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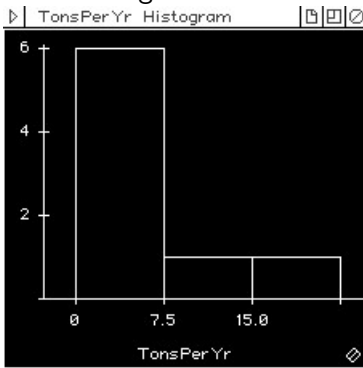
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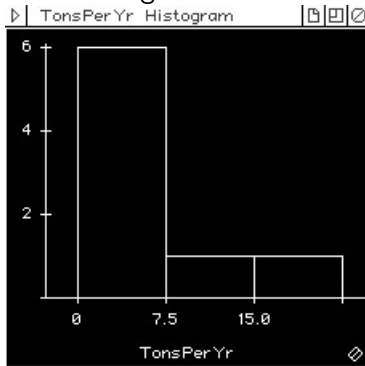
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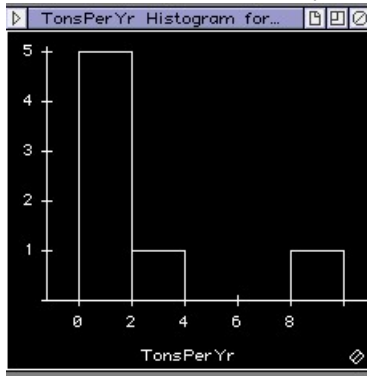
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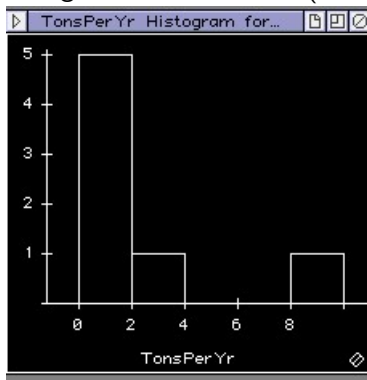
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$$Q_1 = .7$$

(And $Q_3 = 2.3$.)

The convention about not including the middle changed in the 3rd edition of our text.

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$$Q_1 = \frac{.7 + 1.1}{2} = .9 \text{ and } Q_3 = \frac{2.3 + 9.8}{2} = 6.05$$

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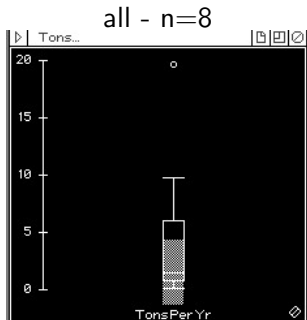
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Boxplot - Graphical form of the 5 number summary:



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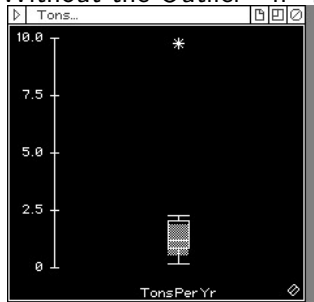
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	n	Q_1	med	Q_3	IQR
Here: with outlier	8	.9	1.5	6.05	5.15
w/o outlier	7	.7	1.2	2.3	1.6

It is mostly because of the small sample size that the median and IQR change as much as they do here.

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Spreadsheets do “wild” things when computing quartiles:

tons/yr : .2 .7 1.1 1.2 1.8 2.3 9.8 19.7

Open Office, an Excel Clone

4.175	Q3
1.500	median
1.000	Q1

One way to get such numbers:

With 8 numbers there are 7 intervals in between.

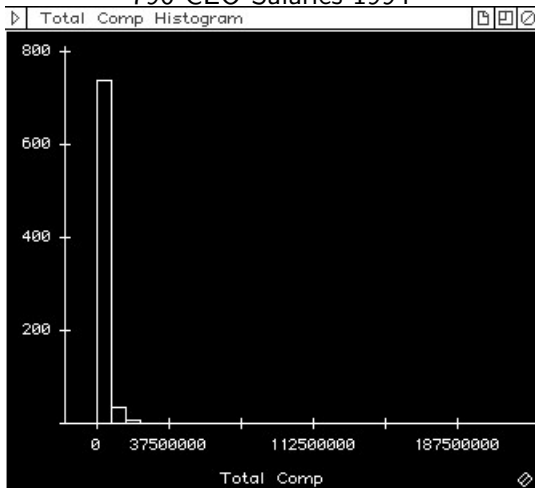
.7 is the $\frac{100}{7}$ %ile.

1.1 is the $\frac{200}{7}$ %ile.

$$25 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{100}{7} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{200}{7}$$

So the 25th %ile is $\frac{1}{4} \cdot .7 + \frac{3}{4} \cdot 1.1 = 1.$

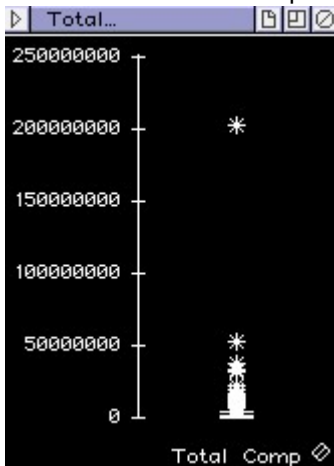
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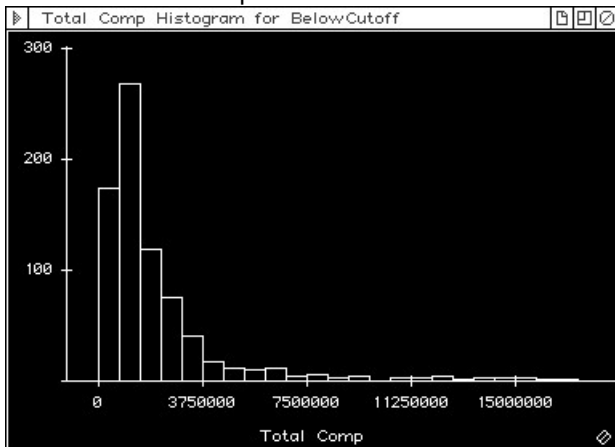
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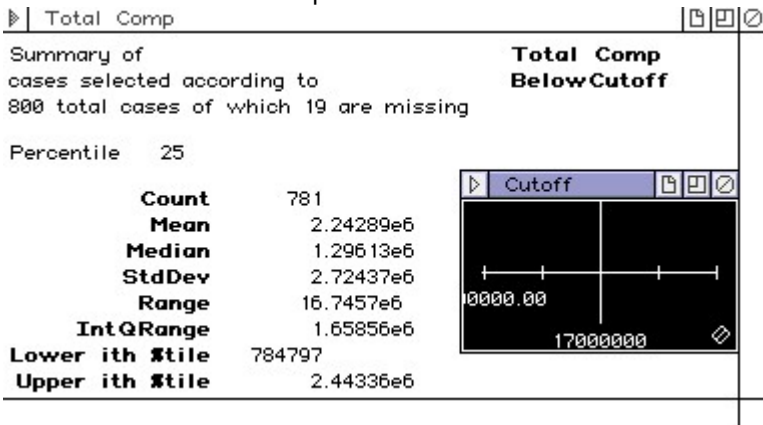
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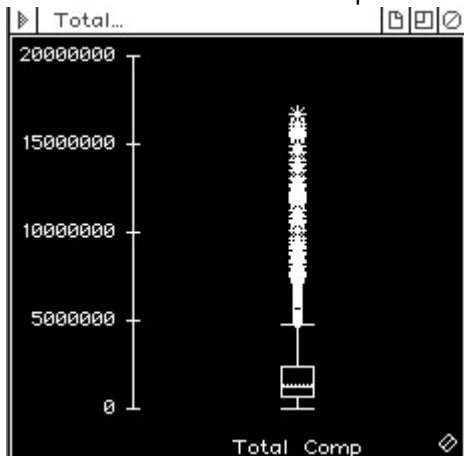
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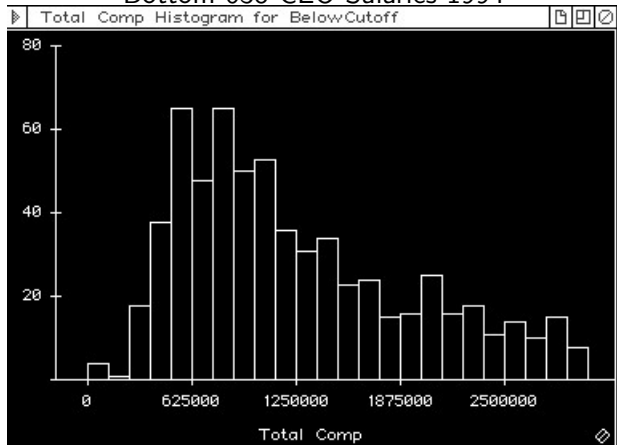
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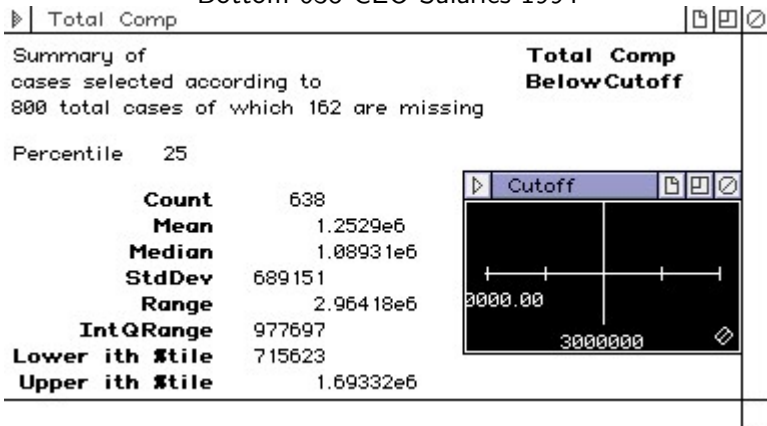
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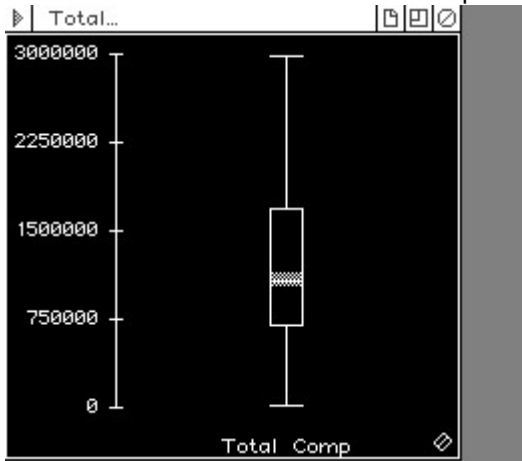
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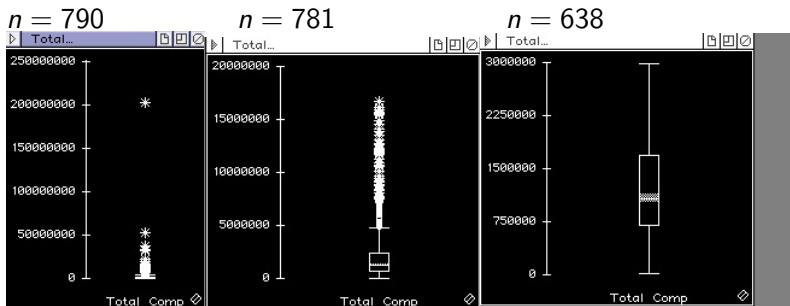
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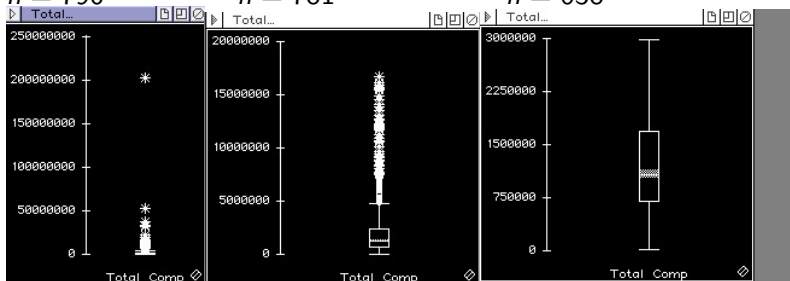
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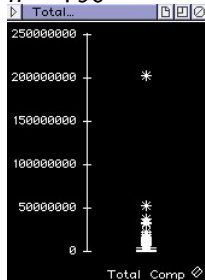
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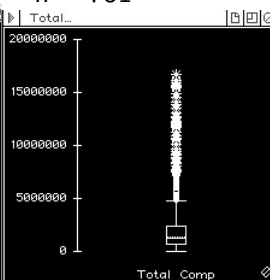
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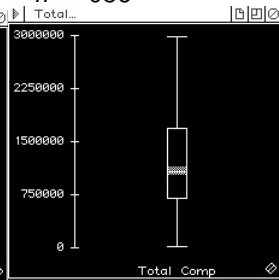
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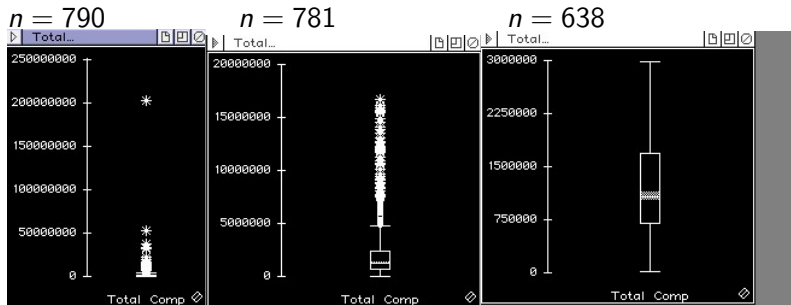
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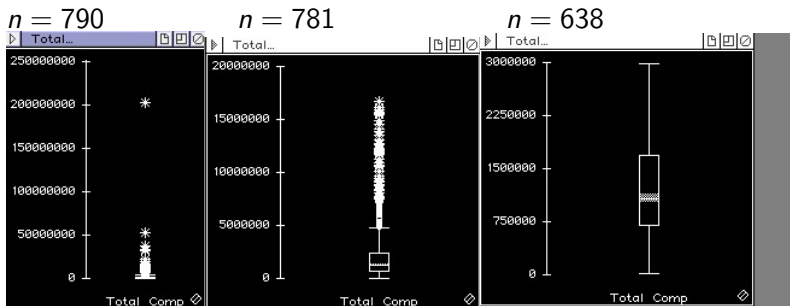
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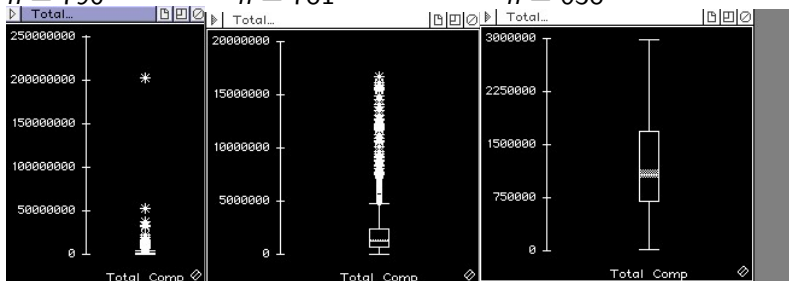
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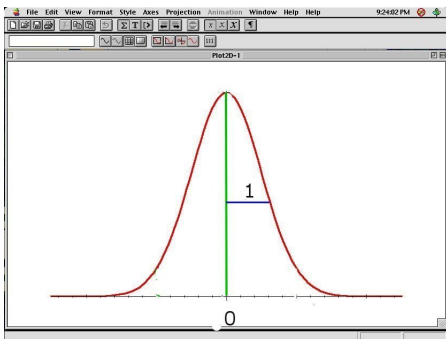
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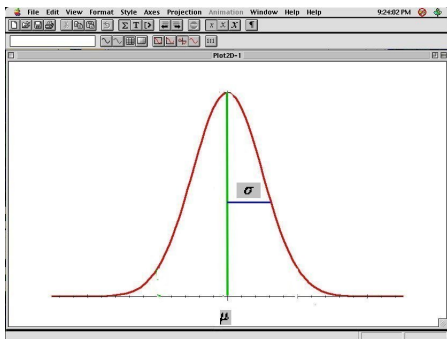
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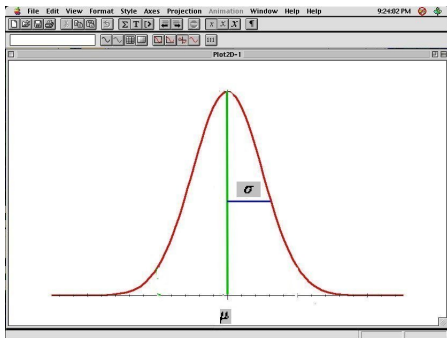
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Strategy: Compare a_k to a_0 using the approximation
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