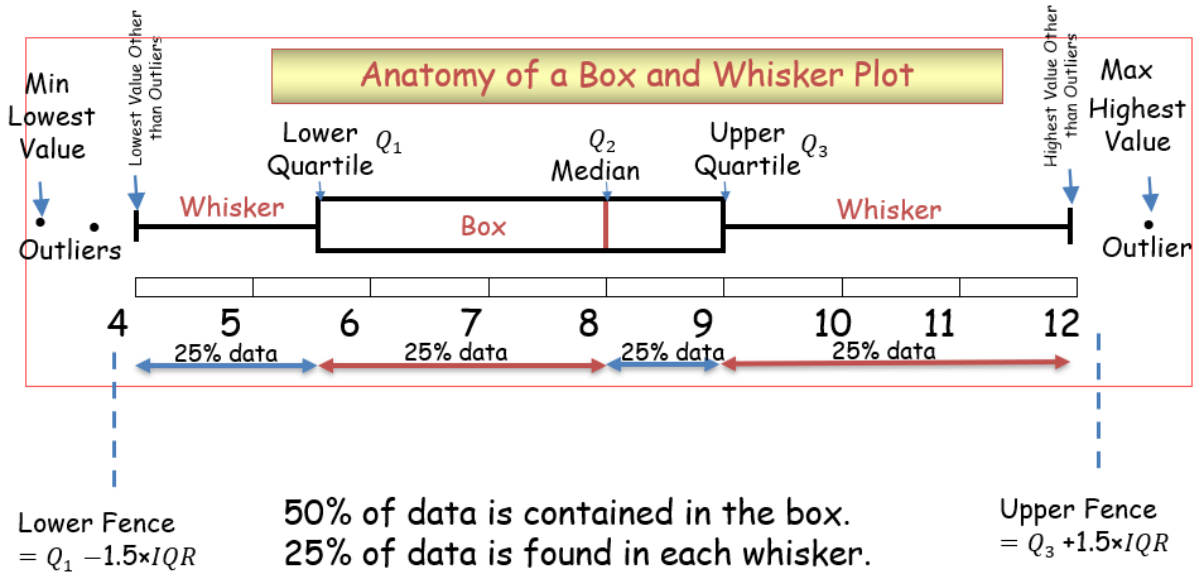


Box and Whisker Plots

Box plots are graphical representations of 5 number summary.



The standard deviation

$$s^2 = \frac{\text{sum of all (data value - mean)}^2}{\text{total frequency} - 1} = \frac{\sum(x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}, \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

Example VCAA 2016 Sample Question 3 / VCAA 2014 Question 3

The mean, \bar{x} , and the standard deviation, s_x , of the variable, *distance*, for these seven drivers are closest to

$$\bar{x} = \frac{4.2 + 0.8 + 3.9 + 5.6 + 0.9 + 1.7 + 2.5}{7} = \frac{19.6}{7} = 2.8$$

$$s_x^2 = \frac{1.4^2 + (-2)^2 + 1.1^2 + 2.8^2 + (-1.9)^2 + (-1.1)^2 + (-0.3)^2}{7 - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_x^2 = \frac{19.92}{6} = 3.32, \quad \therefore s_x = \sqrt{3.32} = 1.82208671 \dots \approx 1.8$$

The mean distance travelled is 2.8 km and the standard deviation from the mean is 1.8 km.

Distance (km)	Distance - \bar{x}
4.2	4.2 - 2.8 = 1.4
0.8	0.8 - 2.8 = -2
3.9	3.9 - 2.8 = 1.1
5.6	5.6 - 2.8 = 2.8
0.9	0.9 - 2.8 = -1.9
1.7	1.7 - 2.8 = -1.1
2.5	2.5 - 2.8 = -0.3

