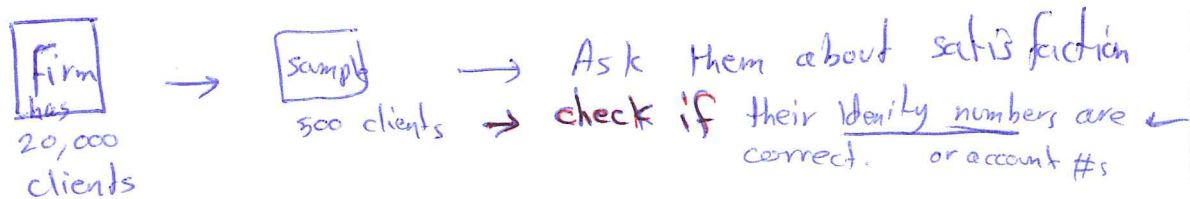


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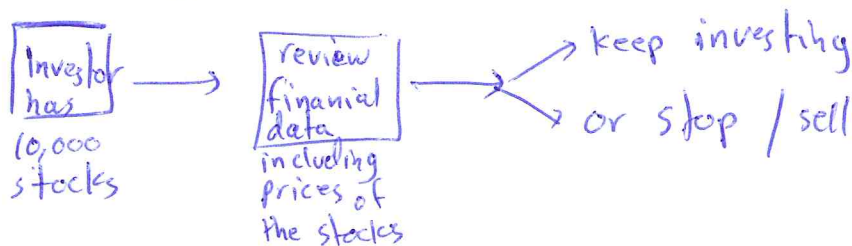
1.1 Applications in Business and Economics

Statistics is the art and science of collecting, analyzing, presenting and interpreting data.

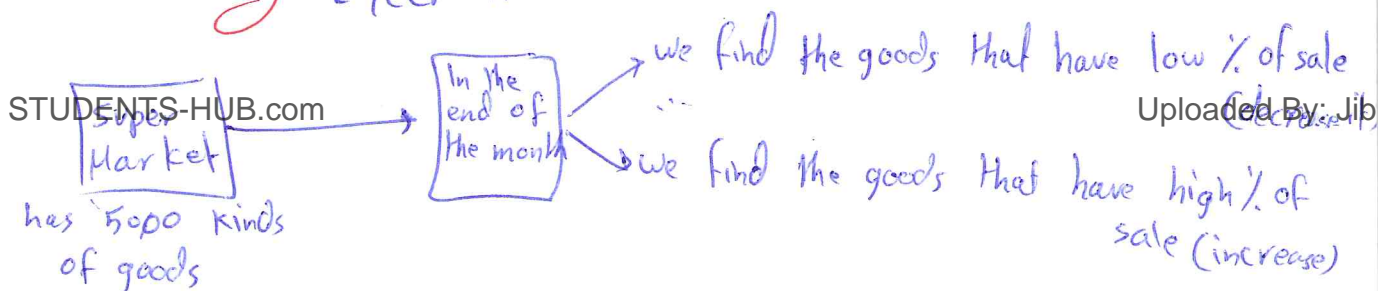
Accounting: Accounting firm use statistical sampling procedures when conducting ^{الإجراء = التحقيق} audits for their clients.



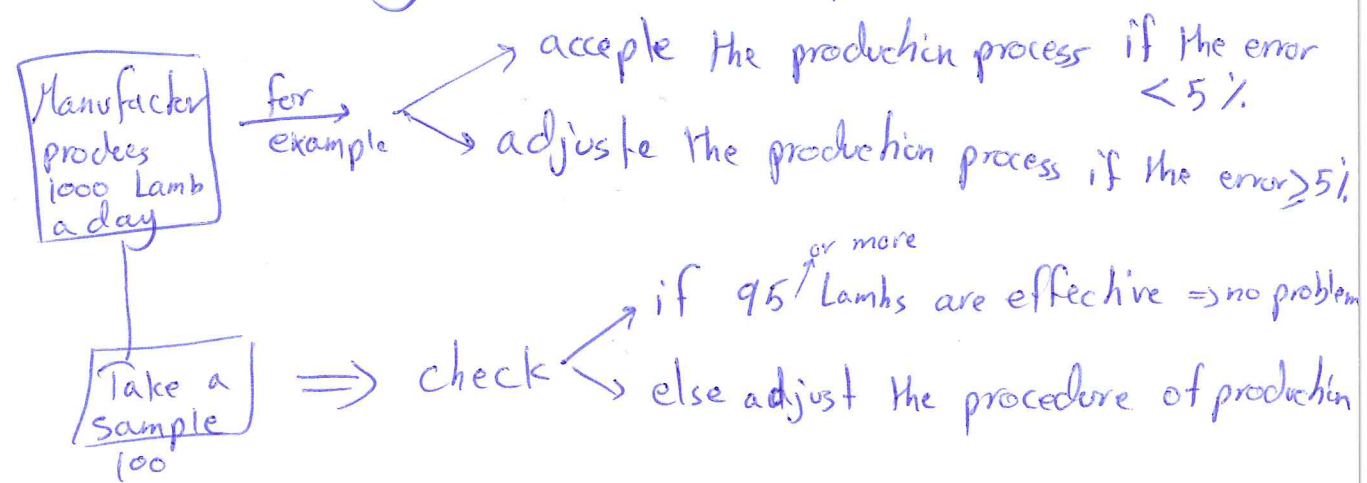
Finance: Financial analysts use statistical information to guide their investment recommendation.



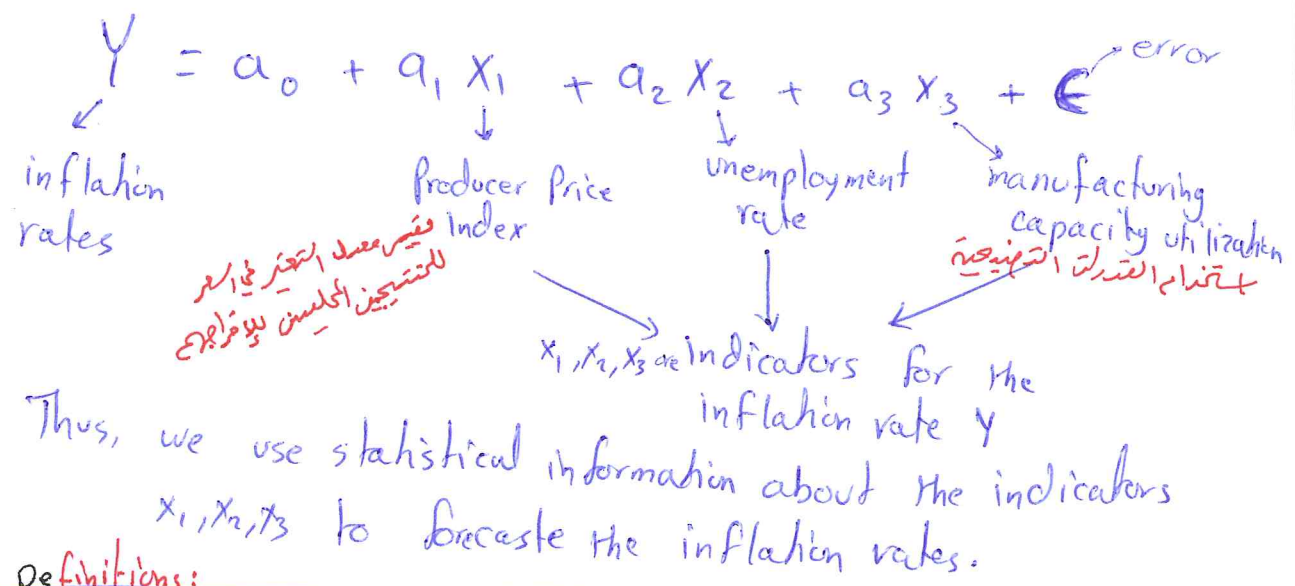
Marketing: Electronic scanners at checkout counters.



Production Quality Control of the production (2)



Economics: Economics provide forecasts about the future of the economy or some aspect of it.



Definitions:

1.2] Data: are the facts and figures collected, analyzed and summarized for presentation and interpretation.

Data set: all the data collected in a particular study

Elements: the entities on which data are collected.

Variable: is a characteristic of interest for the elements.

Observation: is the set of measurements for a particular element.

Example:

③

| st. number | Sex | Final score | year |
|------------|-----|-------------|------|
| 1 | F | 70 | 2010 |
| 2 | F | 85 | 2011 |
| 3 | M | 90 | 2010 |
| 4 | F | 80 | 2010 |
| 5 | M | 88 | 2011 |
| ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ |
| 100 | M | 75 | 2011 |

→ elements

↓ variables

→ measurement

→ data set

Sample of 100 students final score in stat 231.

Scales of Measurements:

① **Nominal scale:** The scale of measurement for a variable when the data are ^{M/F} labels or ^{plb/dls} names used to identify an attribute of an element.

Example: student Gender, Faculty name

② **Ordinal scale:** The scale of measurement for a variable if the data exhibit the properties of the nominal data and the order or rank is meaningful. Ordinal data may be numeric or nonnumeric.

Example: ① level of satisfaction by using internet
Excellent, Very good, good, bad

② Participants in Marathon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, ..., 10th

③ The 1st 5 top students in Stat 231

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[3] **Interval scale:** The scale of measurement for a variable if the data demonstrate the properties of ordinal data and the interval between values is expressed in terms of a fixed unit of measure.

Interval scale are always numeric

Example ① Test score example: three students

② Temperature

| | | | |
|-----|---|---|----|
| Day | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| T | 5 | 0 | -5 |

| | | |
|-----|-------|------------|
| S.t | Score | |
| 1 | 80 | } 20 point |
| 2 | 60 | |
| 3 | 55 | } 5 point |

[4] **Ratio Scale:** The scale of measurement of a variable if the data demonstrate all the properties of interval data and the ratio of two values is meaningful. Ratio data are always numeric.

Example ① Distance, height, weight, time

Note that in the ratio scale, zero value indicates that nothing exists for the variable at that point.

[2] Two cars : Car 1 costs 20,000 \$
Car 2 costs 60,000 \$

The ratio $\frac{60,000}{20,000} = 3$ shows that car 2 is three times costs more than car 1.

Qualitative and Quantitative data

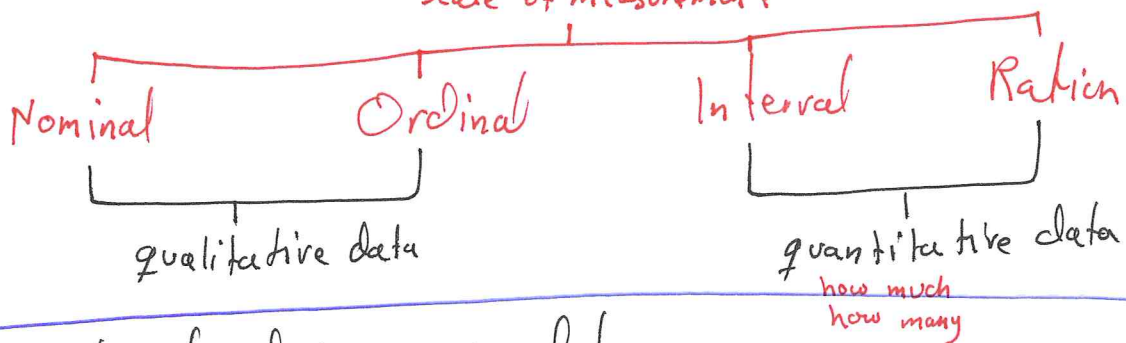
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* **Qualitative data:** Labels or names used to identify an attribute of each element. Qualitative data use either the nominal or ordinal scale of measurement and may be nonnumeric or numeric.

* **Quantitative data:** Numeric values that indicate how much or how many of something. Quantitative data are obtained using either the interval or ratio scale of measurement.

* **Qualitative variable:** A variable with qualitative data.
Exp. Gender

* **Quantitative variable:** A variable with quantitative data.
scale of measurement



Cross-sectional and time series data

* **Cross-sectional data:** are data collected at the same or approximately the same point in time

Exp. student's achievement in 2005 "Tawjeehi"

* **Time series data:** are data collected over several time period.

Exp. student's achievement "Tawjeehi" from 2005-2009

Example 1 Cross-sectional 2005

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| St. No. | Math | Science | Eng | --- | Average |
|---------|------|---------|-----|-----|---------|
| 1 | 70 | 80 | 90 | | 80 |
| 2 | 60 | 77 | 83 | | 75 |
| 3 | 81 | 50 | 90 | | 66 |
| ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ | ⋮ |

Example 2 Time Series data

The same as
above

Year
2005
2006
2007
2008
2009

