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1. Add another column to the given table. Calculate the midpoint of each class interval- This can be done by adding the highest and lowest value of the interval and then dividing that by 2.

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| **Km travelled to work** | **Frequency** | **Midpoint** |
| 0Km x < 5Km | 6 | 2.5Km |
| 5Km x < 10Km | 4 | 7.5Km |
| 10Km x < 20Km | 1 | 15Km |

1. Add another column to the table. In this one, calculate midpoint multiplied by frequency.

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| **Km travelled to work** | **Frequency** | **Midpoint** | **Midpoint x frequency** |
| 0Km x < 5Km | 6 | 2.5Km | 6 x 2.5 = 15Km |
| 5Km x < 10Km | 4 | 7.5Km | 30Km |
| 10Km time < 20Km | 1 | 15Km | 15Km |

1. Calculate the total of the frequency column, and the total of the midpoint frequency column.

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|  | 11 |  | 60Km |

1. Divide the total of the midpoint frequency column by the total of the frequency column. This gives you the estimated mean.

60Km ÷ 11 = 5.45Km

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