value

Email Sizes (kilobytes)				
1.5	13	1.8	1.9	9.1
2.4	2.8	9.2	2	11
5.6	5	4.9	5.5	11

Order the data.

Mode 1.5, 1.8, 1.9, 2, 2.4, 2.8, 4.9, 5, 5.5, 5.6, 9.1, 9.2, 11, 11, 13 11 occurs most often.

The mean is 5.78 kilobytes, the median is 5 kilobytes, and the mode is 11 kilobytes.

b. The median best represents the data. The mean and mode are both greater than most of the data.

Practice

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Find the mean, median, and mode of the data set.

7. APARTMENTS The table shows the monthly rental prices for apartments in a city. Find the mean, median, and mode of the prices. Which measure

- **1.** 35, 44, 40, 35, 54, 50
- **3.** 834, 654, 711, 590, 578, 861, 525
- **5.** 0.6, 1.4, 0.7, 2, 1.5, 1.2, 1.4, 0.9, 0.7, 1.8

of center best represents the data? Explain.

- **2.** 14, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, 6, 11, 16
- **4.** 4, 8, 5, 6, 4, 5, 4, 2, 6, 5, 4, 3, 5, 4, 6, 5
- **6.** $7\frac{3}{4}$, $8\frac{1}{2}$, 8, $6\frac{3}{4}$, $7\frac{3}{4}$, 8, $8\frac{1}{4}$, 8

Monthly Rental Prices			
\$535	\$625	\$850	\$480
\$895	\$420	\$500	\$485
\$1175	\$490	\$510	\$550

Rewriting Literal Equations

An equation that has two or more variables is called a **literal equation**. To rewrite a literal equation, solve for one variable in terms of the other variable(s).

Example 1 Solve each literal equation for *y*.

a.
$$3x + 5y = 45$$

 $3x - 3x + 5y = 45 - 3x$ Subtract $3x$ from each side.
 $5y = 45 - 3x$ Simplify.
 $\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{45 - 3x}{5}$ Divide each side by 5.
 $y = 9 - \frac{3}{5}x$ Simplify.
The rewritten literal equation is $y = 9 - \frac{3}{5}x$.
c. $2x = \frac{3 + y}{y}$
 $2x \cdot y = \frac{3 + y}{y} \cdot y$ Multiply each side by y.
 $2xy - y = 3 + y - y$ Subtract y from each side.
 $2xy - y = 3$ Simplify.
 $y(2x - 1) = 3$ Distributive Property
 $y(2x - 1) = \frac{3}{2x - 1}$ Divide each side by $2x - 1$.
 $y = \frac{3}{2x - 1}$ Simplify.
The rewritten literal equation is $y = \frac{3}{2x - 1}$.

Practice		Check your answers at BigIdeasMath.com.
Solve the literal equation for <i>y</i> .		
1. $x + 3y = 9$	2. $4x - 2y = 16$	3. $2x + 7y = 5$
4. $2x + 3y = 6$	5. $5x - 4y = 10$	6. $x - 2y = 8$
7. $2xy - 6 = 8x$	8. $4x = 9y + xy$	9. $4yz = 3y - 8x$
10. $2xy = 3z + 4y$	11. $\frac{2+7y}{y} = x$	12. $3x = \frac{5+y}{y}$

Properties of Exponents

Product of Powers	Power of a Product	Power of a Power	
$a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$ Add exponents.	$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$ Find the power of each factor.	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ Multiply exponents.	
Quotient of Powers	Power of a Quotient	Negative Exponent	Zero Exponent
$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, a \neq 0$	$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}, b \neq 0$	$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}, a \neq 0$	$a^0 = 1, a \neq 0$
Subtract exponents.	Find the power of the numerator and the power of the denominator.		

Example 1 Evaluate (a) 4.9° and (b) $(-3)^{-4}$.

a. $4.9^0 = 1$	Definition of zero exponent	b. $(-3)^{-4} = \frac{1}{(-3)^4}$	Definition of negative exponent
		$=\frac{1}{81}$	Evaluate power.

Example 2 Simplify each expression. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

a.
$$2^{3} \cdot 2^{4} = 2^{7} = 128$$

b. $\frac{5^{9}}{5^{6}} = 5^{9-6} = 5^{3} = 125$
c. $\frac{12y^{0}}{x^{-7}} = 12y^{0}x^{7} = 12x^{7}$
d. $\frac{x^{6} \cdot x^{2}}{x^{5}} = \frac{x^{6+2}}{x^{5}} = x^{8-5} = x^{3}$
e. $(z^{4})^{2} = z^{4 \cdot 2} = z^{8}$
f. $(6mn)^{3} = 6^{3} \cdot m^{3} \cdot n^{3} = 216m^{3}n^{3}$
g. $\left(\frac{y}{3}\right)^{4} = \frac{y^{4}}{3^{4}} = \frac{y^{4}}{81}$
h. $\frac{10x^{6}y^{-2}}{5x^{3}y} = \frac{10}{5}x^{(6-3)}y^{(-2-1)} = 2x^{3}y^{-3} = \frac{2x^{3}}{y^{3}}$

Practice

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 Evaluate the expression.

 1. $(-9)^0$ 2. -8^{-1} 3. 4^{-3} 4. $\frac{-5^0}{3^{-2}}$

 Simplify the expression. Write your answer using only positive exponents.

 5. $2^9 \cdot 2^{-6}$ 6. $-\frac{10^8}{10^{12}}$ 7. $y \cdot y^{-5}$ 8. $\frac{x^7}{x^{-7}}$

 9. $-5x^7 \cdot x^{-11} \cdot 2x^4$ 10. $\frac{x^{-2}}{5z^0}$ 11. $(w^2)^{-3}$ 12. $(8xy)^2$

 13. $3x^5 \cdot (-2x)^4$ 14. $(-5m^2n^{-1})^3$ 15. $\frac{z^8}{z^{-2} \cdot z^9}$ 16. $\frac{(x^5)^3}{x^6}$

 17. $\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^3$ 18. $\left(\frac{6x^4}{5y}\right)^{-2}$ 19. $\frac{xy^{-2}}{x^4y^{-3}}$ 20. $\frac{8xy}{6x^5yz^{-2}}$

 21. METRIC SYSTEM There are 10^6 micrometers in a meter and 10^3 meters in a kilometer. How many micrometers are there in 10^6 kilometers?

The Pythagorean Theorem

In a right triangle, the **hypotenuse** is the side opposite the right angle. The **legs** are the two sides that form the right angle.

The **Pythagorean Theorem** states that in any right triangle, the sum of the squares of the lengths of the legs is equal to the square of the length of the hypotenuse.

Example 1 Find the missing length of the triangle.



Write the Pythagorean Theorem. Substitute 15 for *b* and 17 for *c*. Evaluate powers. Subtract 225 from each side.

You can use the Pythagorean Theorem to develop the Distance Formula. You can use the **Distance Formula** to find the distance d between any two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) in a coordinate plane.

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

The missing length is 8 yards.



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Example 2 Find the distance between the two points.

a. (3, 6), (-2, 4)
Let
$$(x_1, y_1) = (3, 6)$$
 and $(x_2, y_2) = (-2, 4)$.
 $d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{(-2 - 3)^2 + (4 - 6)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{25 + 4}$
 $= \sqrt{29}$

(0, 5), (4, -1)
Let
$$(x_1, y_1) = (0, 5)$$
 and $(x_2, y_2) = (4, -1)$.
 $d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{(4 - 0)^2 + (-1 - 5)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{16 + 36}$
 $= 2\sqrt{13}$

Practice

Find the missing length of the triangle.



b.



Date

Take positive square root of each side.



