

After watching the video, Standard Deviation, complete the following problems.

1. My sister and I do sit-ups each morning. She does them more consistently and has done them for a much longer time. Here are her records:

Number of sit-ups	Number of days I did that many
121	27
122	75
123	143
124	200
125	250
126	195
127	132
128	62
129	19

- a. For how many days has she been keeping records of her sit-ups?
- b. What is the mean number of sit-ups she has done per day?
- c. What is the standard deviation? Hint: There were 27 days when there were 121 situps.
- 2. In the video, Emily experimented with trying to measure the spread of data by averaging the difference between each data point and the mean. When she did so, she got a mean of zero every time. In other words, her tables all looked like this:

0	0-5	-5.00
1	1-5	-4.00
3	3-5	-2.00
5	5-5	0.00
8	8-5	3.00
8	8-5	3.00
10	10-5	5.00







Notice that the sum of the differences from the mean is zero, making the average difference from the mean zero as well. This is why we had to do something different to find the standard deviation-squaring the differences and taking the square root at the end.

Figure out why this sum is always zero, and explain your discovery. To simplify things, you can assume we have seven data points if you like, but it is not necessary.

- 3. Fill a small bowl with unpopped popcorn and a small bowl with popped popcorn. [You can substitute anything that is two different sizes for this problem.] Then grab a handful of unpopped popcorn, count the kernels, and return them to the bowl. Do this seven times, recording the number of kernels each time. Do the same thing with the popped popcorn.
 - a. Which set of data do you predict will have a larger standard deviation? Why?
 - b. Find the standard deviation for both sets of data and compare with your predictions.

