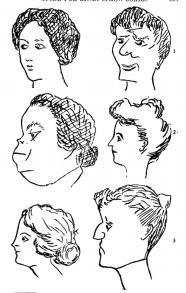
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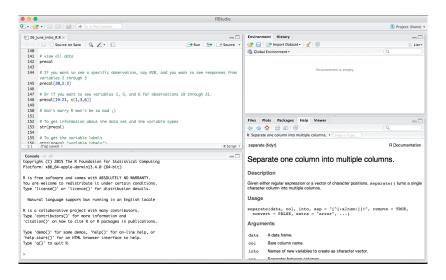
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Topics

 Statistics, Classical Test Theory, Reliability, Validity, Item Response Theory, Generalizability Theory, Equating, and assessments/issues specific to various fields

Assessments

- ► R computer assignments (30%)
- ▶ Item writing activity (5%)
- ► Midterm exam (25%)
- ► Final exam (50%)



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Resources for R

Icelandic resources

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http://kennslubanki.hi.is/search/efni/r
http://kennslubanki.hi.is/tolfraedi/myndbond/
rrstudio-inngangur
http://kennslubanki.hi.is/tolfraedi/myndbond/
rrstudio-fyrstu-skrefin
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- Please watch the last two videos before next class
- Please install R and RStudio before next class
- Next class will be an R workshop

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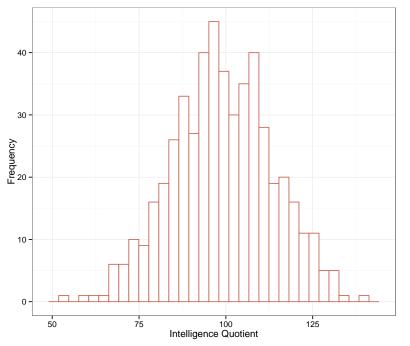
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Ratio

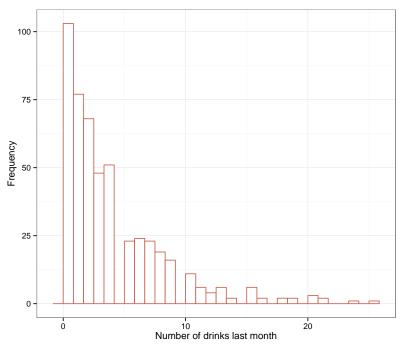
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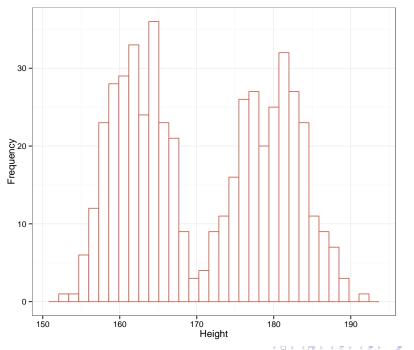
What kind of scales are these?

- Temperature
- Height
- ▶ Intelligence Quotient
- Color
- ► Ethnic group
- Likert-type items
- Job satisfaction



```
# Load the library
set.seed(101)
library("ggplot2")
# Set up the parameters
sample_size <- 500
mean <- 100
standard_deviation <- 15
# Generate random numbers
x <- rnorm(sample_size, mean, standard_deviation)
# Plot the data
qplot(x, fill = I("white"), color = I("#c96552")) +
  theme_bw() + xlab("Intelligence Quotient") +
  ylab("Frequency")
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Central Tendency Measures

Mean

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum X_i}{n}$$

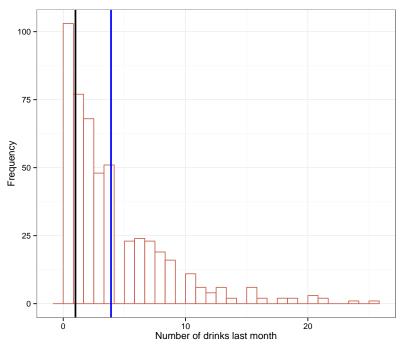
Median

$$P(X \le m) \ge \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } P(X \ge m) \ge \frac{1}{2}$$

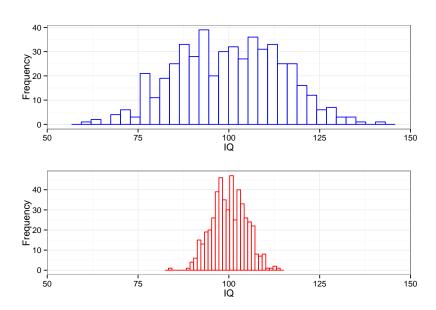
Mode

The most frequently occurring value

Which of these statistics is most robust to outliers?



Variability



Measures of variability

Range

Interquartile range (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)

Standard Deviation and Variance

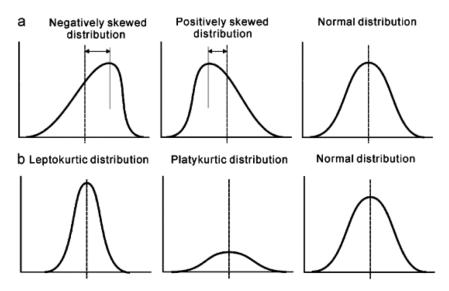
$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum X_i - \bar{X}}{n - 1}}$$

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum X_i - \bar{X}}{n-1}$$

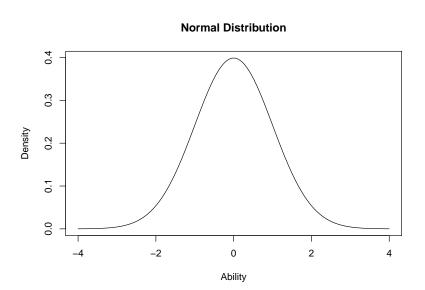
Distributions, skewness, kurtosis

- ▶ What is a probability distribution
 - Assigns a probability, likeliness of occurence, of a score of all possible scores
 - ▶ May be parametric or non-parametric
- ▶ What skew might you expect these outcomes to look like?
 - ▶ Reaction time in a psychological experiment
 - Number of children in a family
 - Scores on an easy test
 - Height in Iceland
- Platykurtic, mesokurtic, and leptokurtic
- Plot your data, rely less on statistics!

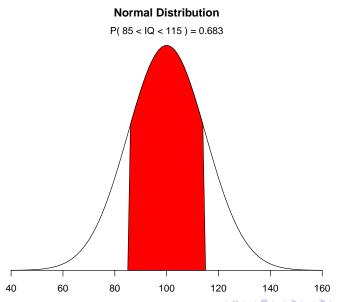
Shapes of distributions



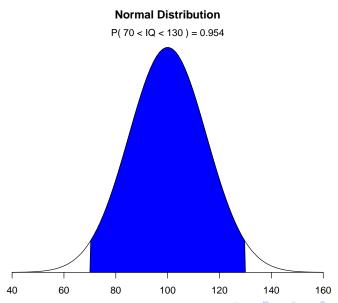
Normal Distribution



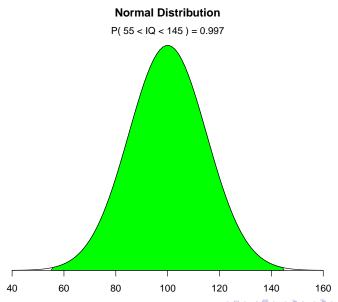
IQ - 1 Standard Deviation



IQ - 2 Standard Deviation



IQ - 3 Standard Deviation



Characteristics of the Normal distribution

