

Kurtosis :-

* Kurtosis is the measure of tailedness of the probability distribution of a real valued random Variable.

* It measures how heavily or lightly the tails of the distribution differ from the normal distribution.

* There is controversy that whether Kurtosis measure peakedness or tailedness of the distribution.

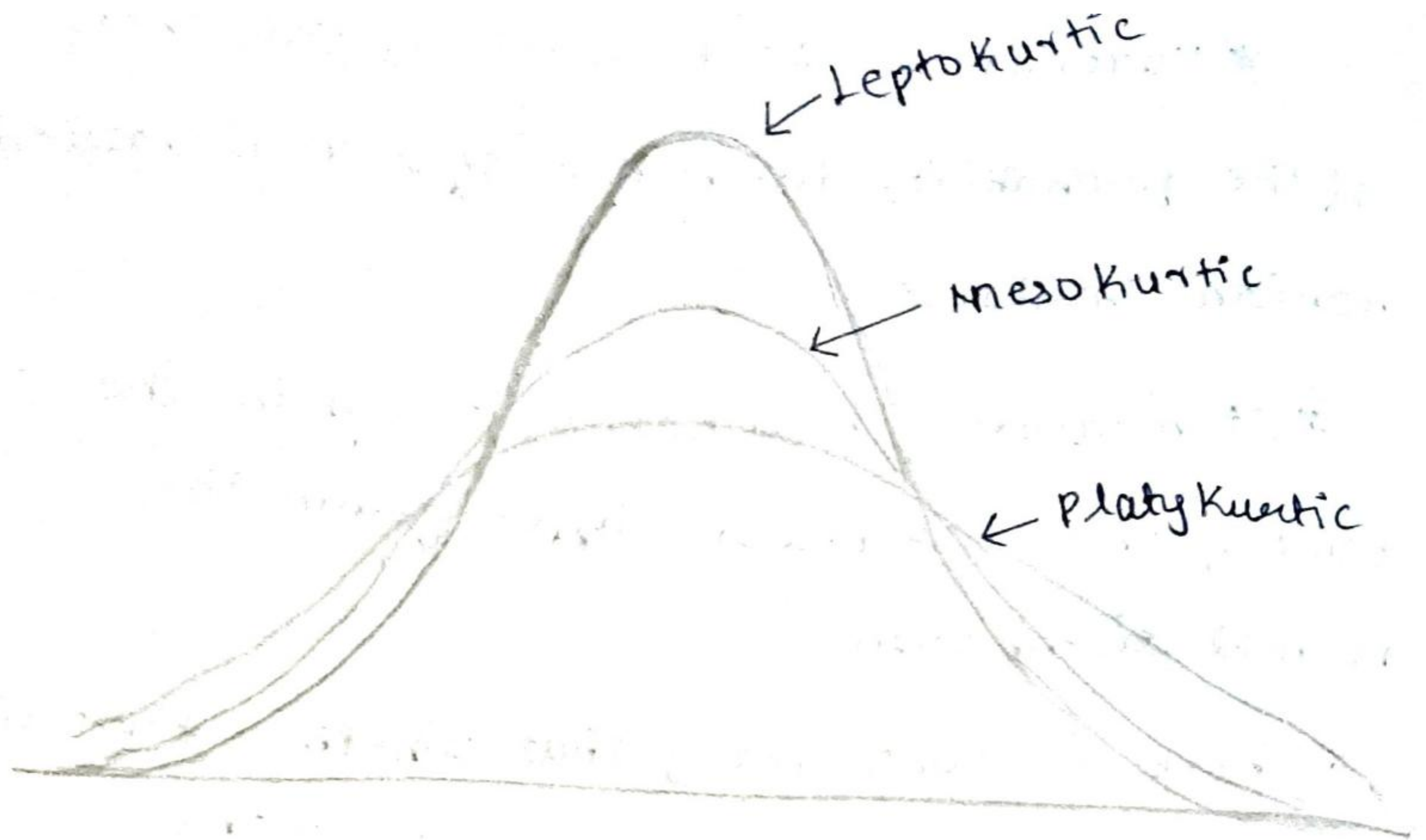
* The Answer is Kurtosis measures the tailedness.

* The reason is Kurtosis is the Fourth statistical moment with formula

$$\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{\sum (x - H)^4}{\sigma^4} \right)$$

* This formula deals with or it contains the ~~var~~ factors of Variance, means how the data is spread.

* So Kurtosis deals with tailedness of the distribution.



There are 3 types of Kurtosis:-

- i) Leptokurtic
- ii) Mesokurtic
- iii) Platykurtic

Leptokurtic:-

* If the Kurtosis value is greater than 3 then the distribution is called Leptokurtic.

* It is also called as positive kurtosis

* Leptokurtic distributions have longer tails or heavy tails.

* These heavy tails basically means the dataset is having more outliers or extreme value.

Mesokurtic:-

* If the kurtosis value is exactly equal to 3, then the distribution is called as mesokurtic.

* Normal distributions have kurtosis value = 3.

* So there is no outliers or extreme values in the data set.

Platykurtic:-

* If the kurtosis value is lesser than 3 then the distribution is called platykurtic.

* It is also called negative kurtosis.

* Platykurtic distributions have light tails.

* These light tails basically means the dataset is not having any outliers or extreme values.

Excess Kurtosis:-

* The term excess kurtosis refers to metric used in statistics and probability theory comparing kurtosis coefficient with that of normal distribution.

Excess kurtosis signals the probability of obtaining an extreme value.

$$\text{Excess Kurtosis} = \text{Kurtosis} - 3$$

If Excess Kurtosis is positive then it is Leptokurtic

If Excess Kurtosis is negative then it is Platykurtic

If Excess Kurtosis is 0, then it is mesokurtic.