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Maths GCSE Problem Solving Questions Workbook

Histograms

GRADES 6 – 9



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Histograms

EXAMPLE

The histogram shows information about the heights, h cm, of some plants.

Calculate an estimate for the number of plants with heights in the interval $30 < h \leq 42$

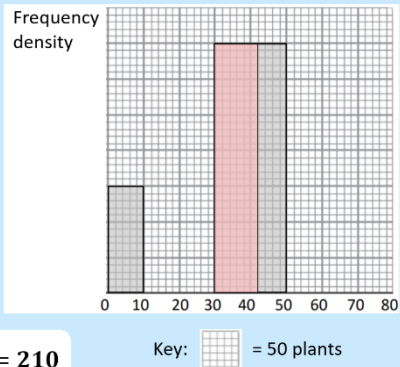
$$\frac{50}{25} = 2 \text{ (each small square)}$$

$$\text{Full big squares} = 7 \times 25 = 175$$

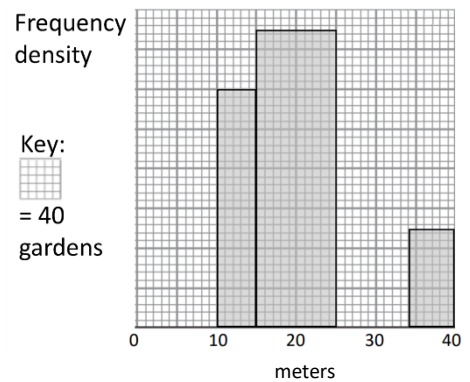
$$\text{Strip of squares} = 7 \times 5 = 35$$

$$\text{Total small squares} = 35 + 175 = 210$$

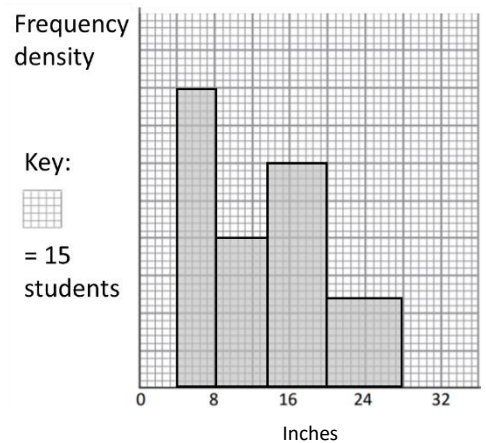
$$\text{Number of plants} = 210 \times 2 = 420$$



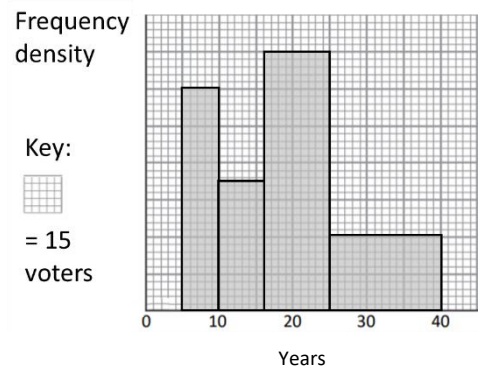
- 1 The histogram shows information about the lengths, m meters, of some gardens on a housing estate. Calculate an estimate for the number of gardens with lengths in the interval $15 < m \leq 22$ meters



- 2 The histogram shows information about the foot sizes, l inches, of some student's feet. Calculate an estimate for the number of students with feet in the interval $8 < l \leq 20$ inches



- 3 The histogram shows information about the age, y years, of some voters. Estimate how many more $18 < y \leq 21$ -year olds there are compared to $30 < y \leq 40$ -year olds



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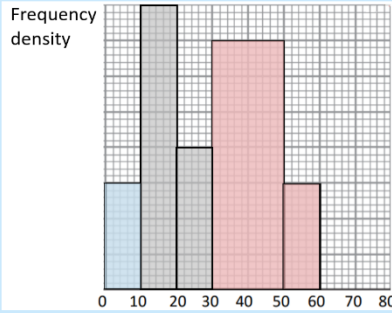
EXAMPLE

The histogram shows information about the ages of people attending a museum. 60 people were 10 or under. Work out an estimate for the number of the people over 30 that visited the museum

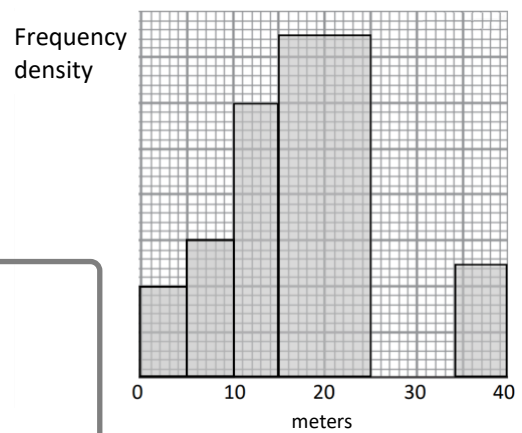
$$60 \div 3 = 20 \text{ per big square}$$

$$\text{Full big squares} = 17 \times 20 = 340$$

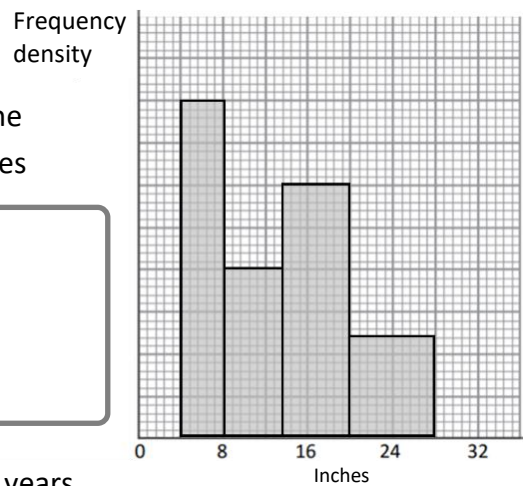
$$\text{Number over 30} = 340$$



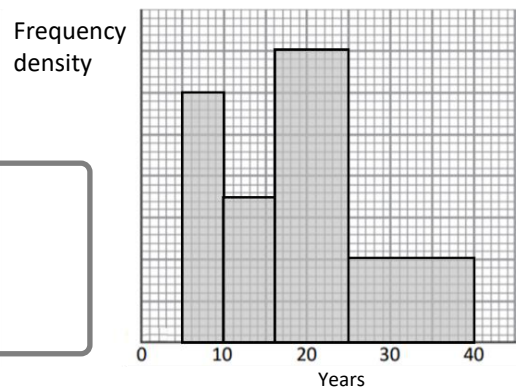
- 1 The histogram shows information about the lengths, m meters, of some gardens on a housing estate. 30 gardens are under 5m. Calculate an estimate for the number of gardens with lengths in the interval $15 < m \leq 22$



- 2 The histogram shows information about the feet sizes, l inches, of some students' feet. 105 students have feet over 20 inches. Calculate an estimate for the number of students with feet between 8 and 16 inches



- 3 The histogram shows information about the age, y in years, of some voters. 180 were under 10 years old. Estimate how many more $18 < y \leq 21$ -year olds there are compared to $30 < y \leq 40$ -year olds



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EXAMPLE

The histogram shows information about the ages of people attending a museum. Find an estimate for the median age of people who visited the museum

Total number of people

$$10 \times 0.3 = 3 \quad 10 \times 0.8 = 8$$

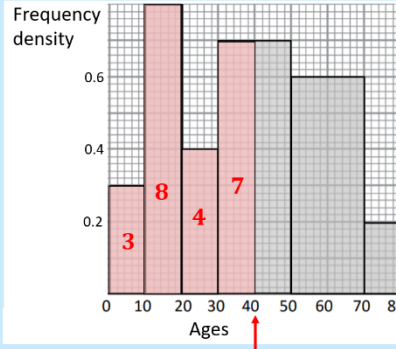
$$10 \times 0.4 = 4 \quad 20 \times 0.7 = 14$$

$$20 \times 0.6 = 12 \quad 10 \times 0.2 = 2$$

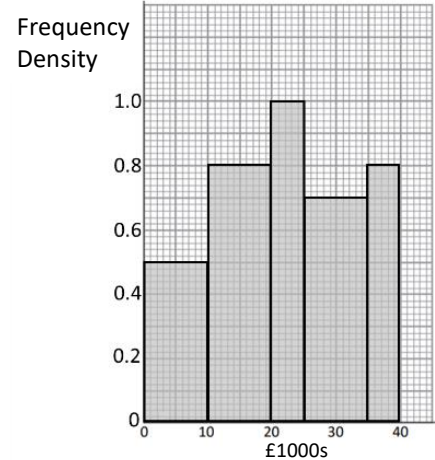
43 people

Median at $(43 + 1) \div 2 = 22$

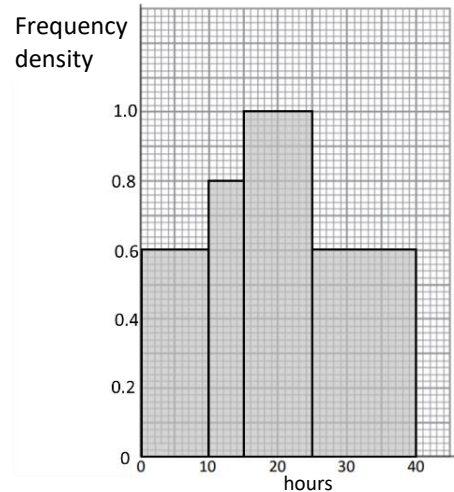
Median at 22 $(3 + 8 + 4 + 7)$ is 40



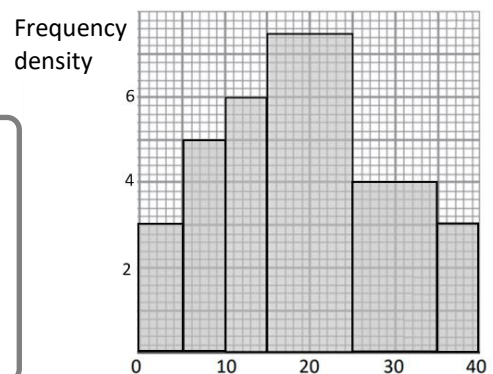
- 1 The histogram shows some information about the salaries of a sample of people. Calculate an estimate for the median salary of the sample.



- 2 The histogram shows information about hours watching tv per week for a sample of people. Calculate an estimate for the median hours of the sample.



- 3 The histogram shows info about lengths, m meters, of some gardens on a housing estate. Calculate an estimate to the nearest m , the median length of gardens



Page 1 – Histograms

1. 420 :

$$\frac{40}{25} = 1.6 \text{ (each little square)}$$

$$\text{Large squares} = 7.5 \times 25 = 187.5$$

$$\text{Strip of squares} = 7.5 \times 10 = 75$$

$$\text{Total} - 75 + 187.5 = 262.5$$

$$\text{Gardens} = 262.5 \times 1.6 = 420$$

2. 228 :

$$\frac{15}{25} = 0.6 \text{ (each little square)}$$

$$\text{Large squares} = 14 \times 25 = 350$$

$$\text{Strip of squares} = 3 \times 10 = 30$$

$$\text{Total} - 350 + 30 = 380$$

$$\text{Students} = 380 \times 0.6 = 228$$

3. 3 :

$$\frac{15}{25} = 0.6 \text{ (each little square)}$$

$$18-21: = 7 \times 3 \times 5 = 105$$

$$30-40: = 4 \times 25 = 100$$

$$\text{Difference} = 105 - 100 = 5$$

$$\text{Number more} = 5 \times 0.6 = 3$$

Page 2 – Histograms

1. 135 :

$$\frac{30}{50} = 0.6 \text{ (each little square)}$$

$$\text{Large squares} = 7.5 \times 25 = 187.5$$

$$\text{Strip of squares} = 7.5 \times 5 = 37.5$$

$$\text{Total} = 37.5 + 187.5 = 225$$

$$\text{Number of gardens} = 225 \times 0.6 = 135$$

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2. 184 :

$$\frac{96}{120} = 0.8 \text{ (each little square)}$$

$$\text{Full big squares} = 8 \times 25 = 200$$

$$\text{Strip of squares} = 3 \times 10 = 30$$

$$\text{Total} - 200 + 30 = 230$$

$$\text{Students} = 230 \times 0.8 = 184$$

3. 46 : 4 big squares = 20

$$\text{Full big square} = 5 \text{ cows:}$$

$$\text{Strip of 5 small squares} = 1 \text{ cow}$$

$$\text{Full big squares} = 8 \times 5 = 40$$

$$\text{Strips of 5 small squares} = 6 \times 1 = 6$$

$$\text{Total} = 40 + 6 = 46$$

Page 3 – Histograms (Median)

1. 20 :

$$10 \times 0.5 = 5 \quad 5 \times 0.8 = 4$$

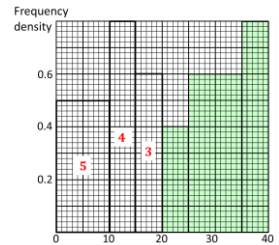
$$5 \times 0.6 = 3 \quad 5 \times 0.4 = 2$$

$$10 \times 0.6 = 6 \quad 5 \times 0.8 = 4$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Total} = 24 \text{ people}$$

$$\text{Median} - 24 \div 2 = 12$$

$$\text{Median at } 12 \text{ (} 5 + 4 + 3 \text{) is } \underline{20}$$



3. 19 :

$$5 \times 3 = 15 \quad 5 \times 5 = 25$$

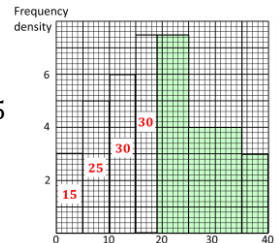
$$5 \times 6 = 30 \quad 10 \times 7.5 = 75$$

$$10 \times 4 = 40$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Total} = 200 \text{ people}$$

$$\text{Median} - 200 \div 2 = 100$$

$$\text{Median at } 100 \text{ (} 15 + 25 + 30 + 30 \text{) is } \underline{19}$$



3. £18,750 :

$$10 \times 0.5 = 5 \quad 10 \times 0.8 = 8$$

$$5 \times 0.6 = 3 \quad 10 \times 0.4 = 4$$

$$5 \times 0.8 = 4$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Total} = 24 \text{ people}$$

$$\text{Median} - 24 \div 2 = 12$$

$$10 \div 8 \times 7 = 8.75$$

$$\text{Median at } 12 \text{ (} 5 + 7 \text{) is } \underline{18.75}$$

