# Distributions

intro

## Descriptors for distribution

range

quartiles

variance

standard deviation

#### Visuals for distributions

Histograms or frequency distributions

box and whisker plots

#### Histograms

- bar chart with binned variable on the x axis and counts on the y axis
- sounds a bit like computing the mode!

```
data = np.array([5, 1, 4, 2, 5, 3, 6, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 7])
```

# find the unique items and counts

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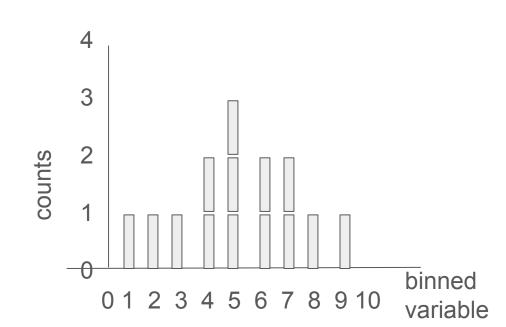
```
data = np.array([5, 1, 4, 2, 5, 3, 6, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 7])
# find the unique items and counts
unique_items, counts = np.unique(data, return_counts = True)
```

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unique\_items: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

counts: [1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1]



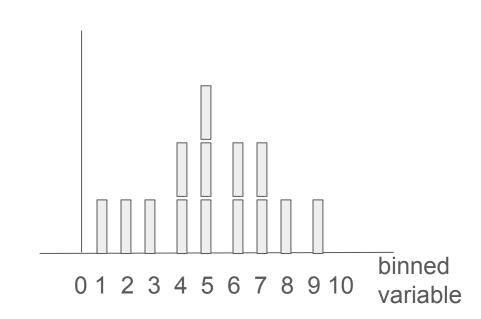
## change the y axis

unique\_items: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

counts: [1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1]

proportion:

percentage:



#### change the y axis

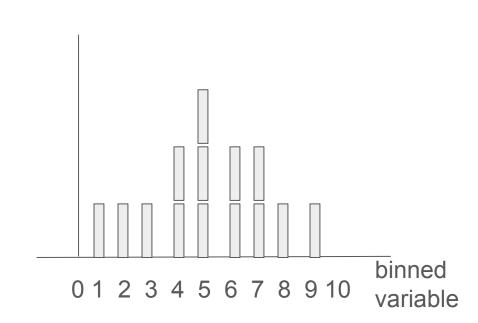
unique\_items: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

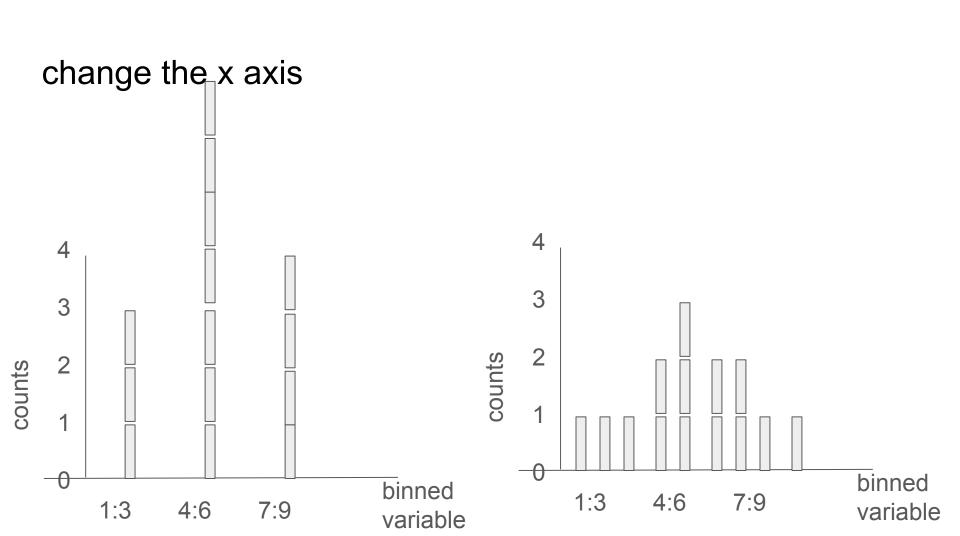
counts: [1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1]

proportion:

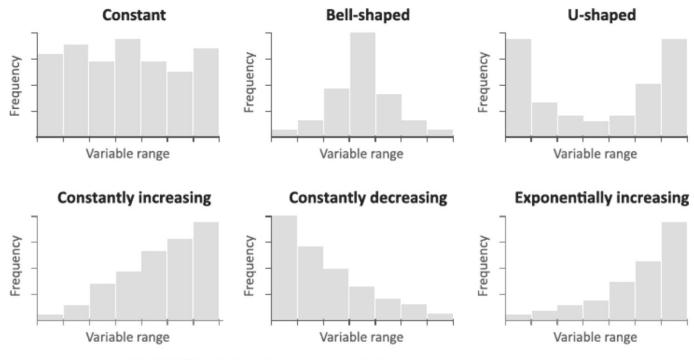
percentage:

# total number of counts total = np.sum(counts) proportion = counts/total percentage = proportion \* 100





#### Names of distribution shapes

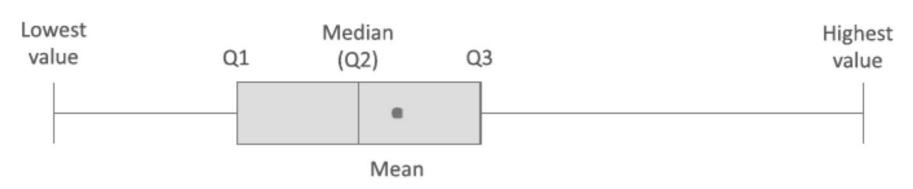


**FIGURE 2.6** Examples of frequency distributions.

#### Box plots - quartiles and range

np.quartile()

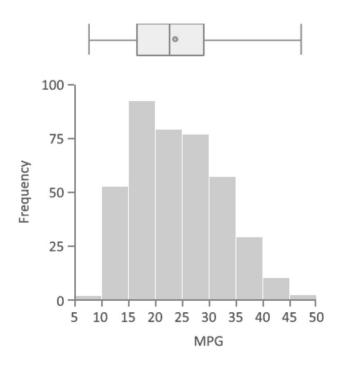
np.quantile(a, 0.5)



**FIGURE 2.8** Overview of elements of a box plot.

## converting distribution into box plot (quartiles and range)

Let's write the code!



#### Confidence Intervals

"Information derived from a sample of observations can only be an approximation of the entire population. To make a definitive statement about an entire population, every member of that population would need to be measured."

Myatt, Glenn J., and Wayne P. Johnson. *Making Sense of Data I: A Practical Guide to Exploratory Data Analysis and Data Mining*, John Wiley & Sons, Incorporated, 2014. *ProQuest Ebook Central*, http://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/allegheny-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1729064.

- Not everything can be measured
- We need to make estimates based on existing data
- This leads to ability to say something is "statistically significant"

## **Hypothesis Testing**

Future!