A3.3 (CD-ROM TOPIC) SPSS FOR DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Calculating Descriptive Statistics

To calculate the descriptive statistics for the 2003 return of *all* the mutual funds, open the MUTUALFUNDS2004.SAV file. Select Analyze → Descriptive Statistics → Descriptives.

Step 1: In the Descriptives dialog box (see Figure A3.7), enter **Return 2003** in the Variable(s): edit box. Click the **Options** button.

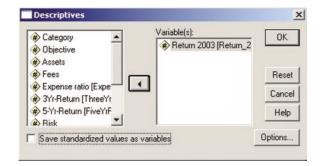


FIGURE A3.7 SPSS Descriptives Dialog Box

Step 2: In the Descriptives: Options dialog box (see Figure A3.8), select the Mean, Std. deviation, Variance, Range, Minimum, and Maximum check boxes. Click the Continue button. Then click the OK button in the Descriptives dialog box.



FIGURE A3.8 SPSS Descriptives: Options Dialog Box

To calculate the descriptive statistics for the 2003 return separately for each risk group, select **Analyze** → **Descriptive Statistics** → **Explore**. In the Explore dialog box (see Figure A3.9), enter **Return 2003** in the Dependent List: edit box and **Risk** in the Factor List: edit box. Click the **OK** button.

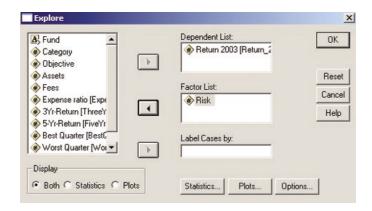


FIGURE A3.9 SPSS Explore Dialog Box

Creating Box-and-Whisker Plots (Boxplots)

SPSS refers to box-and-whisker plots as boxplots. To create side-by-side boxplots of the 2003 return for the three risk categories, open the MUTUALFUNDS2004.SAV file. Select Graphs → Boxplot.

Step 1: In the Boxplot dialog box (see Figure A3.10), select the **Simple** button and click the **Define** button.

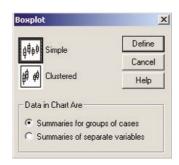


FIGURE A3.10 SPSS Boxplot Dialog Box

Step 2: In the Define Simple Boxplot: Summaries for Groups of Cases: dialog box (see Figure A3.11), enter **Return 2003** in the Variable: edit box, and **Risk** in the Category Axis: edit box.

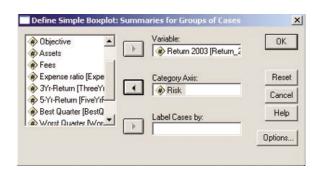


FIGURE A3.11 SPSS Define Simple Boxplot: Summaries for Groups of Cases: Dialog Box

Step 3: Click the OK button.

Figure A3.12 is the box-and-whisker plot of 2003 return categorized by risk.

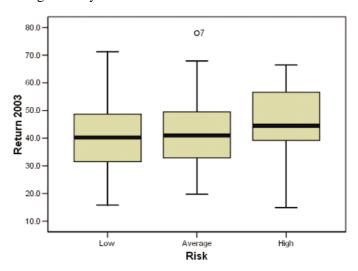


FIGURE A3.12 Box-and-Whisker Plot of 2003 Return Categorized by Risk

Calculating a Coefficient of Correlation

To compute the coefficient of correlation for the expense ratio and the return in 2003, open the MUTUALFUNDS2004.SAV file. Select Analyze → Correlate → Bivariate. In the Bivariate Correlations dialog box (see Figure A3.13), enter Expense ratio and Return 2003 in the Variables: edit box. Select the Pearson check box (for Correlation Coefficients). Click the OK button.

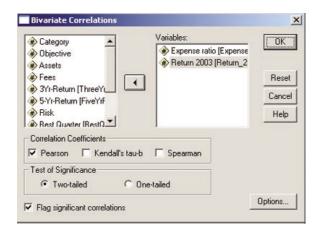


FIGURE A3.13 SPSS Bivariate Correlations Dialog Box