

CHAPTER – 14

STATISTICS

14.1 INTRODUCTION

The branch of science known as **statistics** has been used in India from ancient times. Statistics deals with collection of numerical facts. i.e. data, their classification & tabulation and their interpretation.

MEASURES OF CENTRAL TENDENCY:

The commonly used measure of central tendency (or averages) are :

- (i) **Arithmetic Mean (AM) or Simply Mean**
- (ii) **Median**
- (iii) **Mode**

ARITHMETIC MEAN:

Arithmetic mean of a set of observations is equal to their sum divided by the total number of observations.

Mean of raw data: $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ are the n values (or observations) the,

A.M. (Arithmetic mean) is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

$$n\bar{x} - \text{Sum of observations} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

i.e. product of mean & no. of items gives sum of observation.

Ex.1 The mean of marks scored by 100 students was found to be 40. Later on it was discovered that a score of 56 was misread as 83. Find the correct mean.

Sol. $n = 100, \bar{x} = 40$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum x_i \right) \Rightarrow 40 = \frac{1}{100} \left(\sum x_i \right)$$

\therefore Incorrect value of $\sum x_i = 4000$.

Now, Correct value of $\sum x_i = 4000 - 83 + 56 = 3970$

$$\therefore \text{Correct mean} = \frac{\text{correct value of } \sum x_i}{n} = \frac{3970}{100} = 39.7$$

So, the correct mean is 39.7