Question

Find the mean and the standard deviation of the set of numbers 5, 8, 8, 9, 14, 18, 100.

Solution

So, the mean is

$$\mu = \frac{1}{7} \left(5 + 8 + 8 + 9 + 14 + 18 + 100 \right) = \frac{162}{7} \approx 23.14286.$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{7} \sum_{i=1}^{7} x_i^2 - \mu^2 = \frac{1}{7} \left(5^2 + 8^2 + 8^2 + 9^2 + 14^2 + 18^2 + 100^2 \right) - \left(23.14286 \right)^2 =$$
$$= \frac{1}{7} \left(25 + 64 + 64 + 81 + 196 + 324 + 10000 \right) - \left(23.14286 \right)^2 =$$
$$\approx \frac{10754}{7} - 535.59197 \approx 1536.28571 - 535.59197 = 1000.69374 \,.$$

Therefore,

the Sample Standard Deviation $s = \sqrt{\frac{7}{6} \left(\frac{1}{7} \sum_{i=1}^{7} x_i^2 - \mu^2\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{6} \cdot 1000.69374} \approx 34.16835$,

the Population Standard Deviation $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{7}\sum_{i=1}^{7}x_i^2 - \mu^2} = \sqrt{1000.69374} \approx 31,63375$.

Answer:

$$\mu = 23.14286$$
,
 $s = 34.16835$,
 $\sigma = 31,63375$.

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