

Descriptive Statistics

ratio vs interval

- absolute zero
- geometric/harmonic mean

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Ratio

Interval

Ordinal

Nominal

arbitrary zero
arithmetic mean

ax+b

f(oid)=new
order preserving
monotonic

mean, SD, Pearson's
corr., t-test, F-test

median, percentiles,
rank, sign
test, sign test

mode, entropy,
 χ^2 test

geometric mean

$\sqrt[n]{x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n}$

$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}}$

harmonic mean

4 moments

mean

variance

skewness

kurtosis

measures of shape

skewness

measure of symmetry
(or its lack)

Pearson's moment coefficient of skewness (g_1)

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

$g_1 \rightarrow 0$ when data symmetrical

$g_1 \rightarrow +ve$ positively skewed

$g_1 \rightarrow -ve$ negatively skewed

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

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

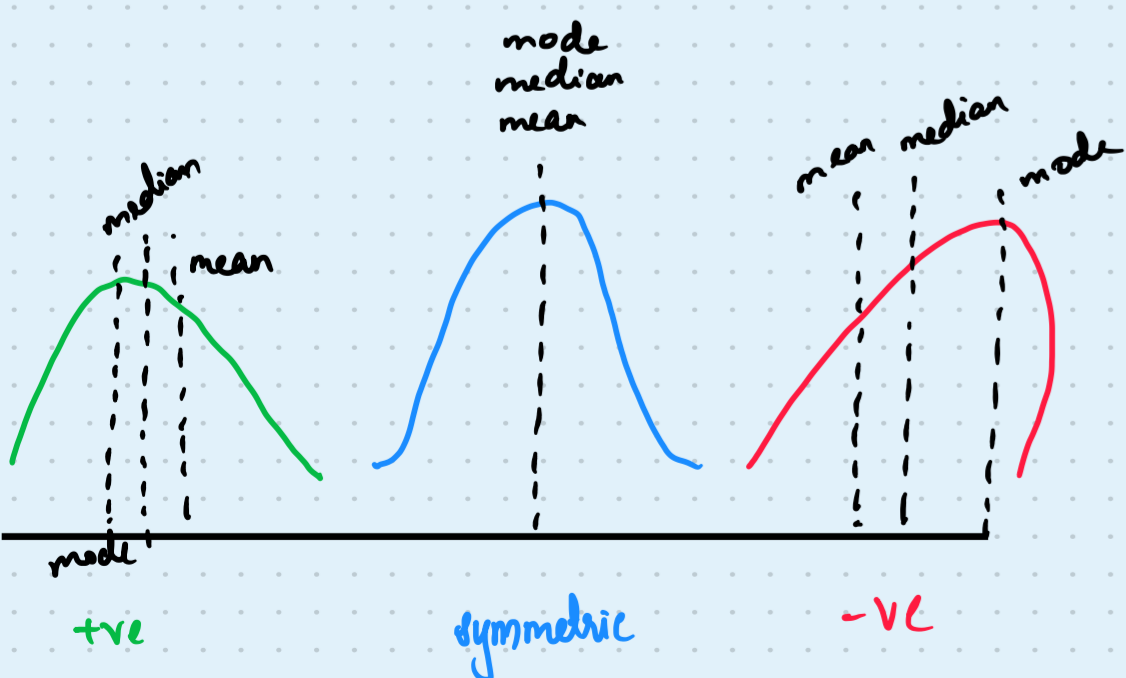
highly skew: $\in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Skewness with sample of n observations (G_1)

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

(Joanes & Gill, 1998)

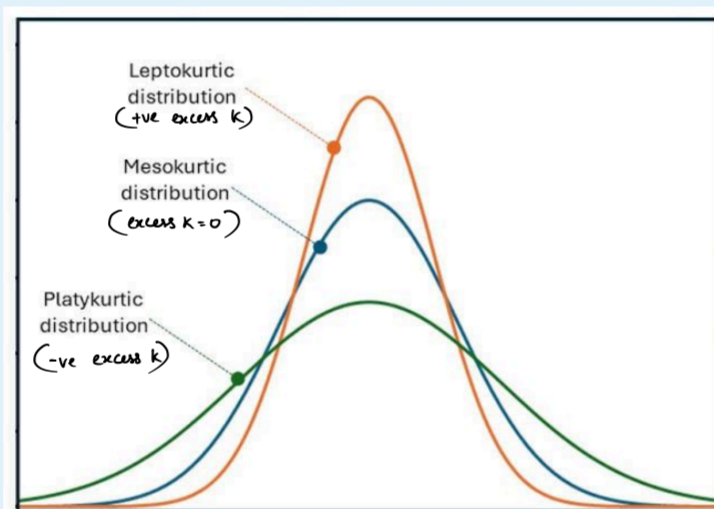
$G_1 \rightarrow 1$ as n increases



kurtosis

aimed at the tail's checks
whether tail is heavy or
light

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



platykurtic: low frequency of
outliers

leptokurtic: high frequency of
outliers

excess kurtosis
= kurtosis - 3

kurtosis only captures
information from outliers
thanks to higher power

exploratory data
analytics (EDA)
preliminary exploration

summary statistics

part of EDA - summarise data

quantile

let x_1, \dots, x_n

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

k^{th} q-quantile \Rightarrow $k/4$ of set before,
 $(3-k)/4$ 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

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

cross sectional: several variables at one instance

time series: one var across several instances

longitudinal/panel: combine above

central tendency

mean

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

mode

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

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

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

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

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

IQR

$$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$$

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

\cup
 $(Q_3 + 1.5(IQR), \infty)$

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== MARKOV'S INEQUALITY ==

$X \rightarrow$ non-negative random variable with finite mean μ

$$P(X \geq c) \leq \frac{\mu}{c}$$

== CHEBYSHEV'S INEQUALITY ==

$X \rightarrow$ random variable w/ finite μ and σ^2 with distribution

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

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

Often forms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 +ve real,

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