Describing Quantitative Data

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Learning Targets

- Identify outliers using the 1.5×IQR rule.
- Make and interpret boxplots of quantitative data.
- Use boxplots and numerical summaries to compare distributions of quantitative data.



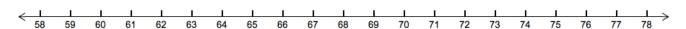
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How does my height compare with the other AP Stats students in my class? In order to answer this question, Ashmita, a student in 4th hour AP Stats, recorded the heights of everyone in her class. The heights (in inches) were:

68 72 61 62 63 63 64 64 59 62 61 60 65 62 57 77 62 71 65 62 70

1. Create a dotplot to display the class distribution of heights.



- 2. What is the median height? Describe how you found it.
- 3. What is Q_1 and Q_3 ? Describe how you found them.
- 4. Record the following values and then use them to make a boxplot.

Minimum: Q₁: Median: Q₃: Maximum:

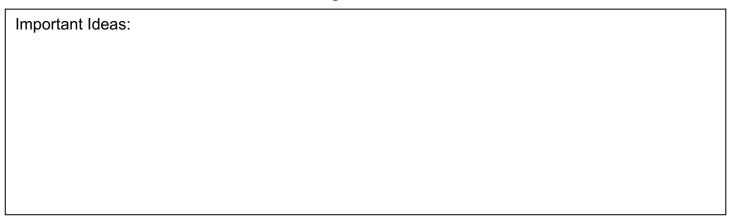
- 4. The **interquartile range** (or IQR) is defined as $Q_3 Q_1$. Find the IQR. Where do you see the IQR in the boxplot?
- 5. An **outlier** is a data value that is way too small or way too big (using the rules below). Are there any outliers? Show your work.

Way too small $< Q_1 - 1.5IQR$

Way too big $> Q_3 + 1.5IQR$

6. Ashmita is 63 inches tall. How does her height compare with the other AP Stats students in her class?

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Check Your Understanding:

Mr. Wilcox is a huge fan of University of Michigan football. His favorite season was the 1997 season (a perfect season!). Here is a back-to-back stemplot of the points scored by the 1997 University of Michigan football team and the archrival Michigan State University football team. Write a few sentences comparing the distributions.

