

Problem of the Week: Week 3 (Sum2): Year 10: Statistics: Averages, charts and calculations

Solutions:

- interpret and construct tables and line graphs for time series data
- {construct and interpret diagrams for grouped discrete data and continuous data, i.e. histograms with equal and unequal class intervals and cumulative frequency graphs, and know their appropriate use}

Join the Gym

Two groups of people are trying to lose weight.

(a) Group A join a gym. The graph shows information about their weight loss after one month.



- (i) How many people are in group A? There are 60 people
- (ii) Does everyone in group A lose weight? Write down how you decide. Yes, least weight loss is 0.8 (kg) (Because graph starts after zero)





(b) Group B follow a diet.



Does everyone in group B lose weight? Write down how you decide.

No, minimum was a negative weight loss (= weight gain)

(c) Compare the weight loss of group A with group B.

The interquartile ranges are:

Group A 1.6 Group B 1.6 Spread (of weight loss) is the same

The medians are:

Group A between 1.15 and 1.25 Group B 2.5

Group B have a higher average

All lost weight in group A but not B





Speeding Cars

The histogram shows information about the speed of cars as they pass a checkpoint.

The scale on the frequency density axis is missing.



The histogram shows information about 480 cars.

(a) How many cars does the first bar represent?

Solution

Counting squares

- 15 (cm squares) in the first bar
- 24 (cm squares) in all the bars in total = 480 cars

 $15/24 \times 480 = 300$

300 cars in the first bar





(b) Cars with a speed greater than 40 mph are over the speed limit.

Use the histogram to estimate the number of cars that are over the speed limit.

<u>Solution</u>

Total bar is 2.4 cm squares (35mph – 50 mph)

Height of each cm square is 4 (frequency density axis – use first block in (a) to work this out))

Height of each block of 10mph (the fd) = 4×0.8

Width of each block of 10mph = 10

Area of each block = fd x width = $10 \times 4 \times 0.8 = 32$

There are 32 cars with a speed greater than 40mph (estimate)

