

Lecture 2C

Practice Problems

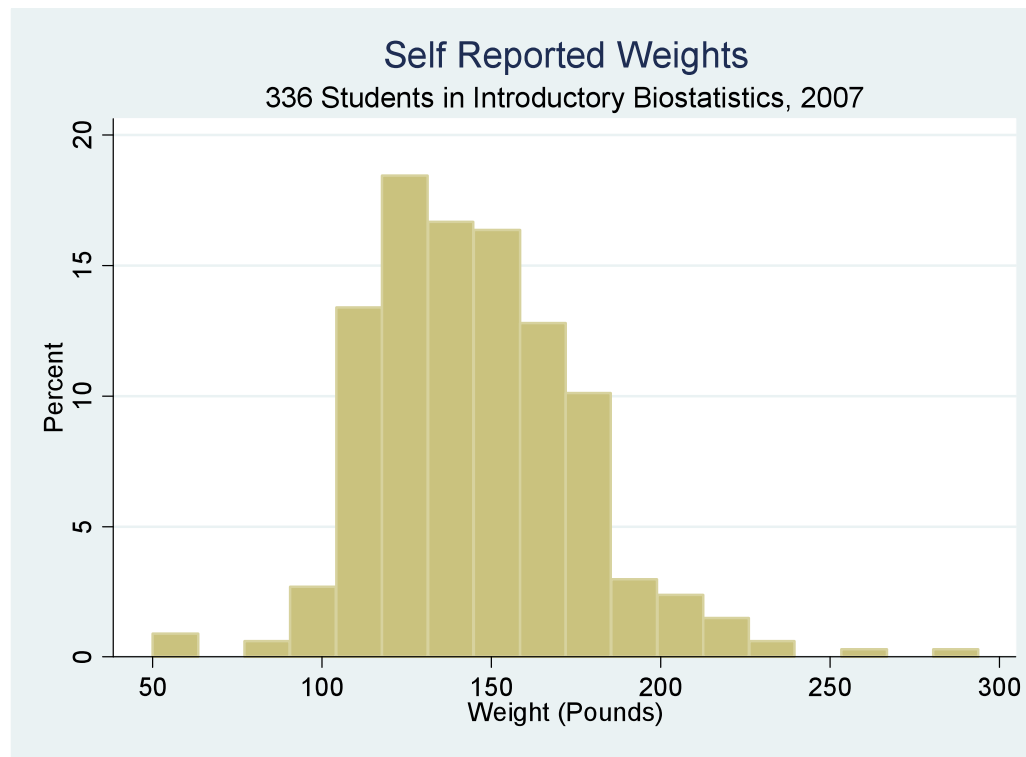
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1. The following boxplot shows the distribution of self-reported weights (in pounds) of 336 students enrolled in an introductory biostatistics course at JHBSPH in year 2007.
Mean: 145 lbs; Median 141 lbs; SD 31 lbs



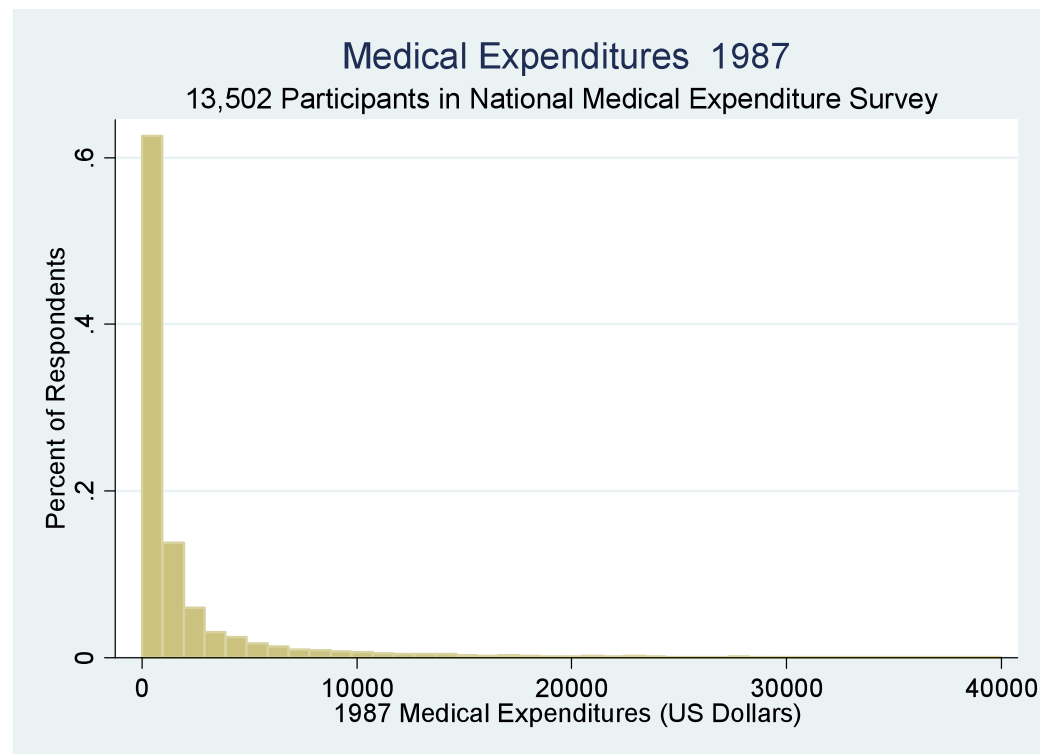
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1. Here is the same data displayed in a histogram.
The 2.5th percentile is 97 lbs, the 97.5th percentile is 220 lbs.
Applying the formula $\bar{x} \pm 2 \times s$ gives a range of 85 lbs to 205 lbs.



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2. The following histogram shows the distribution of medical expenditures (in US dollars in the year 1987 for participants in the National Medicare Expenditures Survey (NMES)).
Mean \$2,300; Median \$588; SD \$4,957
2.5th percentile: \$10; 97.5th percentile \$18,430
Applying the formula $\bar{x} \pm 2 \times s$ gives a range of \$-7,714 to \$12,214.



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3. The following histogram shows the temperature measured at 12 noon on everyday of a fifteen year period for the U.S. city of Philadelphia. (5,471 days)
Mean 54 ; Median 55; SD 18
2.5th Percentile 20; 97.5th Percentile 81
Applying the formula $\bar{x} \pm 2 \times s$ gives a range of 18 to 90.

