

Mini Project

You are going to find two sets (min 30 each) of related data to compare.

For each set, calculate mean and standard deviation.

- 1) Use standard deviation and percentages to make at least two comparisons between the data sets
- 2) Use the z-score formula to explain what a z-score of 1.3 (90th percentile) would mean within both sets.
- 3) Make one additional comparison using another fact.

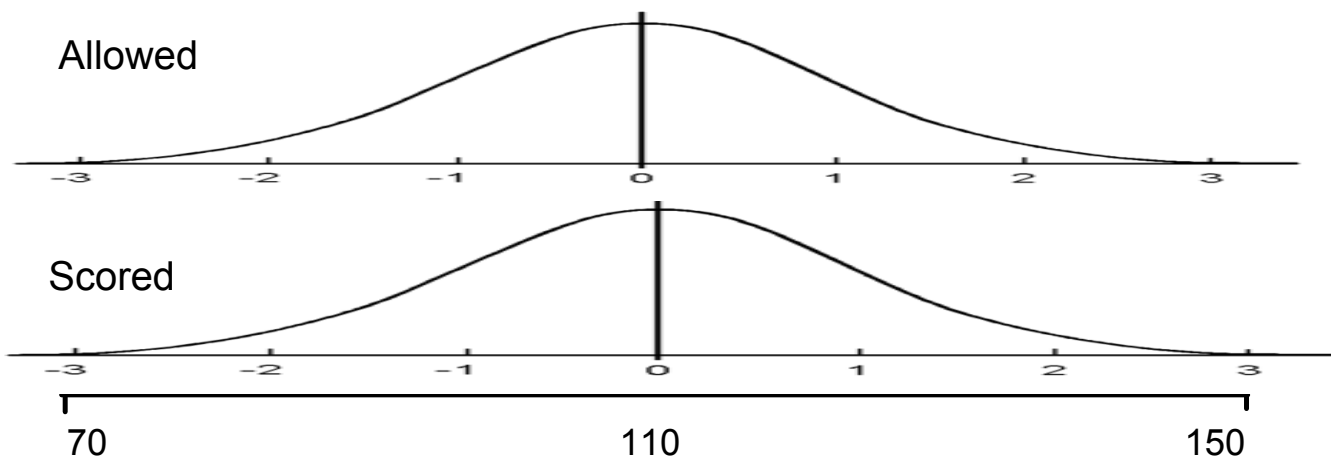
Denver Nuggets Points	Scored Per Game	Allowed Per Game
Mean	110.2	108.9
Standard Deviation	13.9	13.4

Example

Two-thirds (68%) of games the Nuggets score between 96.3 and 124.1 points whereas they allow 95.5 to 122.3 in 68% of games.

The top 2.5% of Nuggets scores this year were above 138 whereas they allowed over 135 only 2.5% of the time.

Their point differential then is +1.3, which places them 12th in the league (of 30 teams)



For the first set, a z-score of 1.3 is 128.3 points. Meaning 90% of the time they score less than this amount. 90% of the time they allow less than 126.3 points to be scored. If this trend continues, the margin for error over their last four games is very thin.

Potential Topics

Sports

- Team v Team
- Player Salaries
- Team Heights
- Team Attributes (40 yd dash times)

Movies

- Rotten Tomatoes By Genre
- Box Office Revenue by year
- Actor Pay v Actress
- Actor and Actress Height

People

- Height
- Weight
- Age for a specific job

Cars

- Cost by Company
- Horsepower
- Weight
- Top speeds