
WELCOME

Descriptive vs Inferential Statistics

Descriptive and inferential statistics are two main branches of statistics that are used to analyze and interpret data.

DESCRIPTIVE

Descriptive statistics is a branch of statistics used to summarize and describe the characteristics of a dataset. Descriptive statistics involves calculating summary measures, such as the mean, median, mode, range, standard deviation, variance.

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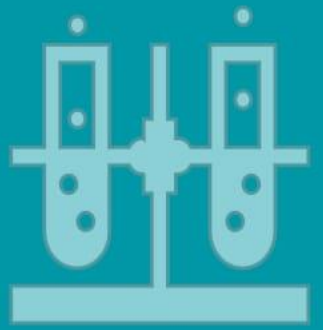
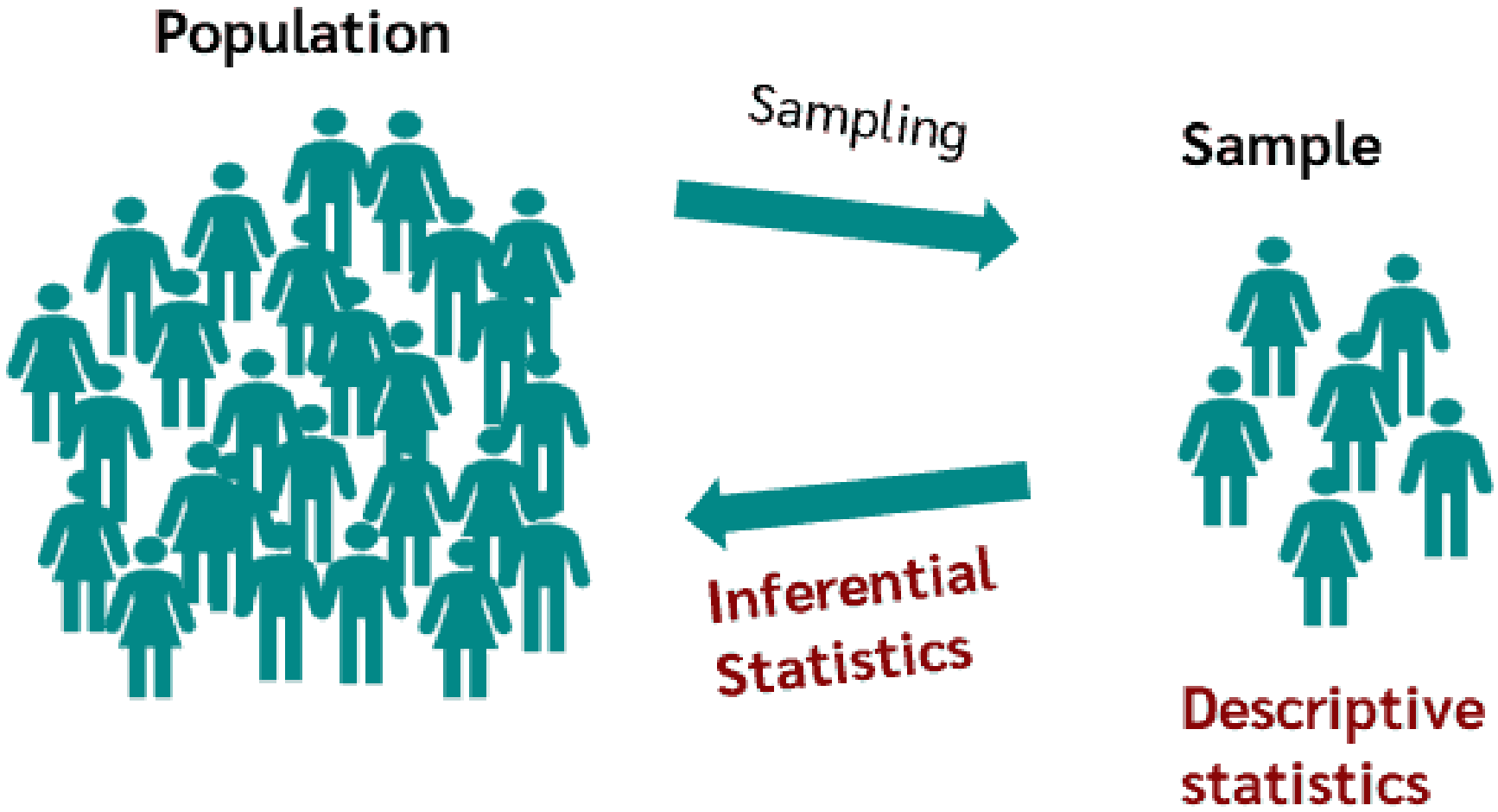
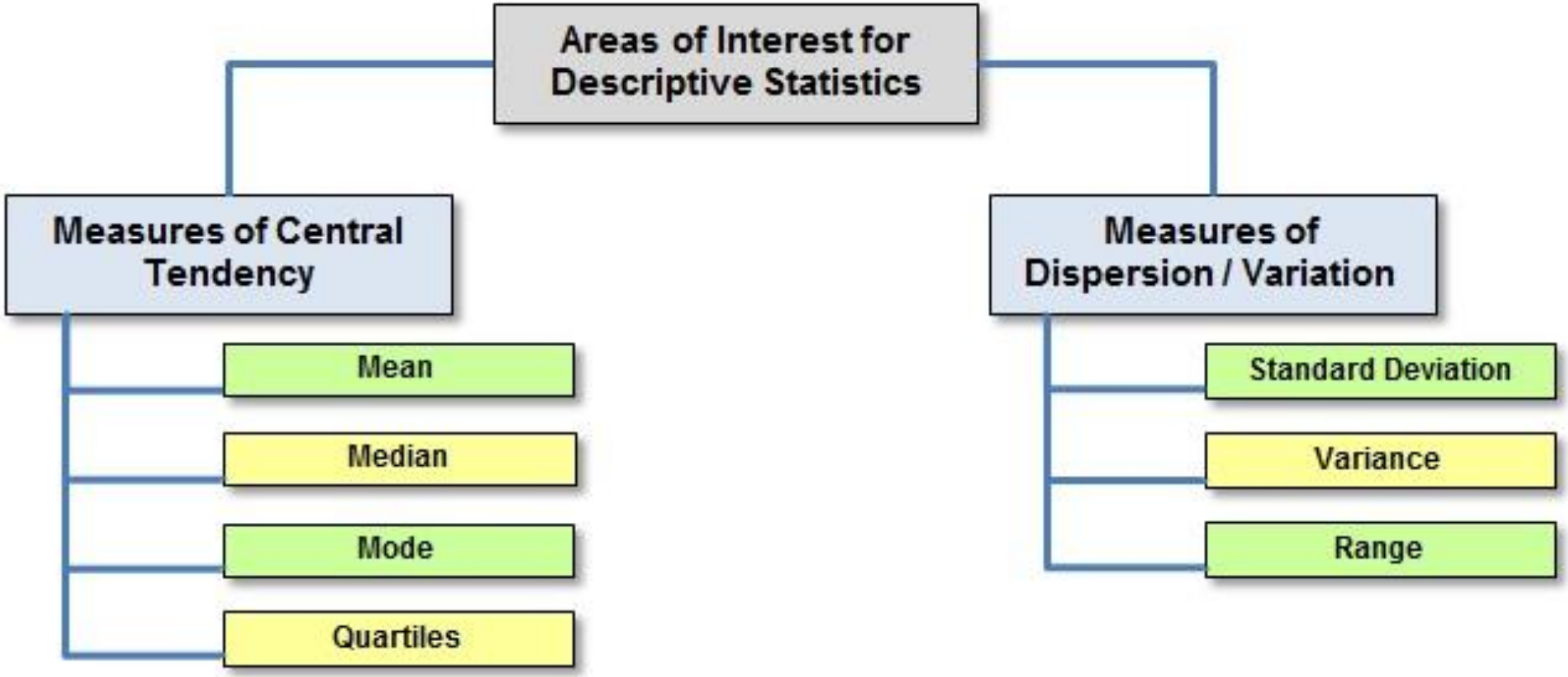
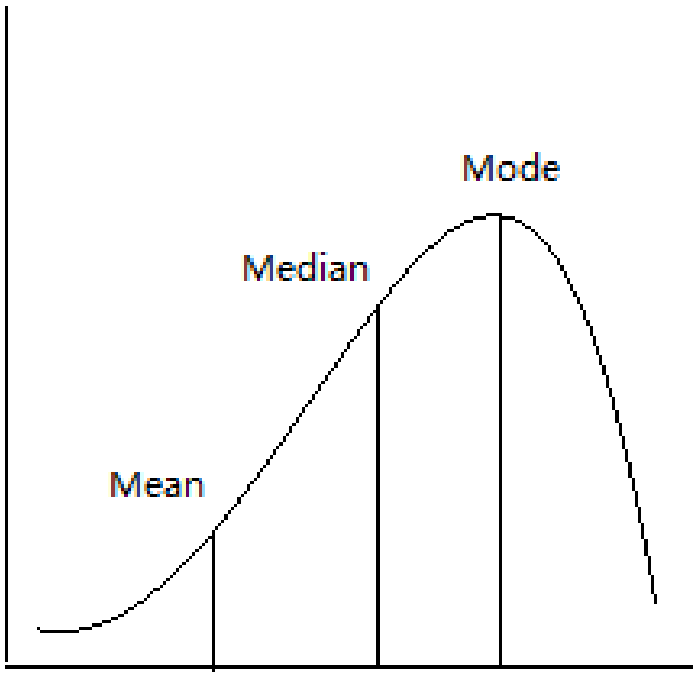


INFERENTIAL

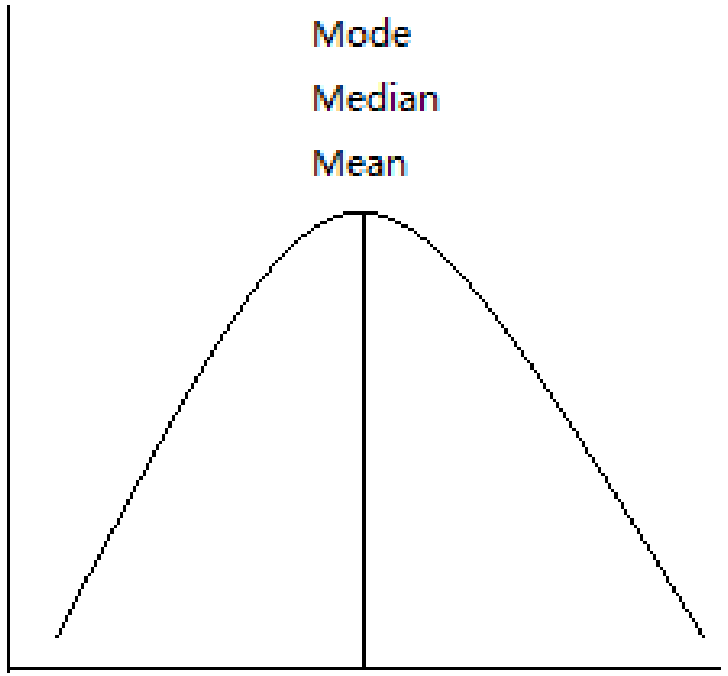
Inferential statistics is a branch of statistics used to make inferences or predictions about a population based on a sample of data. Inferential statistics involves using statistical tests, such as hypothesis tests and regression analysis.


Population
Sampling
Sample
Inferential Statistics
Descriptive statistics

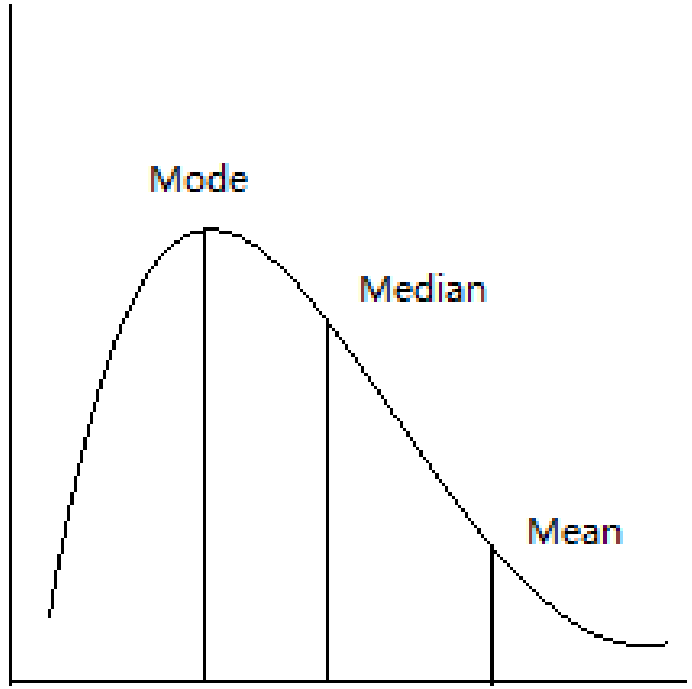

Areas of Interest for Descriptive Statistics
Measures of Central Tendency
Mean
Median
Mode
Quartiles
Measures of Dispersion / Variation
Standard Deviation
Variance
Range



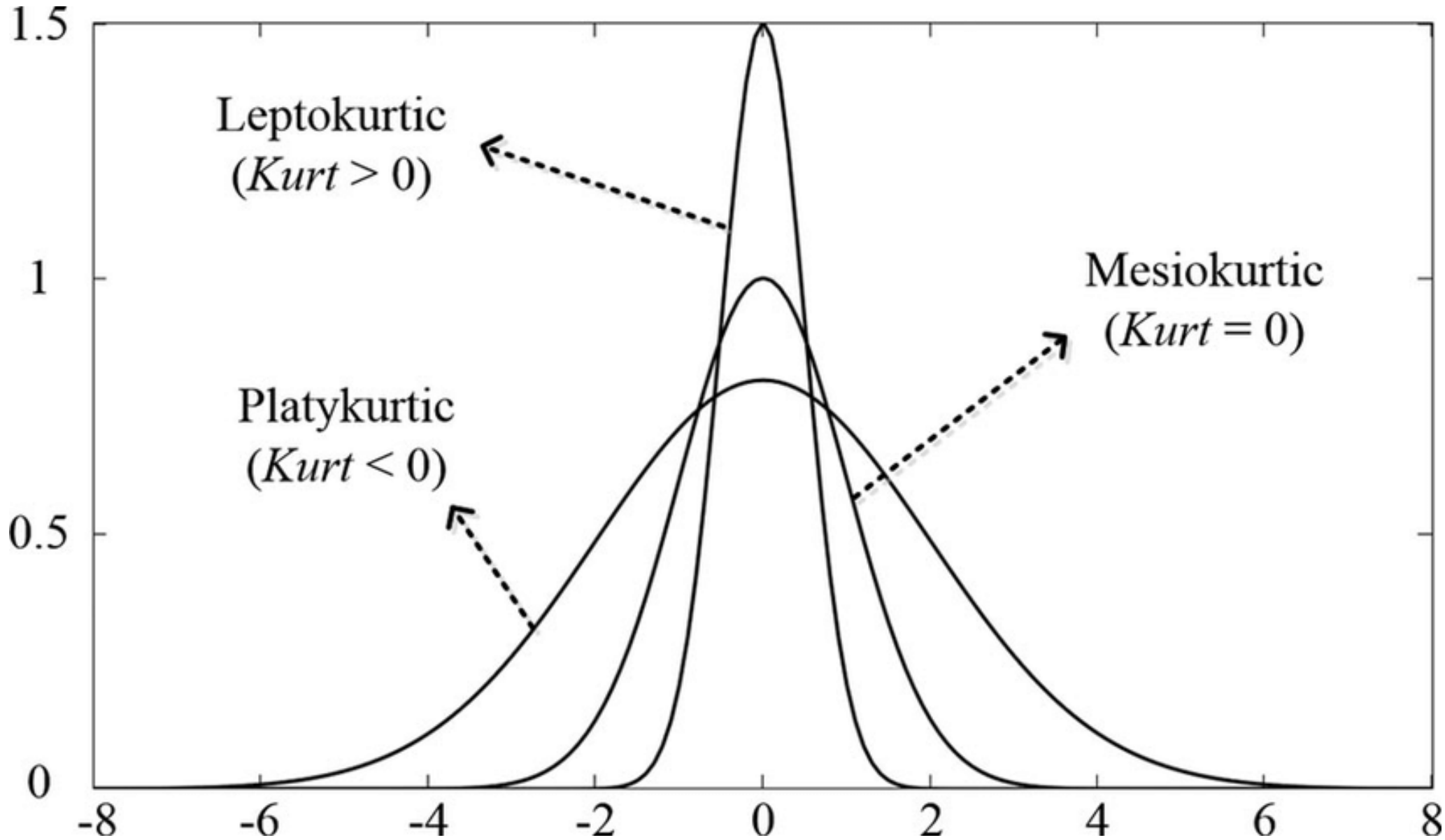
Left skew



Normal Distribution



Right skew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-6
-4
-2
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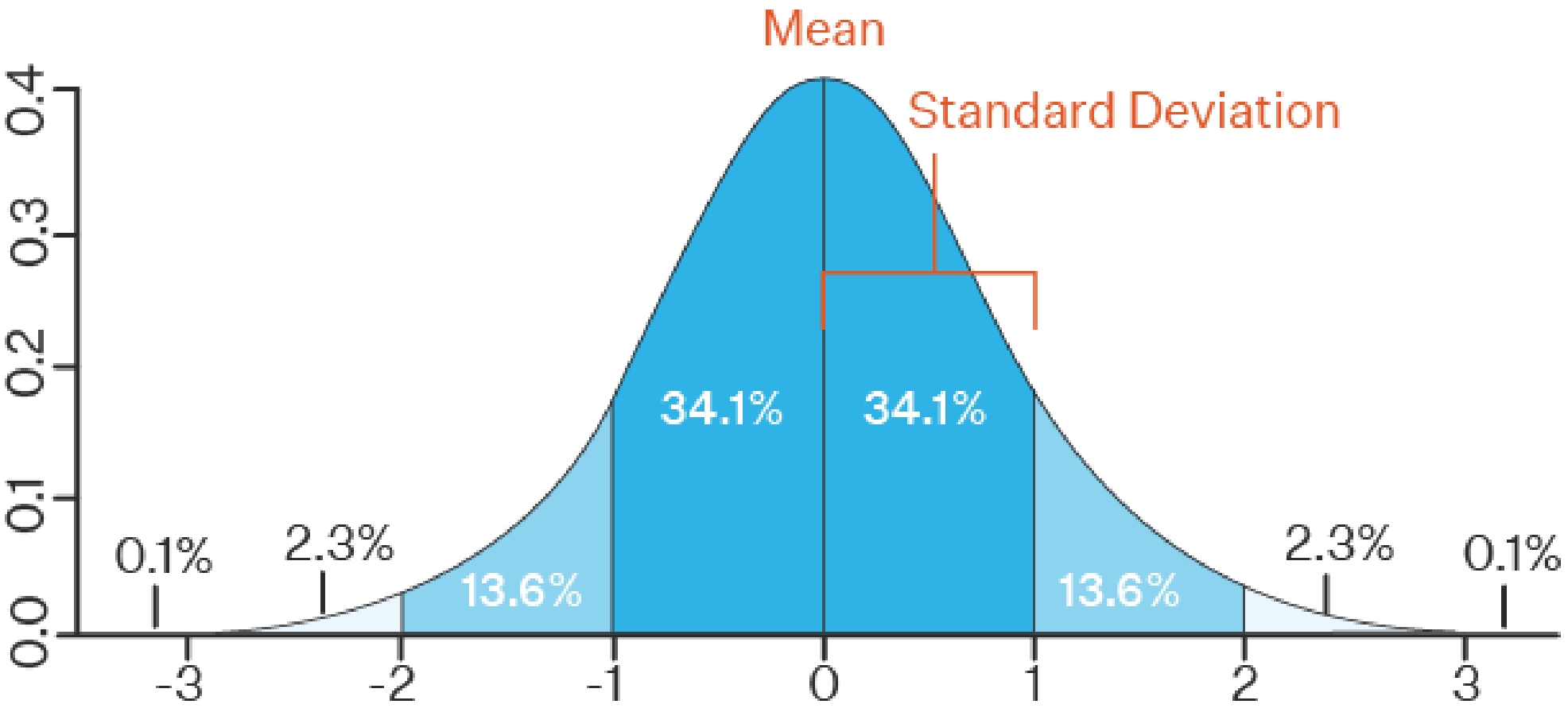
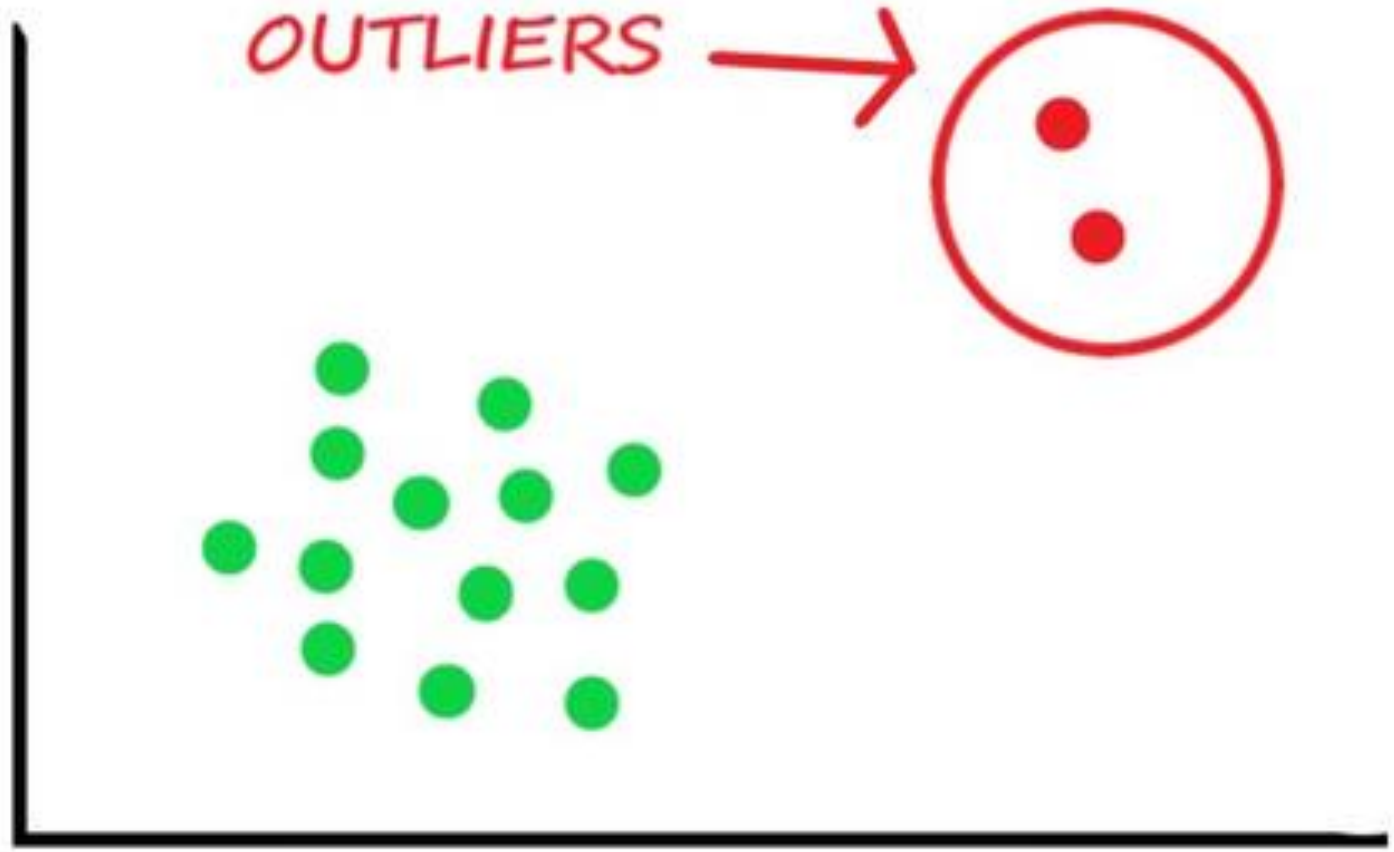
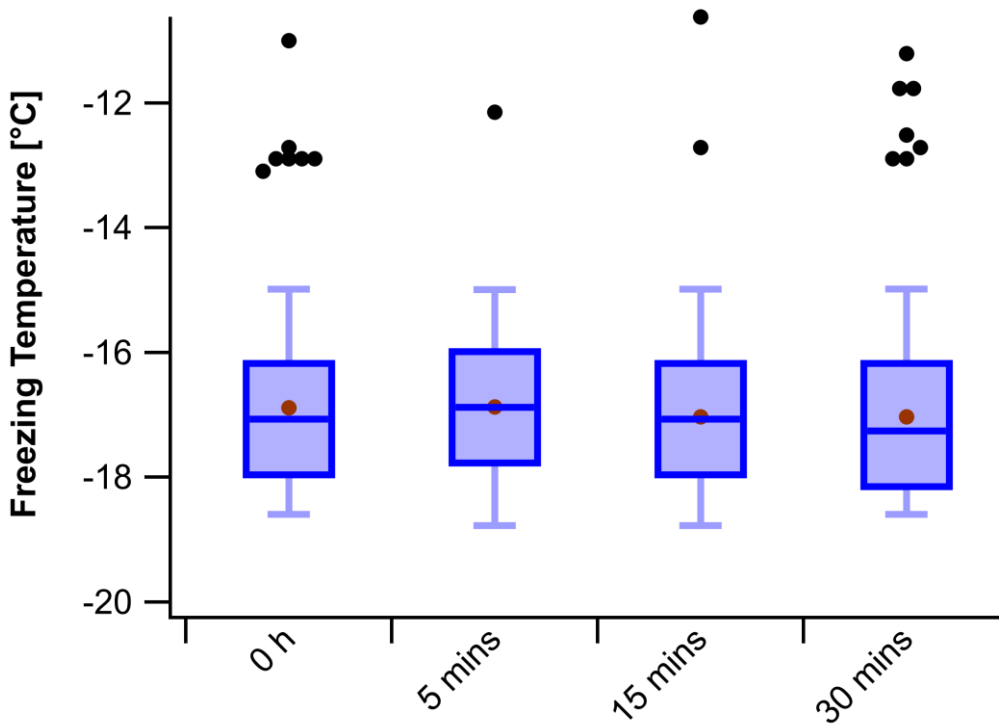
8
Leptokurtic
(Kurt > 0)
Mesiokurtic
(Kurt = 0)
Platykurtic
(Kurt < 0)

Standard Deviation




OUTLIERS


Freezing Temperature [°C]
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-18
-20
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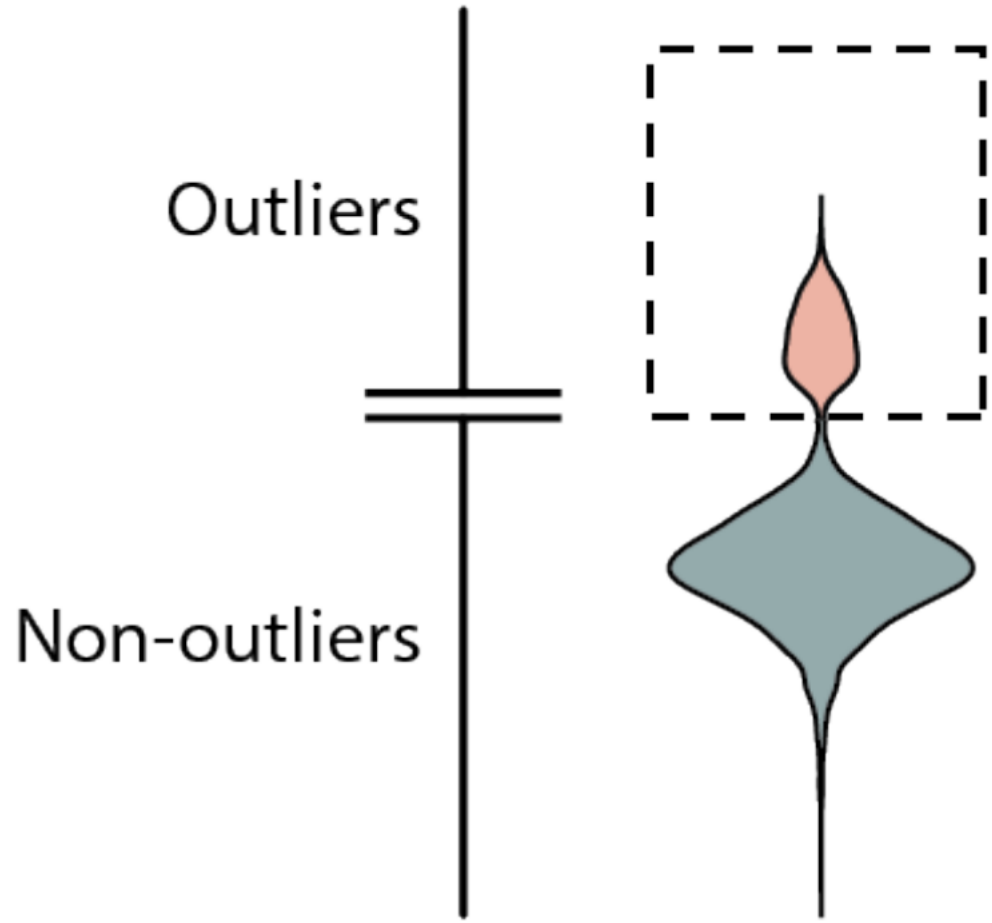
5 mins
15 mins
30 mins


Outliers
Non-outliers


Don't let variability, outliers &
skewness hide: ban bar graphs
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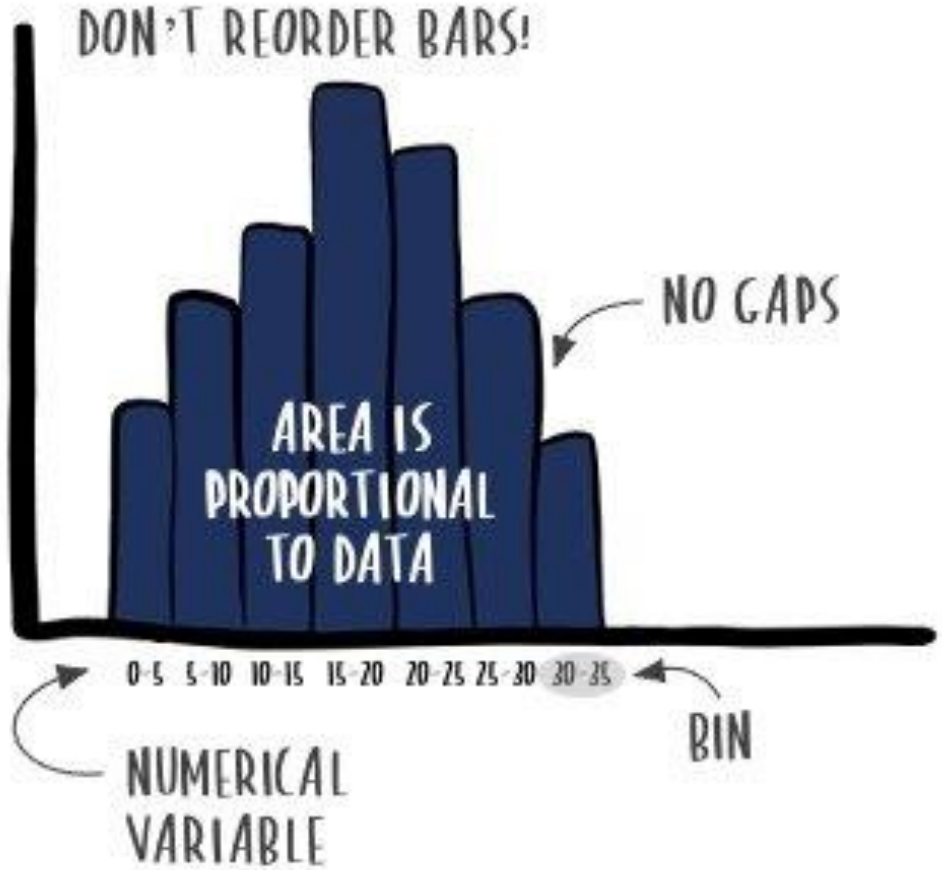
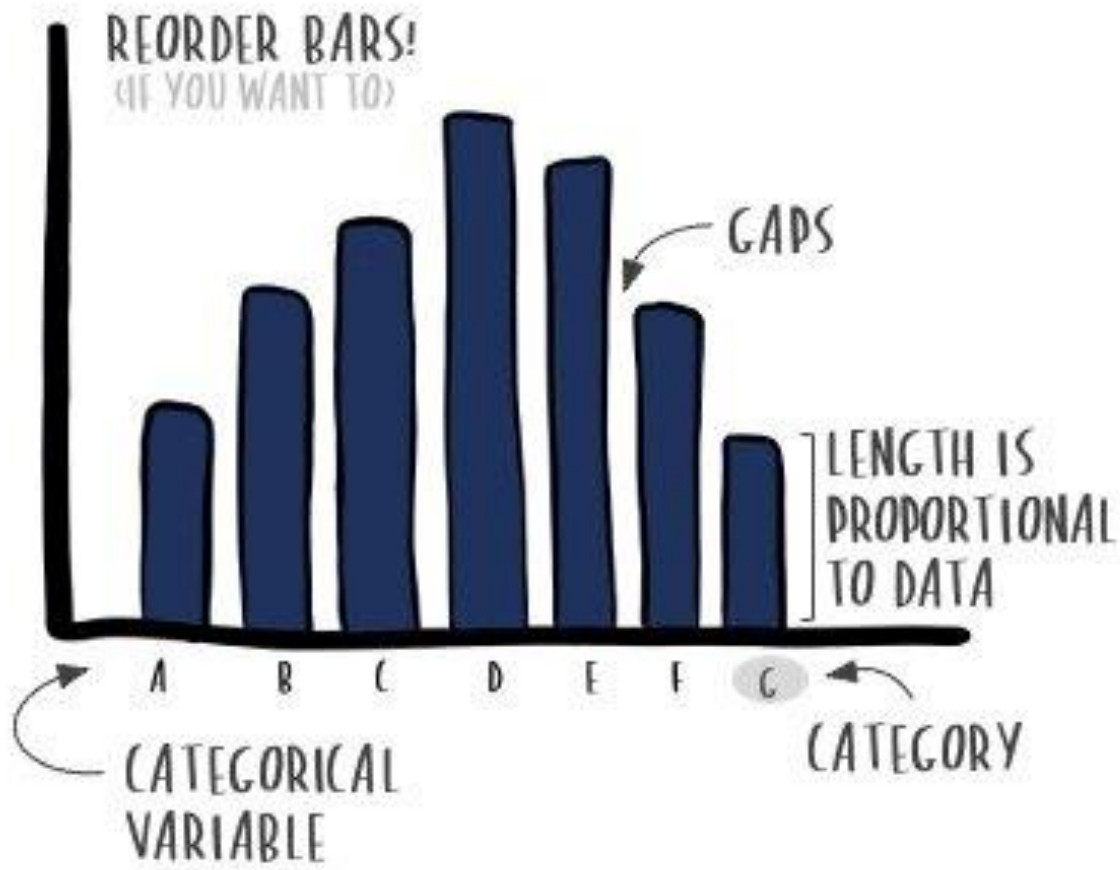
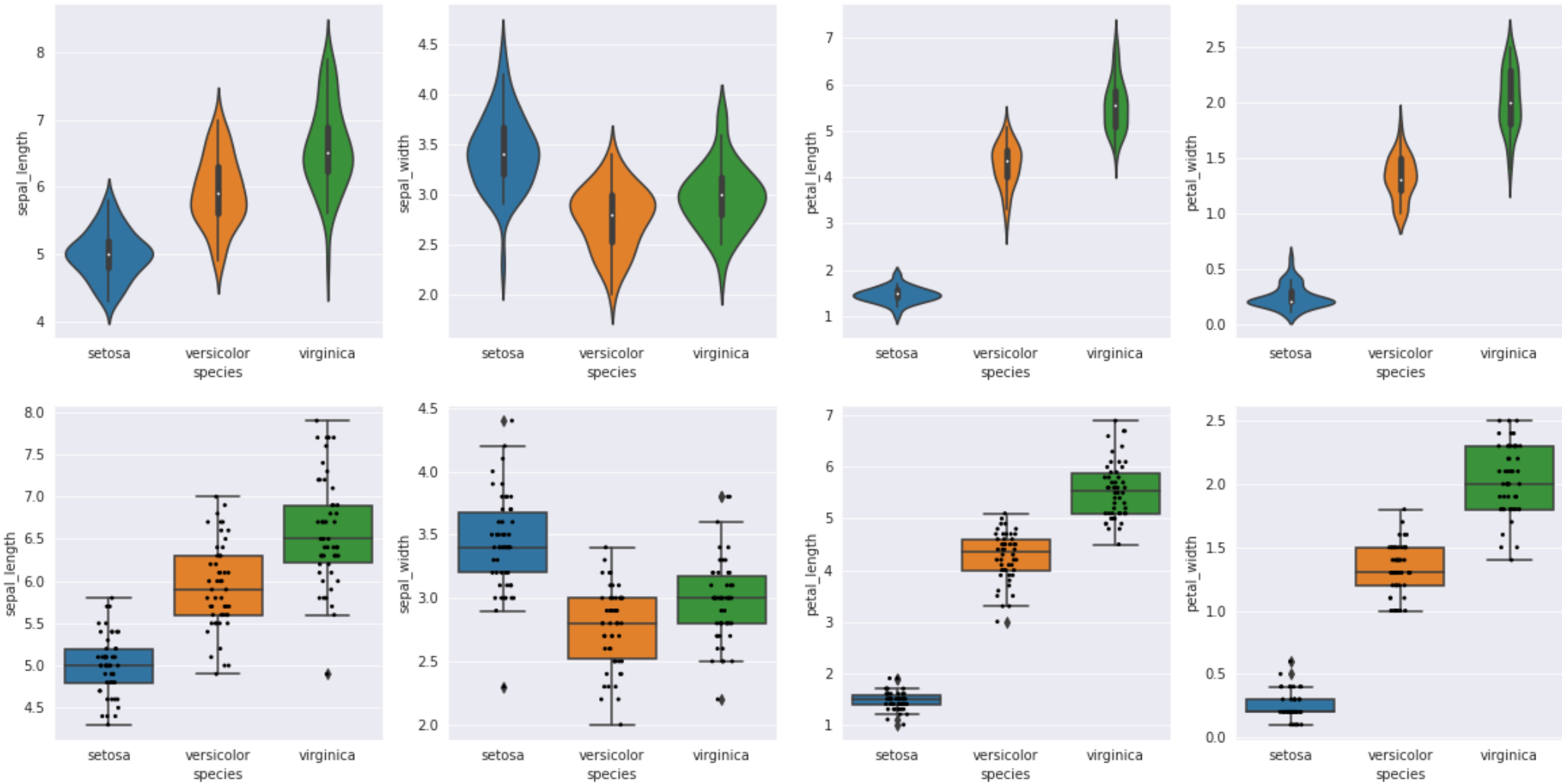
This is a **histogram**...



This is a **bar chart**...

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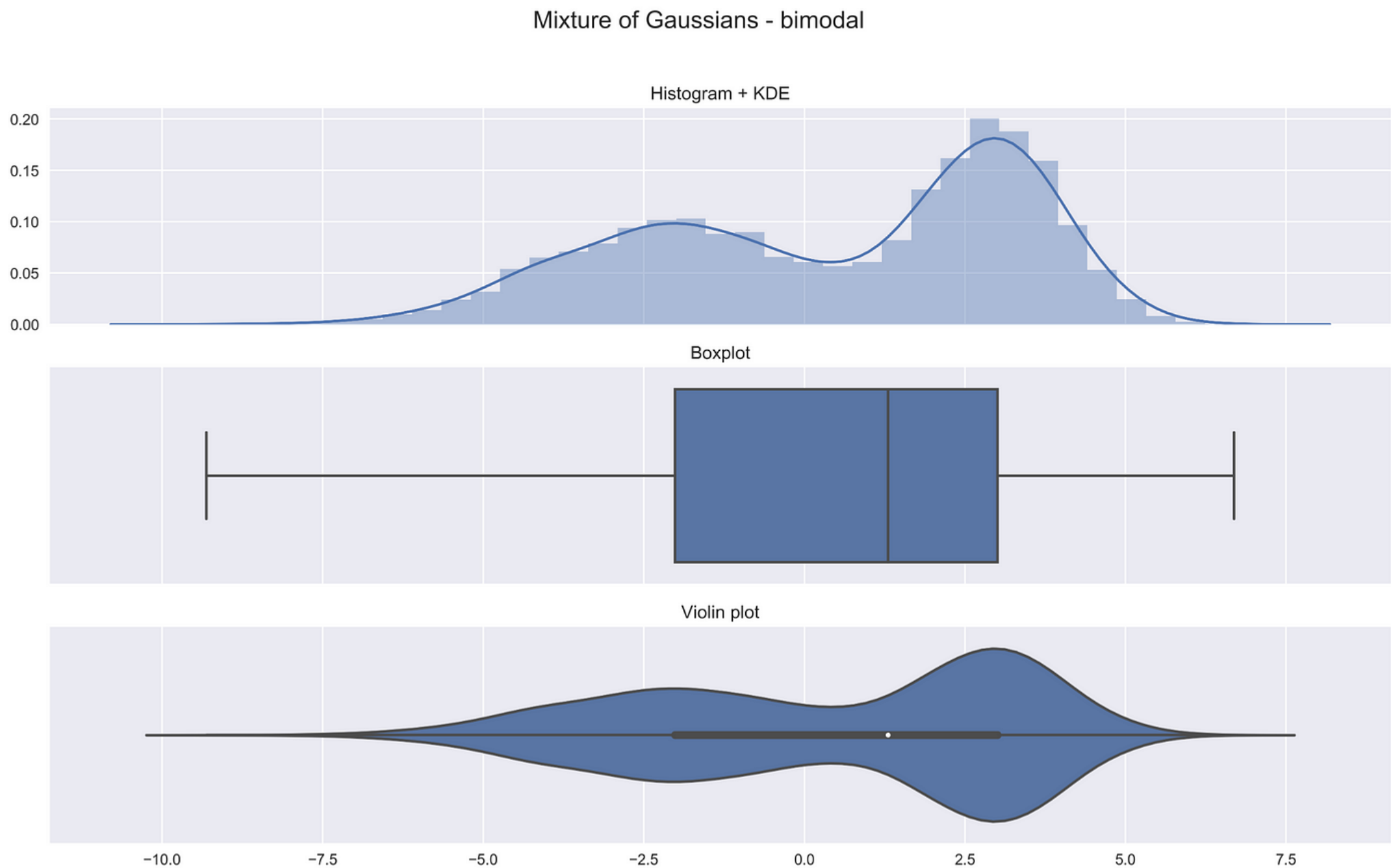
species


Mixture of Gaussians - bimodal
Histogram + KDE
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Boxplot
Violin plot
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−5.0
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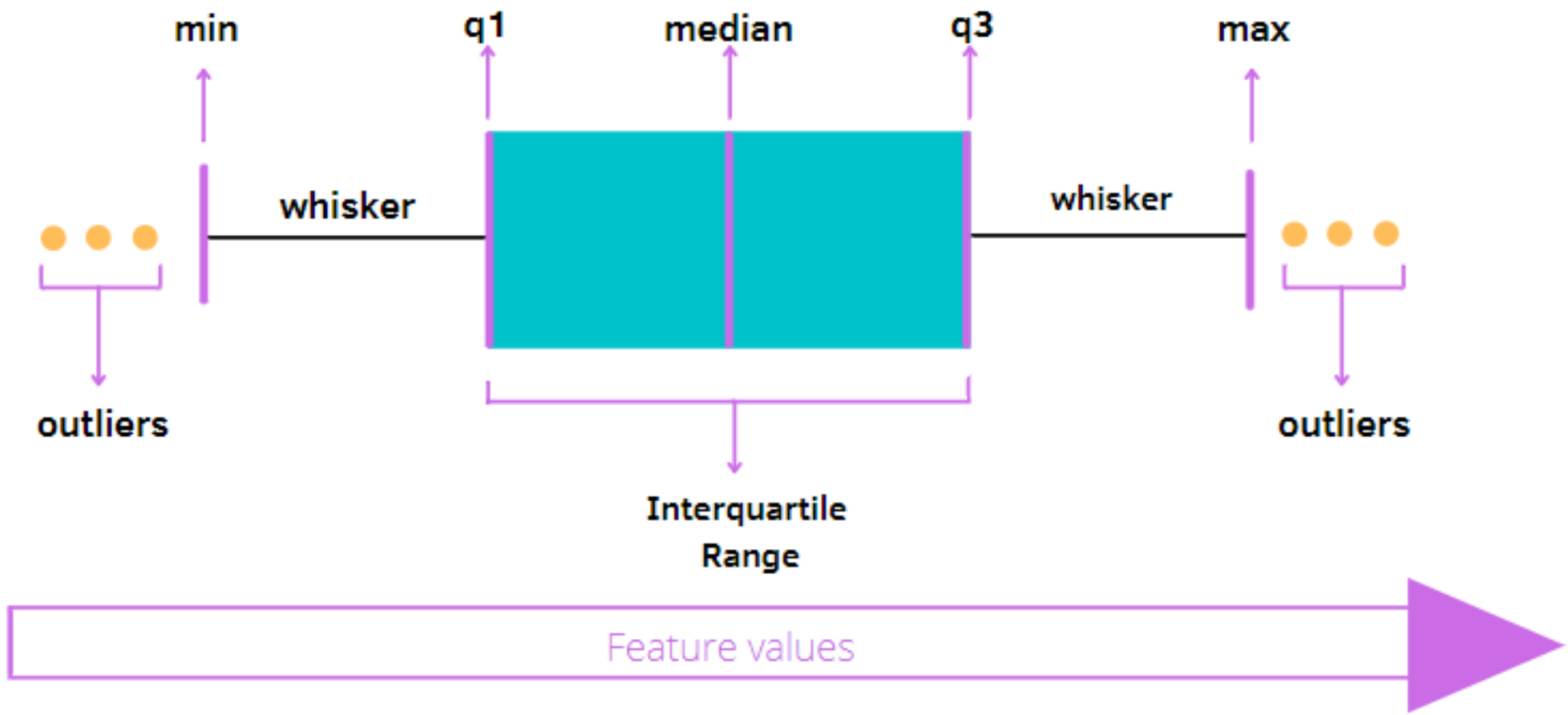
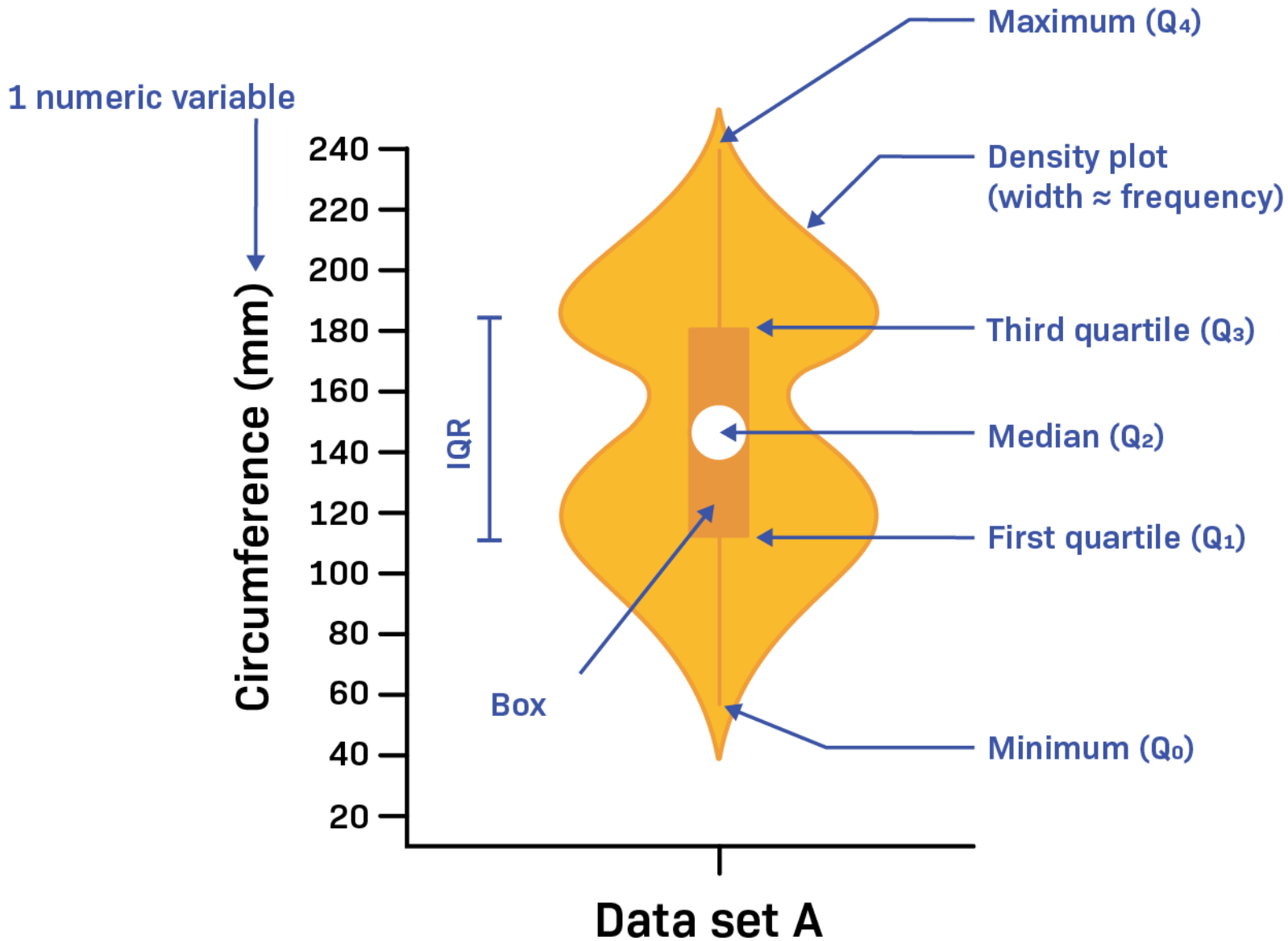

min
q1
median
q3
max
whisker
whisker
outliers
outliers
Interquartile
Range
Feature values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Circumference (mm)
240
220
200
180
160
140
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100
80
60
40
20
IQR
Box
Maximum (Q4)
Density plot
(width ≈ frequency)
Third quartile (Q3)
Median (Q2)
First quartile (Q1)
Minimum (Q0)
Data set A