

# Descriptive Statistics

4 moments

mean  
variance  
skewness  
kurtosis

measures of shape

skewness

measure of symmetry  
(or its lack)

Pearson's moment coefficient of skewness ( $g_1$ )

$$g_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^3}{\sigma^3}$$

$g_1 \rightarrow 0$  when data symmetrical

$g_1 \rightarrow +ve$  positively skewed

$g_1 \rightarrow -ve$  negatively skewed

symmetric: skewness  $\in (-0.5, 0.5)$

moderate skew:  $\in (-1, -0.5) \cup (0.5, 1)$

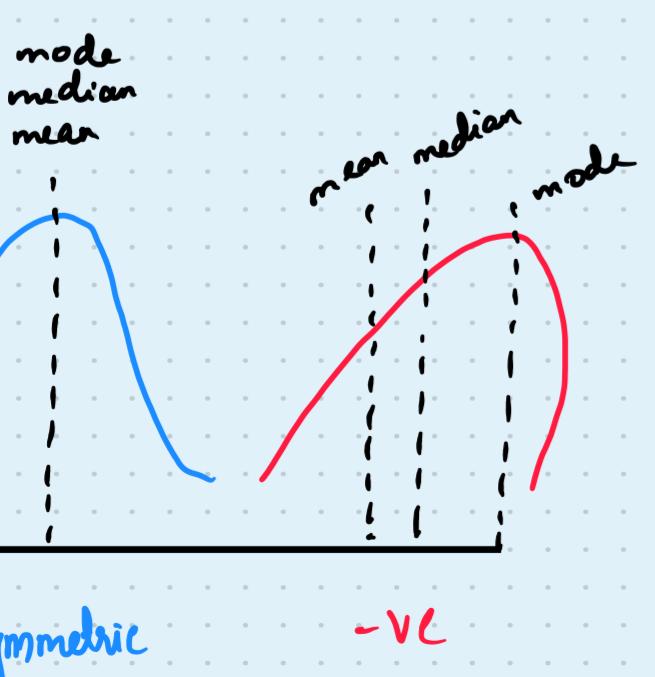
highly skew:  $\in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Skewness with sample of  $n$  observations ( $G_1$ )

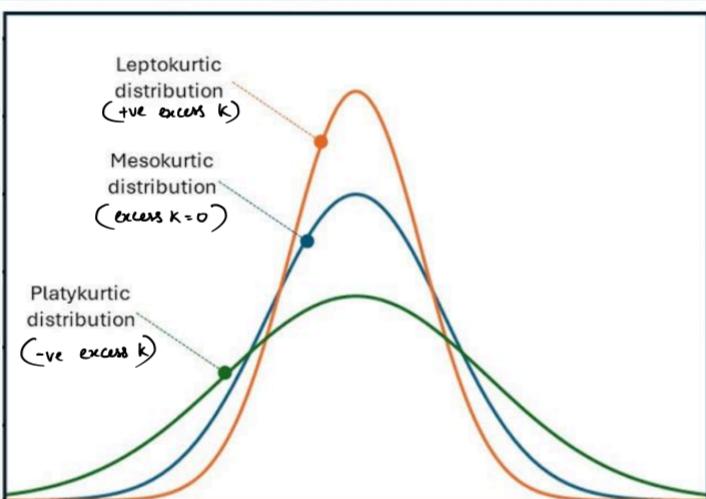
$$G_1 = \frac{\sqrt{n(n-1)}}{(n-2)} g_1$$

(Jones & Yill, 1998)

$G_1 \rightarrow 1$  as  $n$  increases



$$\text{kurtosis} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^4}{\sigma^4}$$



platykurtic: low frequency of outliers

leptokurtic: high frequency of outliers

$$\text{excess kurtosis} = \text{kurtosis} - 3$$

kurtosis only captures information from outliers thanks to higher power

exploratory data analytics (EDA)  
preliminary exploration

summary statistics  
part of EDA - summarize data

quantile

let  $x_1 \dots x_n$

quantiles: data points that divide the dataset into equal sized parts

$k^{\text{th}}$  q-quantile  $\Rightarrow$   $\frac{k}{q}$  of set before,  
 $\frac{(q-k)}{q}$  of set after

$q-1$  quantile points exist

$x$ -percentile  $\Rightarrow$   $x\%$  of set before  
 $(100-x)\%$  of set after

$$Q_k = \frac{n+1}{q} \times k$$

Say value at position 5 is 21 and value at position 6 is 22

Value at position 5.1  $\approx$

$$21 + 0.1(22-21) = 21 + (0.1 \times 1) = 21.1$$

$$\text{Markov's INEQUALITY} = P(X \geq c) \leq \frac{\mu}{c}$$

CHEBYSHEV'S INEQUALITY =

$X \rightarrow$  random variable w/ finite  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  with any distribution.

Markov's inequality applied to  $(X - \mu)^2$

Other forms

$$\text{① } P(|X - \mu| \geq c) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$$

$$k = \frac{c}{\sigma}$$

$$\text{② } P((X - \mu)^2 \geq k^2 \sigma^2) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\text{③ } P(\mu - k\sigma < X < \mu + k\sigma) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\text{④ } P(X \geq \mu + k\sigma) + P(X \leq \mu - k\sigma) = \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\cdot P(X \geq \mu + k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\cdot P(X \leq \mu - k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

Nominal

Interval  
arbitrary zero  
arithmetic mean

ordinal  
rank

$f(\text{old}) = \text{new}$   
order preserving  
monotonic

median, percentiles  
rank, run test, sign test

mode, entropy,  
 $\chi^2$  test

cross sectional: several variables at one instance

time series: one var across several instances

longitudinal/pool: combine above

$$\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0$$

mean

median: less influenced by outliers, no need for entire dataset

mode

measures of variation

identify outliers, how close records are to the mean

feature w/ low variability  $\rightarrow$  unlikely to have statistical significance w/ target variable

coefficient of variation

$$CV = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{smpl}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{n-1}$$

IQR

$$\text{IQR} = Q_3 - Q_1$$

Outliers  $\in (-\infty, Q_1 - 1.5(\text{IQR}))$

$$\cup$$

$$(Q_3 + 1.5(\text{IQR}), \infty)$$

standard units: No. of standard deviations that a particular value of a random variable is away from the mean

Determined by  $\frac{|X - \mu|}{\sigma}$

$-k\sigma \leq X - \mu \leq k\sigma$  for some small  $k$

$\mu - k\sigma \leq X \leq \mu + k\sigma$

describes the percentage of values within a certain  $k\sigma$  of the mean; gives bounds for  $P(X)$  where  $X$  is outside  $k\sigma$  limits from the mean.  $k$  is strictly  $\text{tve real}$ ,

$$k \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$$