

# Exploratory Statistical Data Analysis With R Software (ESDAR)

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## Lecture 20

### Quantiles

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# Quantiles

**Median:** Value which splits the data into two equal parts.

**Quantile:** Partitions the data into other proportions.

# Quantiles

**25% Quantile:** Splits the data into two parts such that at least 25% of the values are less than or equal to quantile and at least 75% of the values are greater than or equal to the quantile.

**50% Quantile:** Splits the data into two parts such that at least 50% of the values are less than or equal to quantile and at least 50% of the values are greater than or equal to the quantile.

**50% Quantile:** Median

# Quantiles

Let  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

**$(\alpha \times 100)\%$  quantile:** Value which divides the data in proportions of  $(\alpha \times 100) \%$  and  $(1 - \alpha) \times 100 \%$  such that at least  $(\alpha \times 100)\%$  of the values are less than or equal to the quantile and at least  $(1 - \alpha) \times 100\%$  of the values are greater than or equal to the quantile.

# Quantiles

Observations :  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

Order the Observations :  $x_{(1)} \leq x_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq x_{(n)}$

where  $x_{(1)} = \min(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $x_{(n)} = \max(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

**( $\alpha \times 100$ )% quantile:**

$$\bar{x}_\alpha = \begin{cases} x_{(k)} & \text{if } n\alpha \text{ is not an integer,} \\ & \text{choose } k \text{ as the smallest} \\ & \text{integer } > n\alpha \\ \frac{x_{(n\alpha)} + x_{(n\alpha+1)}}{2} & \text{if } n\alpha \text{ is an integer.} \end{cases}$$

# Quantiles

## Quartiles

The values which divide the given data into four equal parts, say,

$Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$

$Q_1$  : First quartile which has 25% of the observations.

$Q_2$  : Second quartile which has 50% of the observations – median.

$Q_3$  : Third quartile which has 75% of the observations.

$Q_4$  : Fourth quartile which has 100% of the observations.

# Quantiles

## Deciles

The values which divide the given data into ten equal parts, say,

$D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{10}$

$D_1$  : First decile which has 10% of the observations.

$D_2$  : Second decile which has 20% of the observations.

$D_5$  : Fifth decile which has 50% of the observations – median.

$D_9$  : Ninth decile which has 90% of the observations.

# Quantiles

## Percentiles

The values which divide the given data into hundred equal parts,

say,  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{100}$

$P_1$  : First percentile which has 1% of the observations.

$P_2$  : Second percentile which has 2% of the observations.

$P_{50}$  : Fiftieth percentile which has 50% of the observations –  
median.

$P_{90}$  : Ninetieth percentile which has 90% of the observations.



# Quantiles

## R Command :

```
quantile(x, ...)
```

```
quantile(x, probs =, na.rm =, type =, ...)
```

## Arguments

**x** numeric vector whose sample quantiles are wanted,

**probs** numeric vector of probabilities with values in [0, 1].

**na.rm** value **TRUE** if data in **x** is **NA** otherwise default is **FALSE**

**type** an integer between 1 and 9 selecting one of the nine quantile algorithms

# Quantiles

## R Command :

R offers nine different ways to obtain quantiles, each of which is chosen by the `type` argument.

**Type 1 : Inverse of empirical distribution function.**

**Type 2 : Similar to type 1 but with averaging at discontinuities.**

**Type 3 : Nearest even order statistic.**

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# Quantiles

## Example

Height of 50 persons in centimetres are recorded as follows:

166,125,130,142,147,159,159,147,165,156,149,164,137,166,135,142,  
133,136,127,143,165,121,142,148,158,146,154,157,124,125,158,159,  
164,143,154,152,141,164,131,152,152,161,143,143,139,131,125,145,  
140,163

```
> height = c(166,125,130,142,147,159,159,147,  
165,156,149,164,137,166,135,142,133,136,127,143,  
165,121,142,148,158,146,154,157,124,125,158,159,  
164,143,154,152,141,164,131,152,152,161,143,143,  
139,131,125,145,140,163)
```

# Quantiles

## Example: Quantiles

```
> quantile(height)
 0%    25%   50%   75%  100%
121.0 137.5 146.5 158.0 166.0
```

Default outcome is quartiles:  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$

## Quantiles

Example: Quartiles  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$

```
> probs = seq(0, 1, 0.25) # probs for quartiles
```

```
> probs
```

```
[1] 0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00
```

```
> quantile(height, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.25))
```

```
0%    25%    50%    75%   100%
```

```
121.0 137.5 146.5 158.0 166.0
```

Same as earlier using `quantile` function.

# Quantiles

## Example: Quartiles $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$

```
R Console
> height
[1] 166 125 130 142 147 159 159 147 165 156 149 164 137 166 135 142 133 136 127
[20] 143 165 121 142 148 158 146 154 157 124 125 158 159 164 143 154 152 141 164
[39] 131 152 152 161 143 143 139 131 125 145 140 163
>
> quantile(height)
 0%   25%   50%   75%  100%
121.0 137.5 146.5 158.0 166.0
>
> probs = seq(0, 1, 0.25)
> probs
[1] 0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00
>
> quantile(height, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.25))
 0%   25%   50%   75%  100%
121.0 137.5 146.5 158.0 166.0
.
```

# Quantiles

Example: Deciles  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{10}$

```
> probs = seq(0, 1, 0.1) # probs for deciles
```

```
> probs
```

```
[1] 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
```

```
> quantile(height, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.10))
```

```
 0%   10%   20%   30%   40%   50%   60%   70%   80%   90%  100%  
121.0 126.8 134.6 140.7 143.0 146.5 152.0 156.3 159.0 164.0 166.0
```

Need to change the `probs` function only.

# Quantiles

Example: Deciles  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{10}$

```
R Console
> height
[1] 166 125 130 142 147 159 159 147 165 156 149 164 137 166 135 142 133 136 127
[20] 143 165 121 142 148 158 146 154 157 124 125 158 159 164 143 154 152 141 164
[39] 131 152 152 161 143 143 139 131 125 145 140 163
>
> probs = seq(0, 1, 0.1)
> probs
[1] 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
>
> quantile(height, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.10))
 0%   10%   20%   30%   40%   50%   60%   70%   80%   90%  100%
121.0 126.8 134.6 140.7 143.0 146.5 152.0 156.3 159.0 164.0 166.0
> |
```



# Quantiles

Example: Percentiles  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{100}$

```
> probs = seq(0, 1, 0.01) # probs for percentiles
```

```
> probs = seq(0, 1, 0.01)
```

```
> probs
```

```
[1] 0.00 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.06 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.10 0.11 0.12 0.13 0.14  
[16] 0.15 0.16 0.17 0.18 0.19 0.20 0.21 0.22 0.23 0.24 0.25 0.26 0.27 0.28 0.29  
[31] 0.30 0.31 0.32 0.33 0.34 0.35 0.36 0.37 0.38 0.39 0.40 0.41 0.42 0.43 0.44  
[46] 0.45 0.46 0.47 0.48 0.49 0.50 0.51 0.52 0.53 0.54 0.55 0.56 0.57 0.58 0.59  
[61] 0.60 0.61 0.62 0.63 0.64 0.65 0.66 0.67 0.68 0.69 0.70 0.71 0.72 0.73 0.74  
[76] 0.75 0.76 0.77 0.78 0.79 0.80 0.81 0.82 0.83 0.84 0.85 0.86 0.87 0.88 0.89  
[91] 0.90 0.91 0.92 0.93 0.94 0.95 0.96 0.97 0.98 0.99 1.00
```

# Quantiles

Example: Percentiles  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{10}$

```
> quantile(height, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.01))
```

0%	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
121.00	122.47	123.94	124.47	124.96	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.82	126.80
11%	12%	13%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	19%	20%	21%
128.17	129.64	130.37	130.86	131.00	131.00	131.66	132.64	133.62	134.60	135.29
22%	23%	24%	25%	26%	27%	28%	29%	30%	31%	32%
135.78	136.27	136.76	137.50	138.48	139.23	139.72	140.21	140.70	141.19	141.68
33%	34%	35%	36%	37%	38%	39%	40%	41%	42%	43%
142.00	142.00	142.00	142.00	142.13	142.62	143.00	143.00	143.00	143.00	143.00
44%	45%	46%	47%	48%	49%	50%	51%	52%	53%	54%
143.00	143.10	144.08	145.03	145.52	146.01	146.50	146.99	147.00	147.00	147.46
55%	56%	57%	58%	59%	60%	61%	62%	63%	64%	65%
147.95	148.44	148.93	150.26	151.73	152.00	152.00	152.00	152.00	152.72	153.70
66%	67%	68%	69%	70%	71%	72%	73%	74%	75%	76%
154.00	154.00	154.64	155.62	156.30	156.79	157.28	157.77	158.00	158.00	158.24
77%	78%	79%	80%	81%	82%	83%	84%	85%	86%	87%
158.73	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	159.36	160.34	161.32	162.30	163.14	163.63
88%	89%	90%	91%	92%	93%	94%	95%	96%	97%	98%
164.00	164.00	164.00	164.00	164.08	164.57	165.00	165.00	165.04	165.53	166.00
99%	100%									
166.00	166.00									

# Quantiles

## Example: Percentiles $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{10}$

```
R Console
> height
 [1] 166 125 130 142 147 159 159 147 165 156 149 164 137 166 135 142 133 136 127
[20] 143 165 121 142 148 158 146 154 157 124 125 158 159 164 143 154 152 141 164
[39] 131 152 152 161 143 143 139 131 125 145 140 163
>
> probs = seq(0, 1, 0.01)
> probs
 [1] 0.00 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.06 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.10 0.11 0.12 0.13 0.14
[16] 0.15 0.16 0.17 0.18 0.19 0.20 0.21 0.22 0.23 0.24 0.25 0.26 0.27 0.28 0.29
[31] 0.30 0.31 0.32 0.33 0.34 0.35 0.36 0.37 0.38 0.39 0.40 0.41 0.42 0.43 0.44
[46] 0.45 0.46 0.47 0.48 0.49 0.50 0.51 0.52 0.53 0.54 0.55 0.56 0.57 0.58 0.59
[61] 0.60 0.61 0.62 0.63 0.64 0.65 0.66 0.67 0.68 0.69 0.70 0.71 0.72 0.73 0.74
[76] 0.75 0.76 0.77 0.78 0.79 0.80 0.81 0.82 0.83 0.84 0.85 0.86 0.87 0.88 0.89
[91] 0.90 0.91 0.92 0.93 0.94 0.95 0.96 0.97 0.98 0.99 1.00
```

# Quantiles

## Example: Percentiles $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{10}$

```
R Console
> quantile(height, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.01))
 0%    1%    2%    3%    4%    5%    6%    7%    8%    9%   10%
121.00 122.47 123.94 124.47 124.96 125.00 125.00 125.00 125.00 125.82 126.80
 11%   12%   13%   14%   15%   16%   17%   18%   19%   20%   21%
128.17 129.64 130.37 130.86 131.00 131.00 131.66 132.64 133.62 134.60 135.29
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135.78 136.27 136.76 137.50 138.48 139.23 139.72 140.21 140.70 141.19 141.68
 33%   34%   35%   36%   37%   38%   39%   40%   41%   42%   43%
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 44%   45%   46%   47%   48%   49%   50%   51%   52%   53%   54%
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 66%   67%   68%   69%   70%   71%   72%   73%   74%   75%   76%
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158.73 159.00 159.00 159.00 159.00 159.36 160.34 161.32 162.30 163.14 163.63
 88%   89%   90%   91%   92%   93%   94%   95%   96%   97%   98%
164.00 164.00 164.00 164.00 164.08 164.57 165.00 165.00 165.04 165.53 166.00
 99%  100%
166.00 166.00
```

## Quantiles with Missing Data

### Example

Height of 50 persons in centimetres are recorded and two values are missing as follows:

NA,NA,130,142,147,159,159,147,165,156,149,164,137,166,135,142,  
133,136,127,143,165,121,142,148,158,146,154,157,124,125,158,159,  
164,143,154,152,141,164,131,152,152,161,143,143,139,131,125,145,  
140,163

```
> height.na = c(NA,NA,130,142,147,159,159,147,  
165,156,149,164,137,166,135,142,133,136,127,143,  
165,121,142,148,158,146,154,157,124,125,158,159,  
164,143,154,152,141,164,131,152,152,161,143,143,  
139,131,125,145,140,163)
```

# Quantiles

## Example: Quantiles- Quartiles

```
> quantile(height.na)
```

```
Error in quantile.default(height.na) :  
  missing values and NaN's not allowed if  
'na.rm' is FALSE
```

```
> quantile(height.na, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
   0%   25%   50%   75%  100%  
121.0 138.5 146.5 158.0 166.0
```

## Example: Quantiles- Deciles

```
> quantile(height.na, na.rm=TRUE, probs=seq(0,1,0.1)) # Deciles
```

```
   0%   10%   20%   30%   40%   50%   60%   70%   80%   90%  100%  
121.0 129.1 135.4 141.1 143.0 146.5 152.0 155.8 159.0 164.0 166.0
```

# Quantiles

## Example: Quantiles

```
R Console
> height.na
 [1]  NA  NA 130 142 147 159 159 147 165 156 149 164 137 166 135 142
[17] 133 136 127 143 165 121 142 148 158 146 154 157 124 125 158 159
[33] 164 143 154 152 141 164 131 152 152 161 143 143 139 131 125 145
[49] 140 163
> quantile(height.na)
Error in quantile.default(height.na) :
  missing values and NaN's not allowed if 'na.rm' is FALSE
> quantile(height.na, na.rm=TRUE)
 0%   25%   50%   75%  100%
121.0 138.5 146.5 158.0 166.0
>
> quantile(height.na, na.rm=TRUE, probs=seq(0,1,0.1)) # Deciles
 0%   10%   20%   30%   40%   50%   60%   70%   80%   90%  100%
121.0 129.1 135.4 141.1 143.0 146.5 152.0 155.8 159.0 164.0 166.0
\ |
```