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1a. The median is defined as a value such that half the observations are above and half are below. Report the mean and median values of the following quantity (don't forget units).

Quiz #1a

 $E = [45 \ 60 \ 40 \ 5 \ 50]$ Joules

mean(E) = _____

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median(E) = _____

1b. State which is greater (mean or median)

1c. Explain why.

2. Name a quantity of interest to you that has dimensions of V/T (= L^3/T). In the spaces below provide a complete five-part definition of the quantity (name, symbol, procedural statement, numbers, units).

		TYPICAL	
NAME	SYMBOL	VALUES	SCALE (typical units)

Procedural statement (you may have to invent this)

$$sum(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

n is number of observations (it has no units)

$$mean(X) = \overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{n=1}^{n} X \qquad variance(X) = s^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left((X - \overline{X}) \right)^{2}$$

coefficient of dispersion

 $cd(X) = \frac{variance(X)}{mean(X)}$

3. Substitute the symbol for your quantity within the parentheses in the following expressions, and fill in the blanks.

sum() has units of _____

mean() has units of _____

cd() has units of _____