

## Block 1. Descriptive statistics

PROPOSED PROBLEMS

**Problem 1.1.** The statistics grades for a group of students were recorded. The data were then organised, with the following result:

| Grades             | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5  | 6  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|--------------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|
| Number of students | 4 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 16 | 20 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2  |

- a. Determine the appropriate frequency distribution for the grades.
- b. Find the percentage of students that passed the subject (those who got a grade of 5 or higher).
- c. Find the percentage of students that got grades higher than 7.
- d. If you had to grant 8 students a place in the Erasmus programme, by how much should you increase the passing grade?
- e. Graphically represent the appropriate distributions in this problem.

**Problem 1.2.** The values relative to the number of students and engineering faculties in a given country are:

| Students  | 0-  | 100- | 200- | 300- | 400- | 500- | 600- | 700- | 800- |
|-----------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|           | 100 | 200  | 300  | 400  | 500  | 600  | 700  | 800  | 900  |
| Number of | 18  | 37   | 11   | 19   | 20   | 12   | 5    | 3    | 2    |
| faculties |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

- a. Construct the table of frequencies appropriate for the data.
- b. Find the number of faculties with more than 400 students.
- c. Find the percentage of faculties with more than 200 and less than 500 students.



**Problem 1.3.** In a laboratory, a magnitude was measured and measurements were made for several values of that magnitude, as reported in the following table:

| <i>x</i> <sub>i</sub> | 1 | 3  | 4  | 6 | 10 |
|-----------------------|---|----|----|---|----|
| n <sub>i</sub>        | 5 | 12 | 20 | 8 | 5  |

- a. Study the symmetry of this distribution both analytically and graphically.
- b. Quantify the degree of pointedness for this distribution.
- c. Study the normality of this distribution.

Notice that this is an integral problem. You must therefore perform a complete analysis.

**Problem 1.4.** The distribution of people's income is described using the Pareto principle, . Here, and represent the percentage of people with an income equal to or lower than and the minimum income, respectively. On the other hand, is a structural parameter. Adjust the Pareto principle to the following data and assess the result.

| $\ln x$ | 0,8  | 1,1   | 1,4   | 1,7   | 2,1   | 2,6   | 3,0   | 3,4  | 4,0 |
|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|
| у       | 0,02 | 0,100 | 0,190 | 0,350 | 0,500 | 0,745 | 0,800 | 0,90 | 1   |

**Problem 1.5.** The Cobb-Douglas production function, , can relate an investment to the gross domestic product. and are constants that represent the output elasticities of labour and capital. Adjust the function to the data:

| y <sub>i</sub> | 2,5 | 2,8 | 3,2 | 4,0 | 5,0 | 5,9 | 7,1 | 9,0 | 11,4 | 13,3 | 14,9 | 17,0 | 20,0 |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| K <sub>i</sub> | 0,5 | 0,6 | 0,7 | 1,1 | 1,4 | 1,4 | 1,7 | 1,8 | 2,3  | 2,6  | 2,8  | 3,6  | 3,9  |

Determine the best fit that allows us to obtain a regression curve. Assess the result.

- a. Determine the mean, median, standard deviation, variance, and coefficients of skewness and kurtosis for the three variables.
- b. Construct the correlation matrix and find the degree of dependency between the variables.
- c. Construct the covariance matrix and interpret the results.

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