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# Biostatistics BT2023

## Lecture 8 Skewness,

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## Start up notes

- Students should be made to think, to doubt, to communicate, to question, to *learn from their mistakes*, and most importantly have fun in their learning.
- The best way I have found, always ready to adjust, to change, to unlearn.
- Try to make full of the resources available around you.
- Learn to use internet
- Role of social media in current age of information.
- Don't run out of energy

## Measure of dispersion

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**Range:** subtract two farthest data points

**Interquartile range :** Divide your data into four parts, the range between first and third quartile is you IQR.

**Mean Deviation or average deviation:** The arithmetical mean of the mode of all the deviations from the central values,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum |x_i - \bar{x}|$$

From mean

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum |x_i - M_d|$$

From median

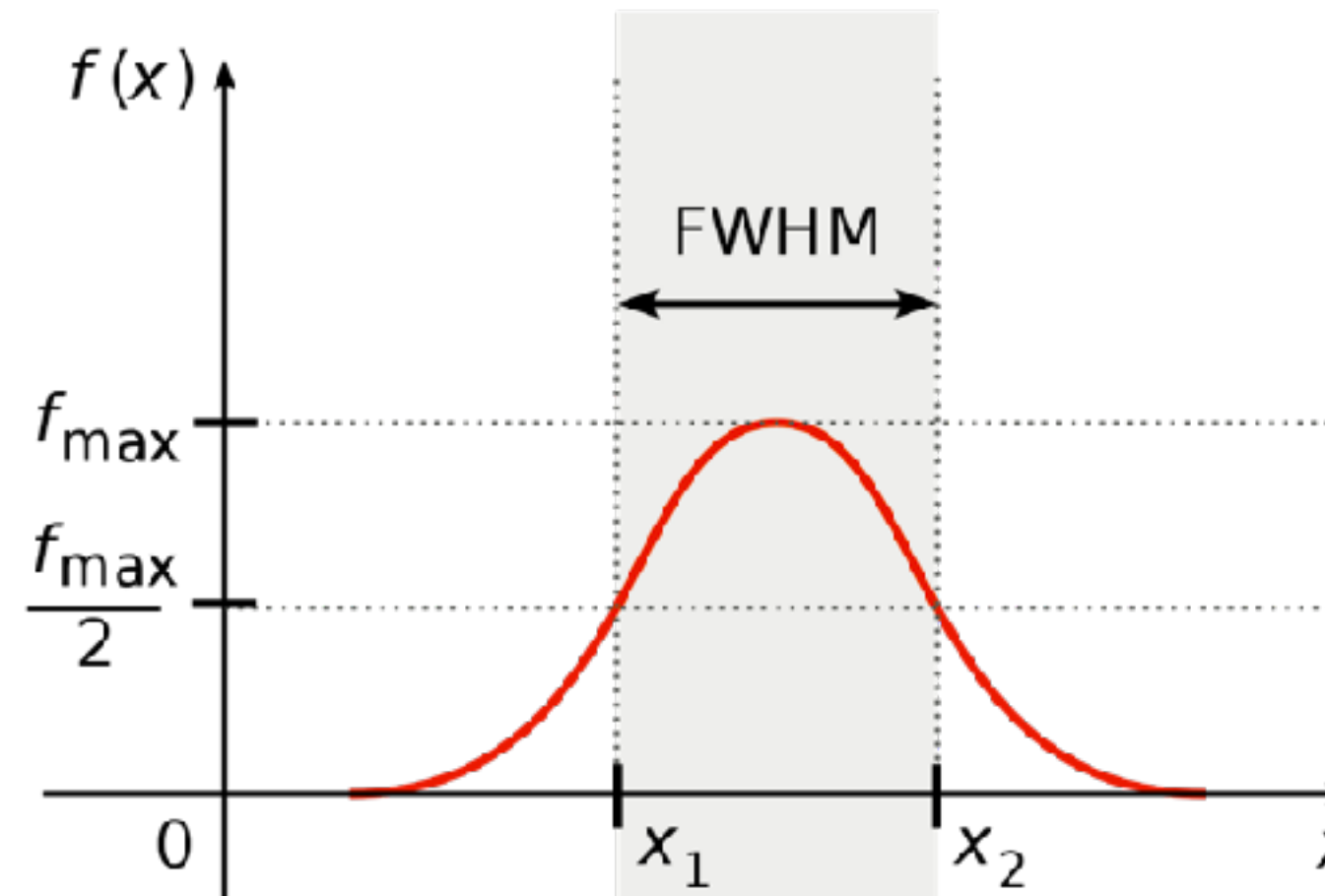
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum |x_i - Z|$$

From mod

## Coefficient of mean deviation $\frac{MD_x}{\bar{x}}$

The relative measure of dispersion corresponding to the mean deviation is called coefficient of mean deviation, be it the Mean, Mode or Median

## Full width half maximum





## Measurement of dispersion

### Standard deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

Coefficient of standard deviation

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

Variance  $\sigma^2$

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## Standard deviation

Derivations ?

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{n}}$$

$n$  used for Population

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2}{n - 1}}$$

$n-1$  used for Sample

$$\text{Variance} = \sigma^2$$



## Standard error in Mean

$$\sigma_M = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

## Z-score

$$Z_{score} = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma}$$

To find if the data points is to the outliers

Z\_score > 3 are called outlier

## Handy method of computing standard deviation

$$Y = X - A$$

$$\text{Mean}(X) = \text{mean}(Y) + A$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum d_i^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum d}{n}\right)^2}$$

$$48, 43, 65, 57, 31, 60, 37, 48, 59, 78 \quad \sigma = 13.26$$

Algebraic identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2$$



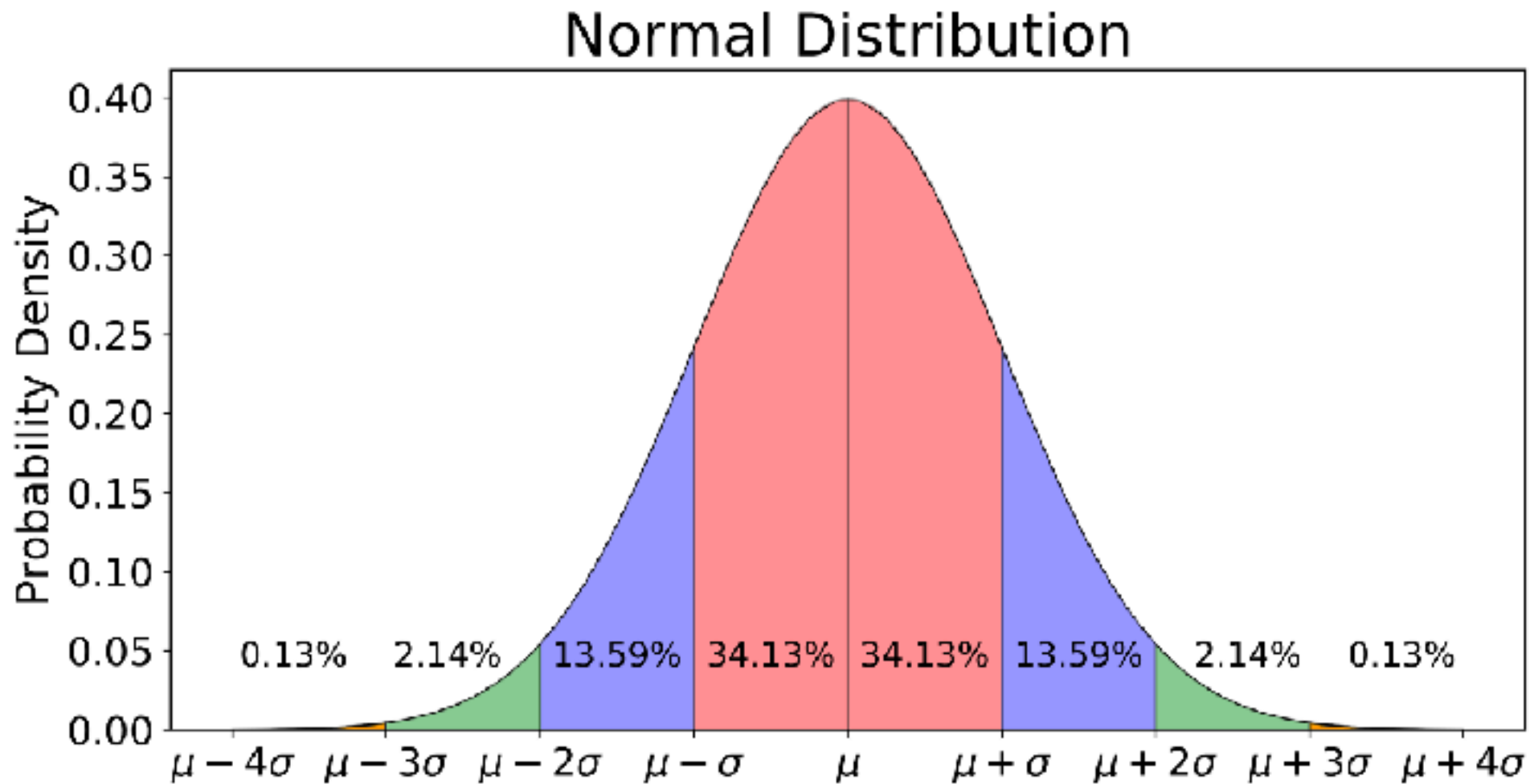
## **Expected value and standard deviation**

**For a random variable  $X$  having a density  $f(x)$**

## Limits of Variability

### 68–95–99.7 rule

If the population of the interest is normally distributed the standard deviation tells about the proportion of the observation above or below certain values

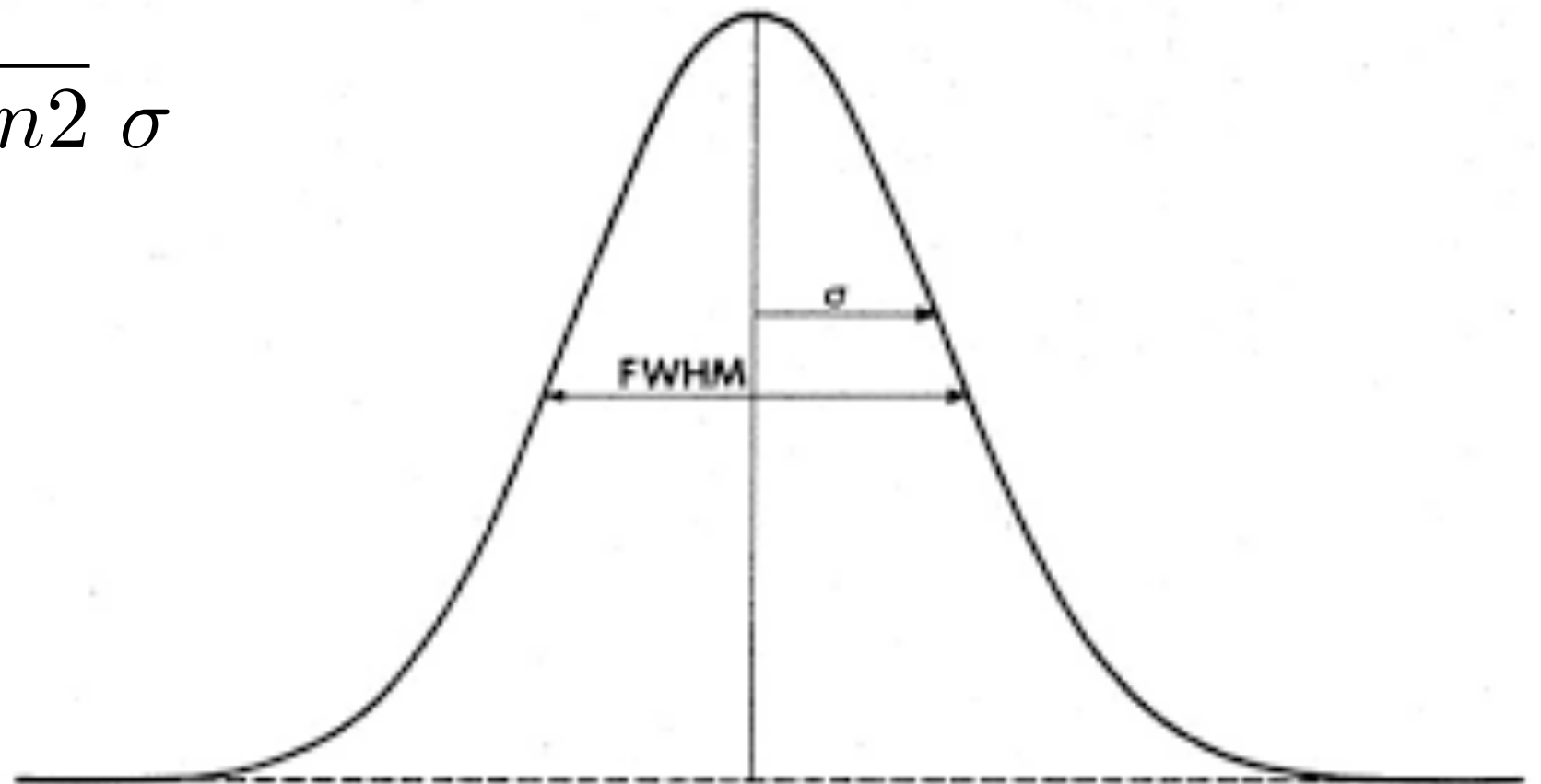




## Normal or symmetrical distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

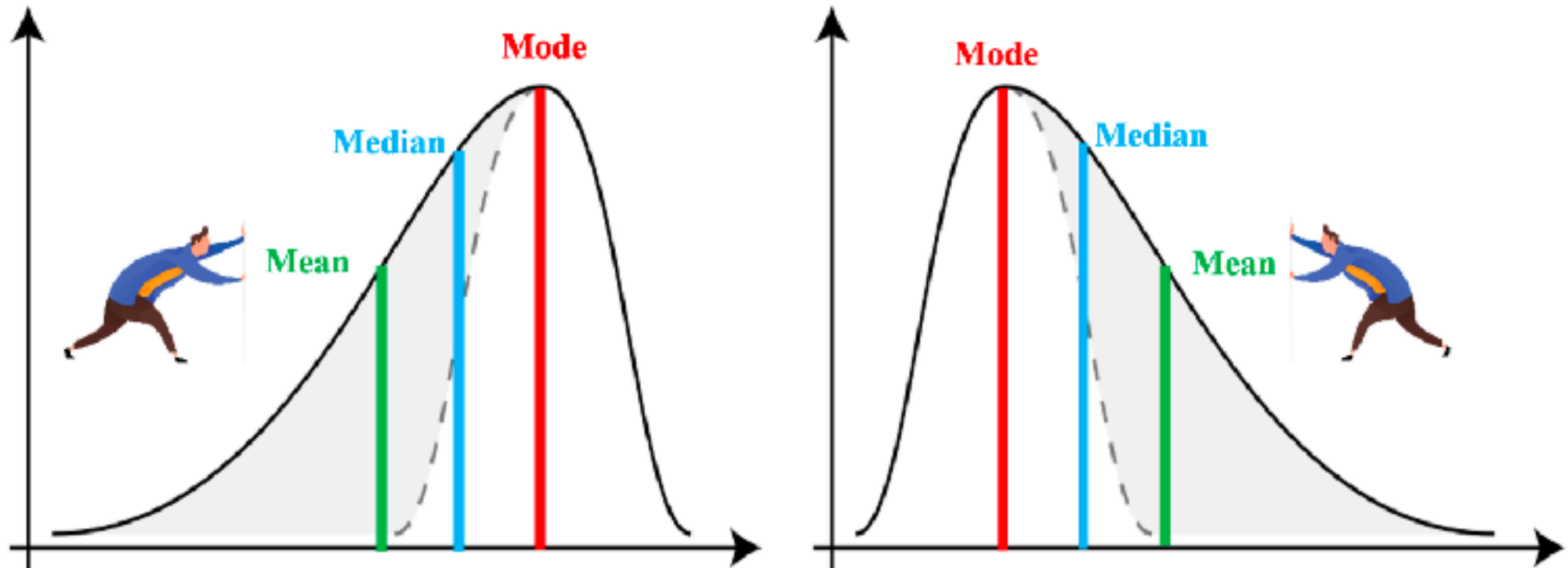
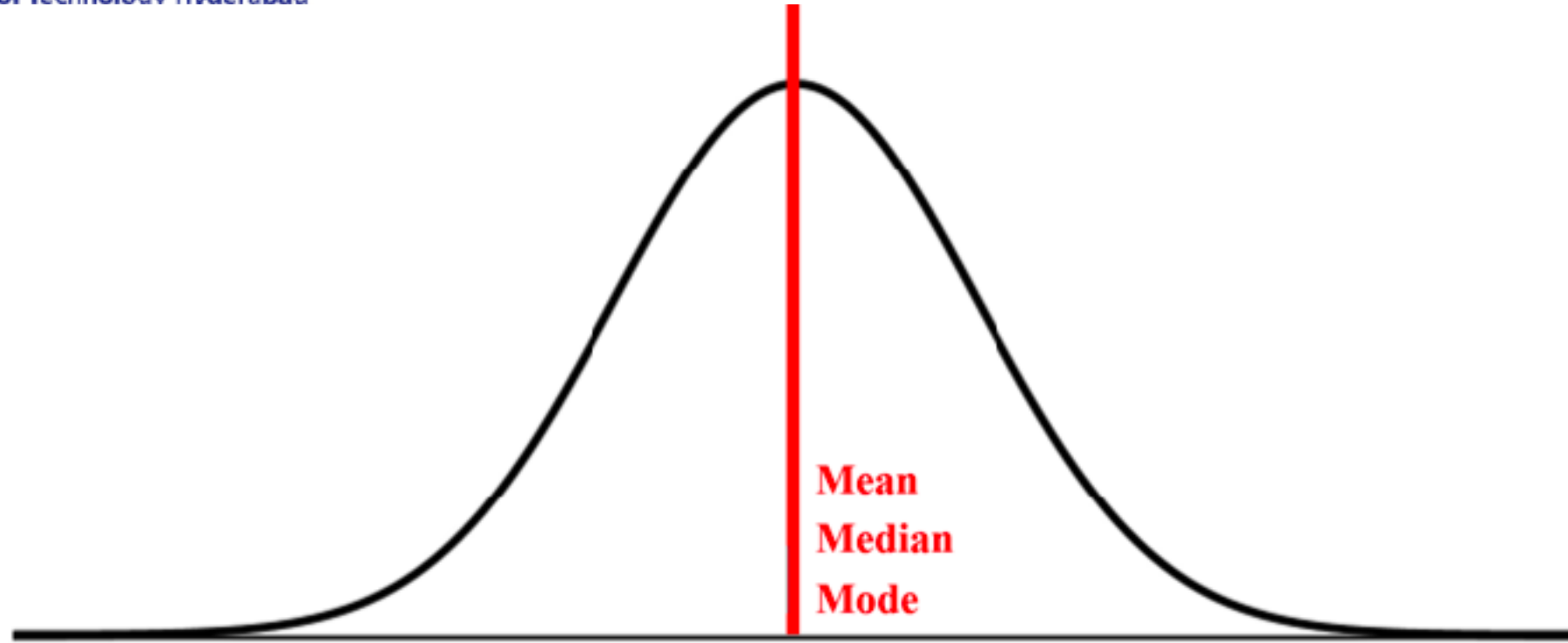
$$FWHM = 2\sqrt{2\ln 2} \sigma$$



**Plotting this function**



# Skewness





Absolute skewness

Mean - Mode

Karl Pearson coefficient of skewness

$$S_k = \frac{\text{Mean} - \text{Mode}}{\text{Standard deviation}} = \frac{3(\text{Mean} - \text{Median})}{\text{Standard deviation}}$$

Bowley coefficient of skewness

$$= \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2Q_2}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

Kelly's coefficient of skewness

$$\frac{P_{10} + P_{90} - 2\text{Median}}{P_{90} - P_{10}}$$

## Skewness coefficient based on moments

Moments in mechanics is refers to the rotating effect of a force, in statistics it is used to describe the peculiarities in the frequency distribution

	Individual series	Discrete series
<i>First moment</i> : $\mu_1$ <b>Always 0</b>	$\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})}{N}$	$\frac{\sum f(X - \bar{X})}{N}$
<i>Second moment</i> : $\mu_2$ <b>Measure the variance</b>	$\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{N}$	$\frac{\sum f(X - \bar{X})^2}{N}$
<i>Third moment</i> : $\mu_3$ <b>Measure skewness</b>	$\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^3}{N}$	$\frac{\sum f(X - \bar{X})^3}{N}$
<i>Forth moment</i> : $\mu_4$ <b>Measure Kurtosis</b>	$\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^4}{N}$	$\frac{\sum f(X - \bar{X})^4}{N}$

# Skewness

**Skewness coefficient**  $\beta_1 = \frac{\mu_3^2}{\mu_2^3}$

adjusted Fisher-Pearson coefficient

$$\frac{\sqrt{N(N-1)}}{N} \frac{\mu_3^2}{\mu_2^3}$$

The pre factor approaches to 1 as N tends to large values

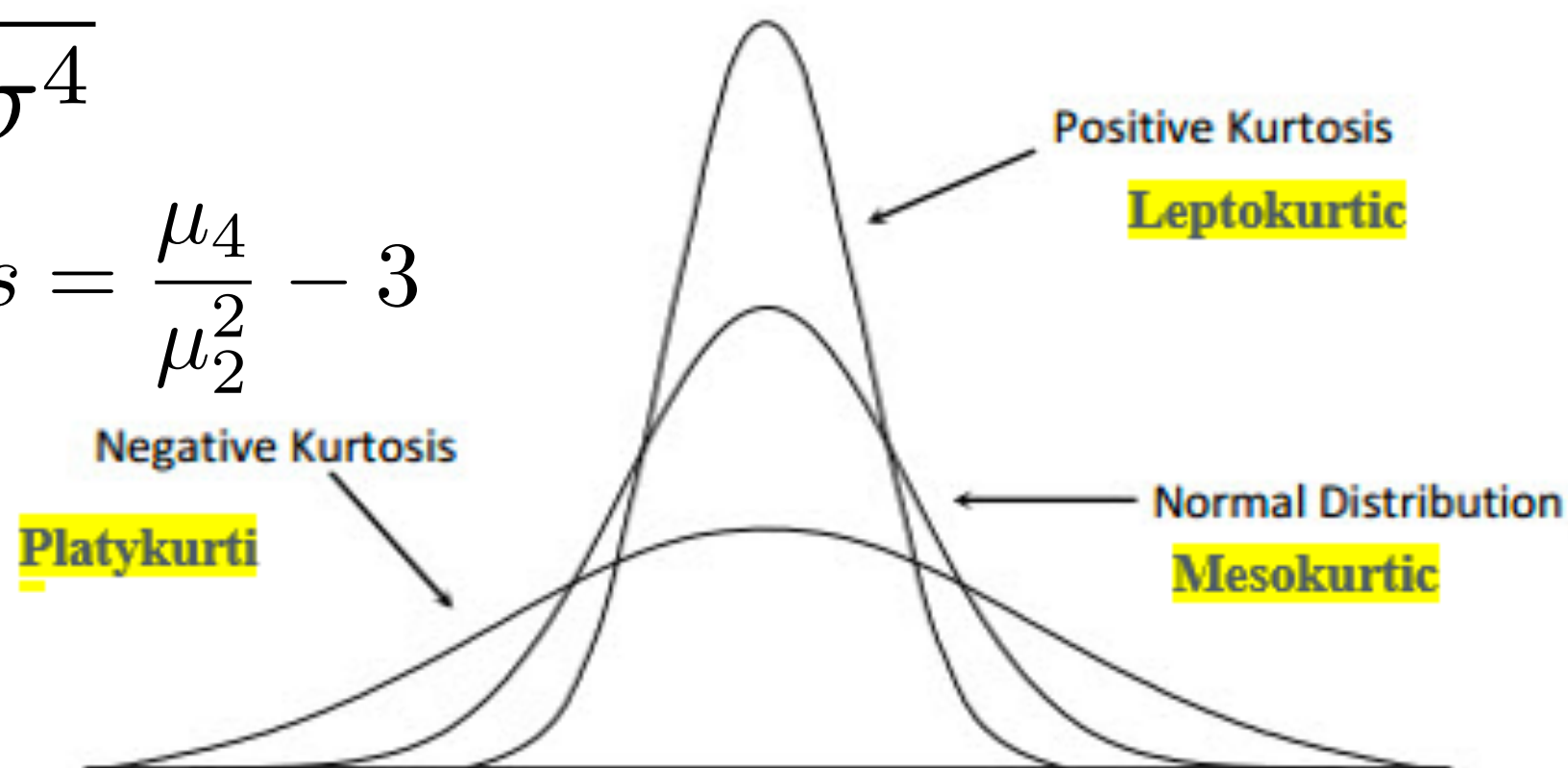


# Kurtosis

Measure of “tailedness” or peakedness

$$K|X| = \frac{\mu_4}{\sigma^4}$$

$$\text{Excess Kurtosis} = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} - 3$$



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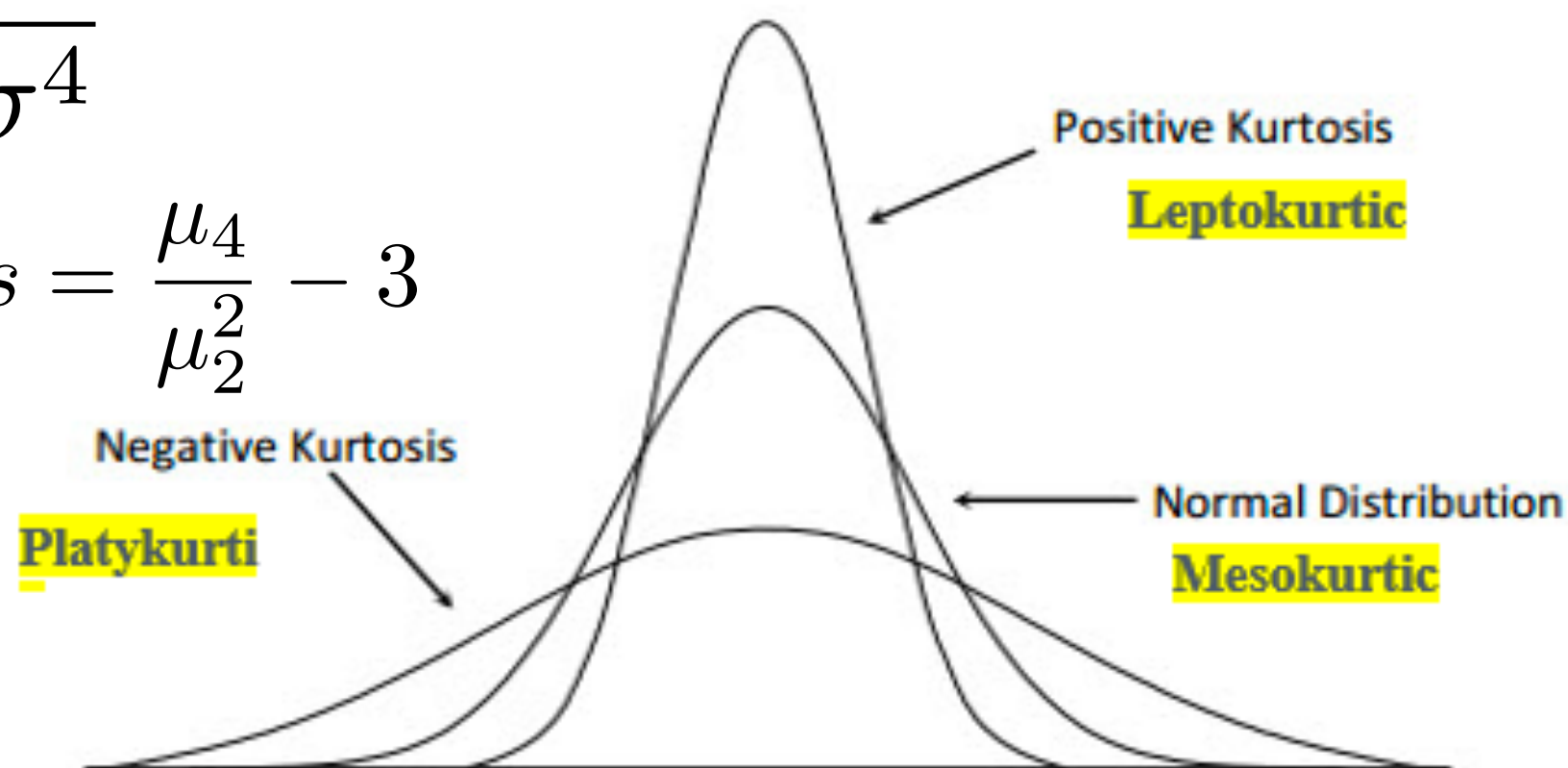


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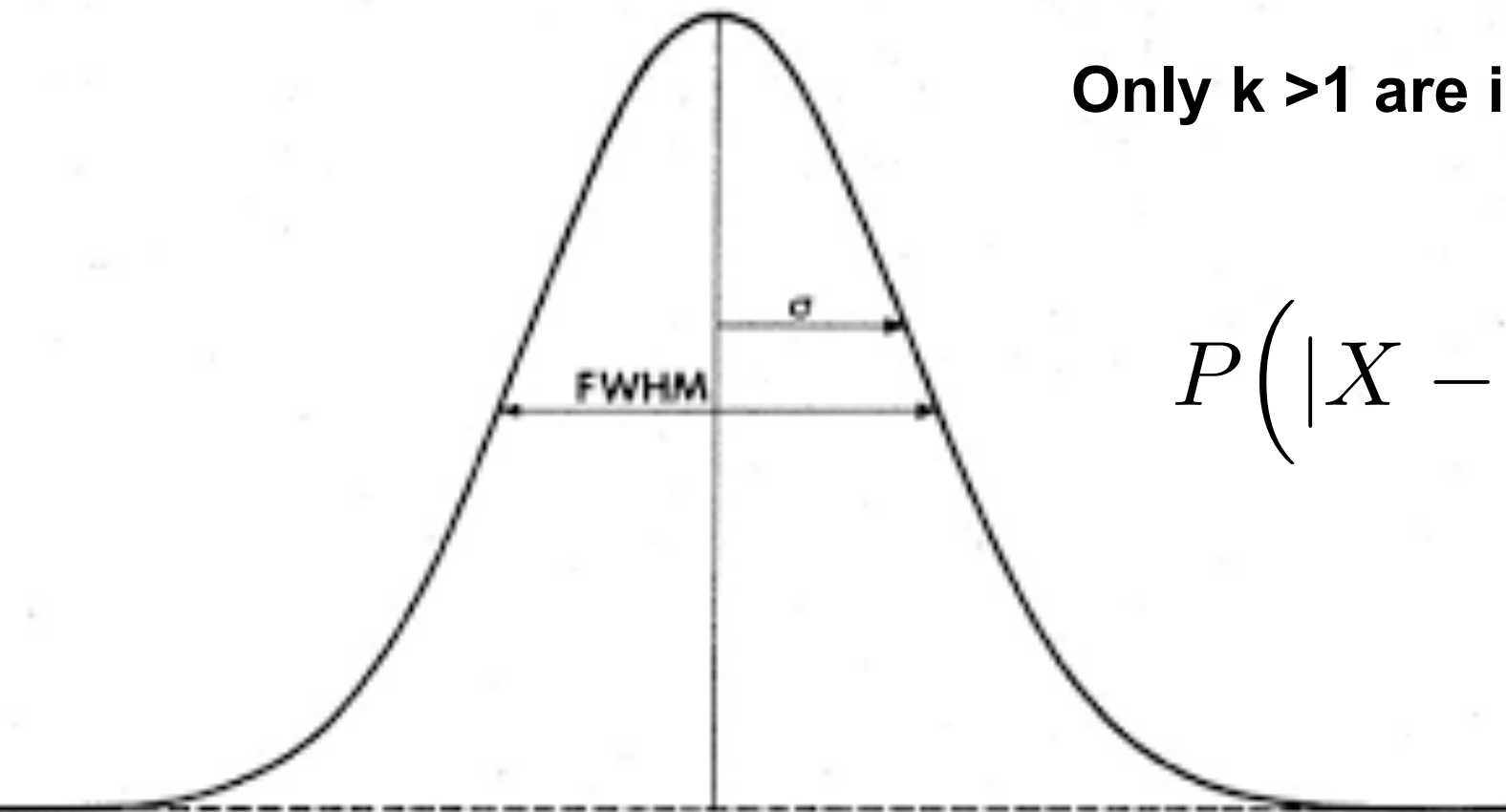
# Measure of dispersion

## Chebyshev's inequality

The rule is often known as Chebyshev's theorem, tells about the range of standard deviations around the mean, in statistics. In a probability distribution, no more than a certain fraction of values can be more than a certain distance from the mean.

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

Only  $k > 1$  are interesting because for  $k < 1$  it trivial



$$P \left( |X - \mu| < k \times \sigma \right) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

## Homework reading

- Chebyshev inequality
- Gamma Function
- Box plot and violin plot



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## Next Class

**2:30 PM Friday, 4 September 2023**