

4. Joshua is investigating the daily total rainfall in Hurn for May to October 2015

Using the information from the large data set, Joshua wishes to calculate the mean of the daily total rainfall in Hurn for May to October 2015

(a) Using your knowledge of the large data set, explain why Joshua needs to clean the data before calculating the mean.

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Using the information from the large data set, he produces the grouped frequency table below.

Daily total rainfall (r mm)	Frequency	Midpoint (x mm)
$0 \leq r < 0.5$	121	0.25
$0.5 \leq r < 1.0$	10	0.75
$1.0 \leq r < 5.0$	24	3.0
$5.0 \leq r < 10.0$	12	7.5
$10.0 \leq r < 30.0$	17	20.0

You may use $\sum fx = 539.75$ and $\sum fx^2 = 7704.1875$

(b) Use linear interpolation to calculate an estimate for the upper quartile of the daily total rainfall.

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(c) Calculate an estimate for the standard deviation of the daily total rainfall in Hurn for May to October 2015

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(d) (i) State the assumption involved with using class midpoints to calculate an estimate of a mean from a grouped frequency table.

(ii) Using your knowledge of the large data set, explain why this assumption does not hold in this case.

(iii) State, giving a reason, whether you would expect the actual mean daily total rainfall in Hurn for May to October 2015 to be larger than, smaller than or the same as an estimate based on the grouped frequency table.

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