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LAB SET 01 EXCEL APPLICATIONS - I

You are given the following data for a small student club *OLEYBE* with 5 students. The random variable (*Y*) is defined as the *total minutes per day spent on internet*.

Avni	: 150
Betül	: 120
Can	: 90
Dilaver	: 60
Esra	: 30

- 1) Suppose you are interested in the *total minutes per day spent on internet* of the members of OLEYBE student club. In this case, the data set given above is a *sample* or *population*? Calculate the *mean*, the *variance* and the *standard deviation* in Excel in two ways:
 - a. First, by using Excel's *ready formulas* for mean, variance and standard deviation (such as VAR, VARP, STDEV, STDEVP, AVERAGE)
 - b. Then, by using only Excel's *ready formulas* for *four arithmetic operations* (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) and square root (i.e., SQRT)
- 2) Suppose you are interested in the *total minutes per day spent on internet* of the members Turkey's all student clubs. In this case, the data set given above is a sample or population? Calculate the mean, the variance and the standard deviation in Excel by two ways:
 - a. First, by using Excel's *ready formulas* for mean, variance and standard deviation (such as VAR, VARP, STDEV, STDEVP, AVERAGE)
 - b. Then, by using only Excel's *ready formulas* for *four arithmetic operations* (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) and square root (i.e., SQRT)

APPENDIX

1. Calculations in Excel: Variance Calculations with Microsoft Excel

A) Variance of a Sample with the VAR Function

If the data set you're working with is a sample and you do not want to include logical values or text from the set in the calculation, you use the VAR function. For example, if you're using a new production process that is supposed to increase productivity and have a series of data for the numbers of parts produced each day, you can find the sample variance. The VAR function uses the following syntax:

=VAR (data set range)

B) Variance of a Population Sample with the VARP Function

If the data set you're working with is a population and you do not want to include logical values or text from the set in the calculation, you use the VARP function. The VARP function uses the following syntax:

=VARP (data set range)

2. Some Useful Formulas

Definition 1.1 The *mean* of a sample of *n* measured responses $y_1, y_2, ..., y_n$ is given by $\overline{y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i}{n}$. The corresponding population mean is denoted $\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i}{N}$ where *N* is size of population.

Definiton 1.2 The *variance* of a sample of measurements $y_1, y_2, ..., y_n$ is the sum of the square of the differences between the measurements and their mean, divided by *n*-

1. Symbolically, the *sample variance* is $s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \overline{y})^2}{n-1}$.

The corresponding *population variance* is denoted by the symbol σ^2 and is given by

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_{i} - \mu)^{2}}{N}$$
 where *N* is the population size.

Definition 1.3 The *standard deviation* of a sample of measurements is the <u>positive</u> square root of the variance; that is, sample standard deviation is $s = \sqrt{s^2}$. The corresponding population standard deviation is denoted by $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$.