

Constructing Back-to-Back Stem and Leaf Plots



1). Here is a back-to-back stem and leaf plot showing pulse rate before and after exercise.

	Before exercise		Stem		After exercise
a). Which group had the higher pulse rate?	9	6	50		
b). Find the medians for both groups.	8 8 4 4 3	0	60		
c). Comment on the shape of the stem and leaf plots.	9 8 7 5 5	3	70	6 8	
	8 6 2	1	80	2 4 5 8 9	
		0	90	2 5 6 7 7 9	
			100	3 4 8 9	
			110	2 8	

2). Maximum daily temperatures (°C) for the first 14 days in June were recorded in Manchester and Sydney.

Manchester: 20 19 25 31 25 27 18 21 24 29 19 22 25 17
 Sydney: 11 15 9 16 18 21 19 22 17 12 9 17 14 16



- a). Make a back-to-back stem and leaf plot of this data. Have stem intervals every 5°C.
- b). Which city is warmer in June, on average?
- c). Find the medians for both sets.

3). Teenageers and adults were surveyed about the amount of time (in hours) they watch television each day.

Teenagers: 1.9 2.0 4.5 2.9 5.7 6.1 4.7 5.0 5.1 5.3 2.3 4.3 3.0 3.1 3.2 3.5 3.6
 3.8 4.2 3.9 4.0 1.3 1.5 4.1 4.5 2.5 3.4 3.4 2.8 6.2 2.7 3.3 6.3
 Adults: 3.1 3.2 0.1 2.2 2.4 2.6 0.3 5.1 0.3 0.9 1.1 1.3 1.4 1.6 3.9 1.8 4.5
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- a). Make a back-to-back stem and leaf plot of this data.
- b). Which group watches the television more hours, on average?
- c). Find the medians for both sets of data.
- d). Comment on the shape of the stem and leaf plots.

4). Weight watchers group members were weighed, in kg, at the start of the course and after 6 months.

Start: 64 82 76 79 72 70 84 79 83 67 83 77 74 68 78 72 75
 6 months in: 60 81 55 71 63 77 75 68 56 61 76 72 74 69 66 65 69

- a). Make a back-to-back stem and leaf plot of this data. Have stem intervals every 5 kg.
- b). Has the course been successful?
- c). Find the medians for both sets of data.
- d). Comment on the shape of the stem and leaf plots.

5). A factory monitored the output of two "identical" machines during May.

Machine 1: 133 152 159 161 101 119 124 157 148 116 103 114 151 166 157 118 115
 123 154 153 166 121 132 140 149 120 164 131 146 163 145
 Machine 2: 150 139 111 146 163 165 129 152 157 162 168 159 147 124 160 161 153
 147 153 138 164 166 155 149 158 148 138 138 152 164 145

- a). Make a back-to-back stem and leaf plot of this data.
- b). Are the machines identical in their output?
- c). Find the medians for both sets of data.
- d). Comment on the shape of the stem and leaf plots.

