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Question: Will the mean or median increase if last number in the data set is increased.

Claim: The mean will change but the median will not. The mean is affected because it uses all the numbers. The median is not affected because it cares about how many numbers there are.

Data

Mean

1, 2, 3, 4, 5
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$$\frac{1+2+3+4+5}{5} = 15 \quad 5 \overline{) 15}^3 \quad \text{Mean} = 3$$

When the last number increases the mean will increase.

1, 2, 3, 4, 10

$$\frac{1+2+3+4+10}{5} = 20 \quad 5 \overline{) 20}^4$$

The mean increased by 1 when I increased the last number.

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Data continued:

Median

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

The median is 3

When I change the last number the median will not change.

1, 2, 3, 4, 10

The median did not change.

Commentary:

In order to know what will change you must know what median and mean are. Mean is the average of all the numbers.

$$\frac{1+2+3+4+5}{5} = 3$$

The first step to find mean is to add up all the numbers

$$1+2=3+3=6+4=10+5=15$$

The next step is to divide the sum of all the numbers by how many numbers there are.

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commentary continued:

$$1+2+3+4+5 = 15$$

$1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

There's 5 numbers
So we will divide 15 by 5.

$$15 \div 5 = 3.$$

That's how you find mean.

Median is the middle
number out of all the numbers.

$1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

3 is the middle number
So, 3 is the median.

If there are 2 numbers
in the middle.

$1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$

Then you find the
average between the 2 numbers.

$$3+4=7 \quad 7 \div 2 = 3.5$$

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COMMENTARY Continued!

Now that you know
what median and mean are I can
explain to you which one will
increase

The mean will increase
because it uses all the numbers
and the numbers value.

The median will not
increase because median cares about
how many numbers there are. The
Median only cares about one numbers
value.