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- What are the values in the five-number summary?
- What is the purpose of a Box plot?
- What is an outlier?

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or

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  - Lower 50% of the distribution

  from the
  - Upper 50% of the distribution

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Caution: The median is the *physical* middle value for the distribution.

Determining the Median

- Arrange the data in numerical order
- Determine the number of data values
- Count off data values from one end to the middle value

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- The median should be used when a distribution is
  - Skewed-left
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  - Not symmetric around a central value

The Quartiles

- When determining the median, we divide the distribution into halves
  - Dividing each of these halves in half,
    - we determine the first or lower quartile, Q_1,

and

    - the third or upper quartile, Q_3, for the distribution.

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- Note: This makes the Q_2 notation for the median make sense.

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- Note: The median, Q_2, is also known as the *second quartile*.

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$$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$$

Five-Number Summary

- Minimum – The smallest value
- Lower or first quartile, Q_1 – the median of the lower half of the values
- Median – the values that divides the data into halves
- Upper or third quartile, Q_3 – the median of the upper half of the values
- Maximum – the largest value

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Outlier

- A value is considered to be an outlier if it is *either*
  - more than 1.5 times the interquartile range, IQR, less than the lower quartile, Q_1,

  or
  - more than 1.5 times the interquartile range, IQR, greater than the upper quartile, Q_3.

Outlier

- *More than 1.5 times the interquartile range, IQR, from the nearest quartile* means that
  - An outlier is less than
    $Q_1 - 1.5 \cdot IQR$

  or
  - An outlier is more than
    $Q_3 + 1.5 \cdot IQR$

Outlier

- *To determine the outliers, we calculate the lower fence, L_f, and the upper fence, U_f:*
  - The lower fence is
    $$L_f = Q_1 - 1.5 \cdot IQR$$
  - The upper fence is
    $$U_f = Q_3 + 1.5 \cdot IQR$$

Outlier

- *An outlier is less than the lower fence*
  - $L_f = Q_1 - 1.5 \cdot IQR$

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Note: The values of L_f and U_f are *never* approximated.

Box Plot
(a.k.a. Box and Whiskers Plot)

- A box plot is a graphical display of the five-number summary for a data set.
  - Minimum
  - Q_1
  - Median
  - Q_3
  - Maximum

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Note: There is no vertical axis.

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  - Make a rectangle parallel to the horizontal axis that starts at Q_1 and ends at Q_3
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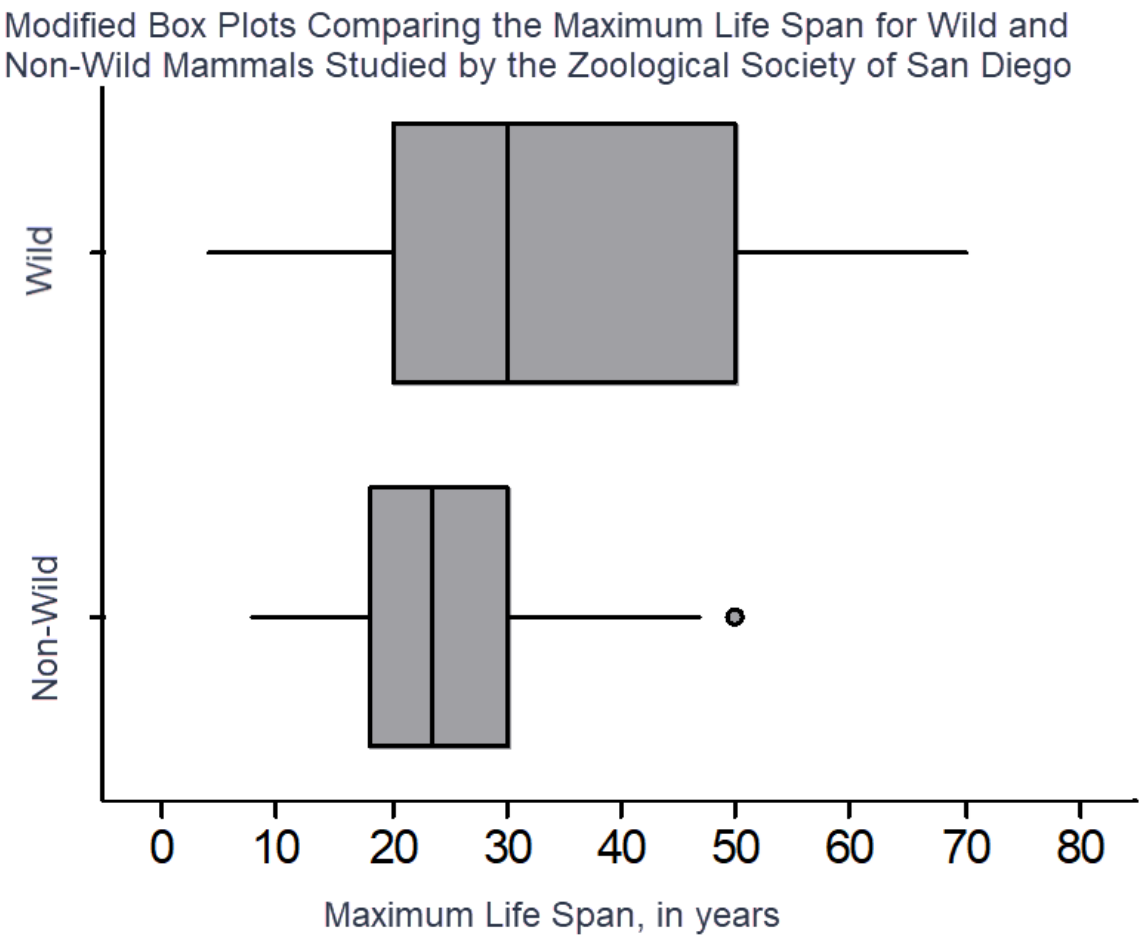
Modified Box Plot

- Similar to basic box plot except
  - Whiskers extend only as far as the largest and smallest non-outliers for the data
    - Other outliers are marked as individual dots or other symbols
  - Largest and smallest non-outliers are called the *adjacent values*

Modified Box Plot

A modified box plot for the mammal data. Notice that the outlier is marked with a dot.



Modified Box Plots

- Used for quantitative variable
- Does not record individual data values
- Records five-number summary of data *with* outliers

Box Plots
versus
Modified Box Plots???

Box Plots

- Useful when plotting a single quantitative variable
  - Compare shape, center, spread for two or more distributions
  - When distribution has too many values or would require too much space to make a stemplot
  - Do not need to see individual values
  - Do not need more than five-number summary with outliers marked

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