Social Statistics

Week Three, Class One

September 26, 2023

Assignment 1 General Thoughts

- Include your qmd file if you email me with questions
- Remember to add your name to the header
- Review in-class notebooks before starting
- Render as you go so it's easier to identify where problems are
- Load packages when you load your data. And when loading tidyverse and data, add options to suppress messages.
- Issues with options inside code chunks generally

```{r}
#| label: something descriptive here
#| message: false

library(tidyverse)

assignment1 <- read_csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mjclawrence/soci385_f23/main/data/assignment_01.csv")
```

Assignment 1 Recap

1. What are the mean and median of `agekdbrn`?

```r
summary(assignment1$agekdbrn)
```

```
   Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max. 
   12.0    20.0    24.0    24.7    29.0    57.0 
```

This also works...

```r
median(assignment1$agekdbrn)
```

```
[1] 24
```

```r
mean(assignment1$agekdbrn)
```

```
[1] 24.70305
```

Assignment 1 Recap

2. Find the 33rd and 67th percentiles:

```r
quantile(assignment1$agekdbrn, c(.33, .67))
```

```
33% 67%
 21  27
```

Assignment 1 Recap

3. What is the mode of `agekdbrn` for respondents who completed 12 or fewer years of education?

```r
table(assignment1$agekdbrn
      [assignment1$educ<=12])
```

```
 12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25  26  27  28  29  30  31
  3   8  18  55 152 235 372 389 391 395 247 256 203 216 134 119  94  62 115  41
 32  33  34  35  36  37  38  39  40  41  42  43  45  46  47  48  50  52
 59  41  29  26  13  15  16  11  10   4   3   2   3   2   4   1   1   1
```

Assignment 1 Recap

Want to sort?

```r
sort(
      table(assignment1$agekdbrn
      [assignment1$educ<=12]), # add comma here
      decreasing = TRUE # to sort from highest to lowest
      )
```

```
 21  20  19  18  23  22  17  25  24  16  26  27  30  28  29  32  15  31  33  34
395 391 389 372 256 247 235 216 203 152 134 119 115  94  62  59  55  41  41  29
 35  14  38  37  36  39  40  13  41  47  12  42  45  43  46  48  50  52
 26  18  16  15  13  11  10   8   4   4   3   3   3   2   2   1   1   1
```

Assignment 1 Recap

4. What proportion of respondents completed exactly 16 years of education?

```
prop.table(table(assignment1$educ))
```

```
          8           9          10          11          12          13          14
0.01782136 0.02203944 0.03163556 0.04291891 0.28060740 0.07740167 0.13592745
         15          16          17          18          19          20
0.04871876 0.17958452 0.03975535 0.06200569 0.02214489 0.03943900
```

Want to round?

```
round(prop.table(table(assignment1$educ)),3) # 3 for 3 decimal places
```

```
    8     9    10    11    12    13    14    15    16    17    18    19    20
0.018 0.022 0.032 0.043 0.281 0.077 0.136 0.049 0.180 0.040 0.062 0.022 0.039
```

Assignment 1 Recap

5. Use tidyverse functions to create a new data frame with only the agekdbrn and educ variables, and that is limited to respondents who have 14 or more years of education.

```r
library(tidyverse) # load the package if necessary
```

A Couple Options…

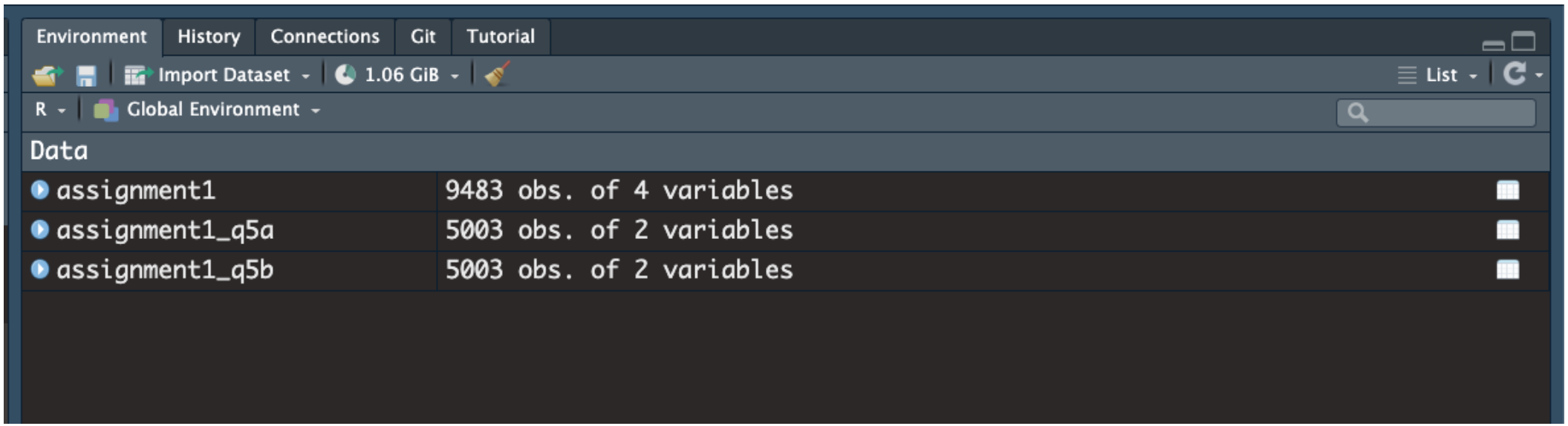
```r
# Option 1

assignment1_q5a <- select(assignment1, agekdbrn, educ) # DF name but no $
assignment1_q5a <- filter(assignment1_q5a, educ>=14) # use new DF name
```

```r
# Option 2

assignment1_q5b <- assignment1 |> # With pipe, need DF name in first line
     select(agekdbrn, educ) |> # But omit DF name from subsequent lines
     filter(educ>=14)
```

Assignment 1 Recap



Assignment 1 Recap

6. Use tidyverse functions to find the mean of `agekdbrn` for respondents with each year of highest schooling completed in this new data frame.

```
assignment1_q5a |>
  group_by(educ) |>
  summarise(mean_agekdbrn = mean(agekdbrn))
```

```
# A tibble: 7 × 2
   educ mean_agekdbrn
  <int>         <dbl>
1    14          24.1
2    15          24.8
3    16          27.5
4    17          28.0
5    18          28.3
6    19          28.3
7    20          29.0
```

Assignment 1 Recap

7. How long did the assignment take?

Good question!

Center, Spread, Shape

- Range gives us the *minimum* and the *maximum* values
- Mean and median give us the *center* of the distribution
- Mode gives us the *most frequent* value
- Also want information about the *spread* of distributions
  - → Variance
  - → Standard Deviation
  - → Skewness

Spread

- Variance = how we measure *spread* but it has no common scale
- Standard Deviation = measure of how far observations tend to be from the mean
- Standard Deviation is the square root of the variance

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{n}}$$

How do we find the variance and standard deviation in R?

Loading Files

We'll use the ***`notebook_03_01`*** *file on Canvas. Set up a new Quarto notebook with this file and load the packages and data.*

Describing Spread

Start with a summary of the `agekdbrn` *variable*

```
summary(gss_week3$agekdbrn)
```

```
   Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max. 
   9.00   20.00   23.00   24.27   28.00   57.00 
```

For variance, use `var()`:

```
var(gss_week3$agekdbrn)
```

```
[1] 34.52177
```

For standard deviation, use `sd()`:

```
[1] 5.875523
```

Describing Spread

We can show that the standard deviation is the square root of the variance:

```r
var(gss_week3$agekdbrn) # Variance
```

```
[1] 34.52177
```

```r
sqrt(var(gss_week3$agekdbrn)) # Square Root of Variance
```

```
[1] 5.875523
```

```r
sd(gss_week3$agekdbrn) # Standard Deviation
```

```
[1] 5.875523
```

```r
sd(gss_week3$agekdbrn) ^ 2 # Standard Deviation Squared
```

```
[1] 34.52177
```

Describing Spread

*Would you expect more or less variation in the distribution of completed years of education (the **`educ`** variable)?*

```r
var(gss_week3$educ)
```

```
[1] 9.563199
```

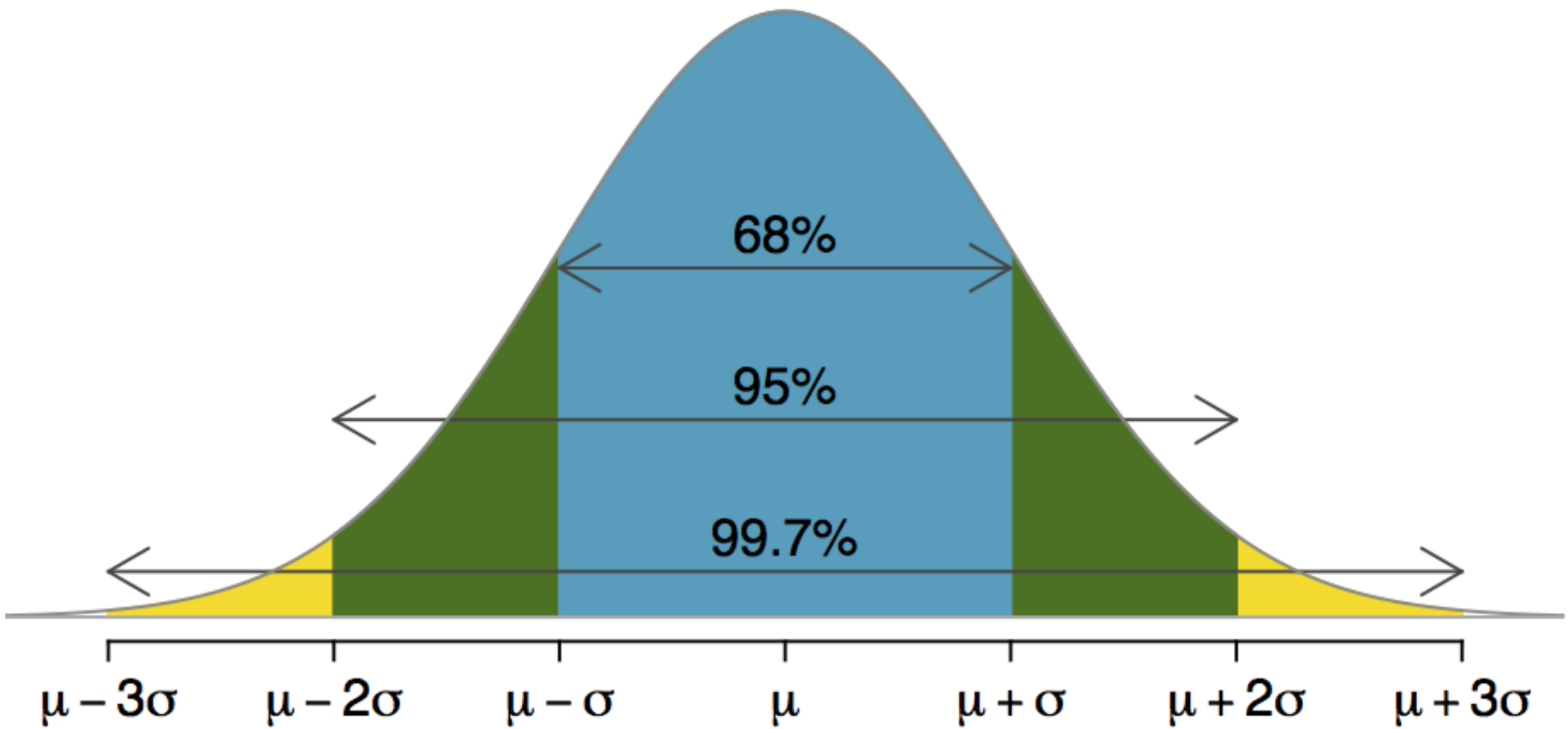
```r
sd(gss_week3$educ)
```

```
[1] 3.092442
```

Describing The Shape of the Spread

For now, keep in mind that the shape we like the most is a normal distribution (or bell curve)

The Normal Distribution



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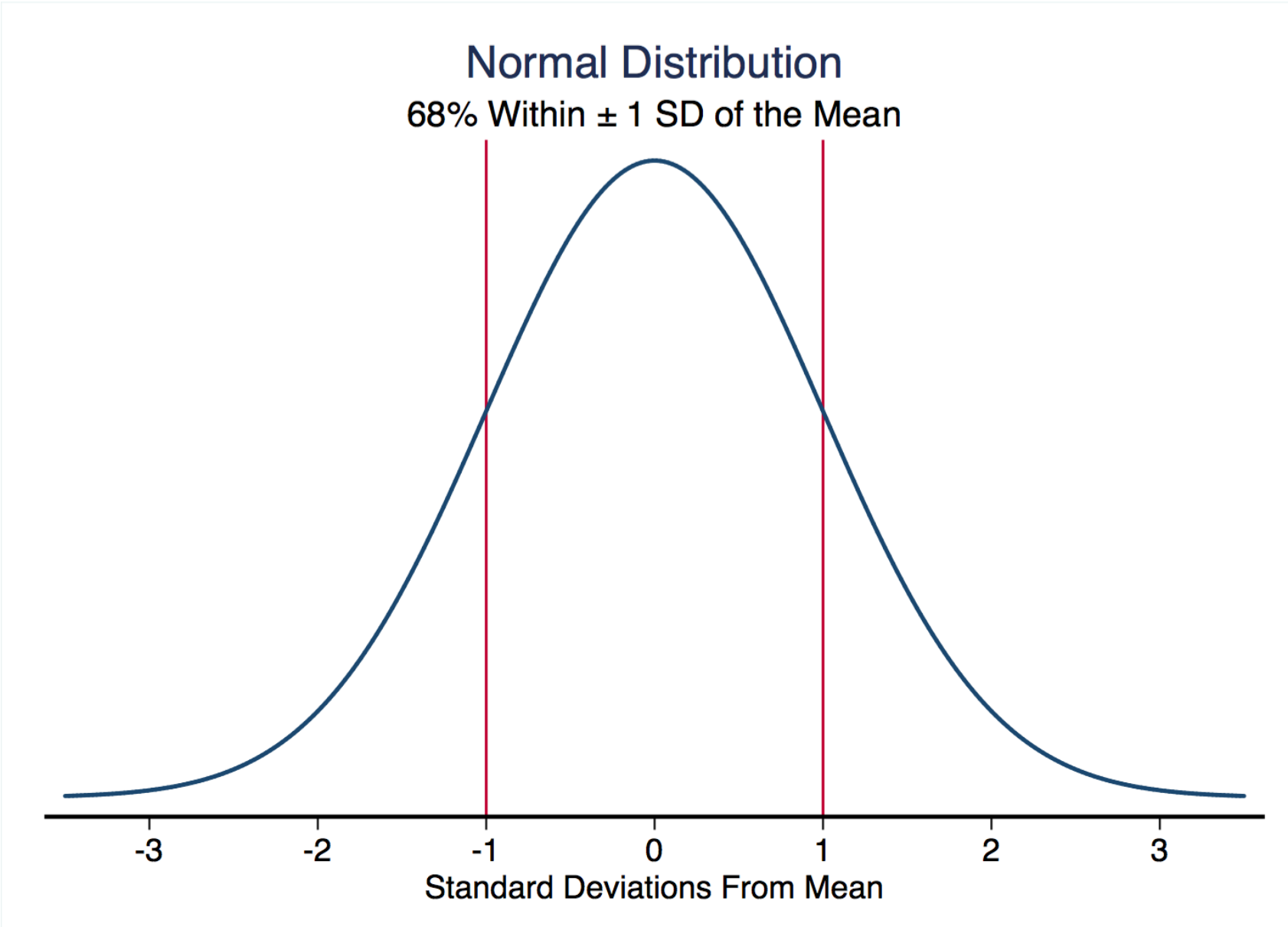

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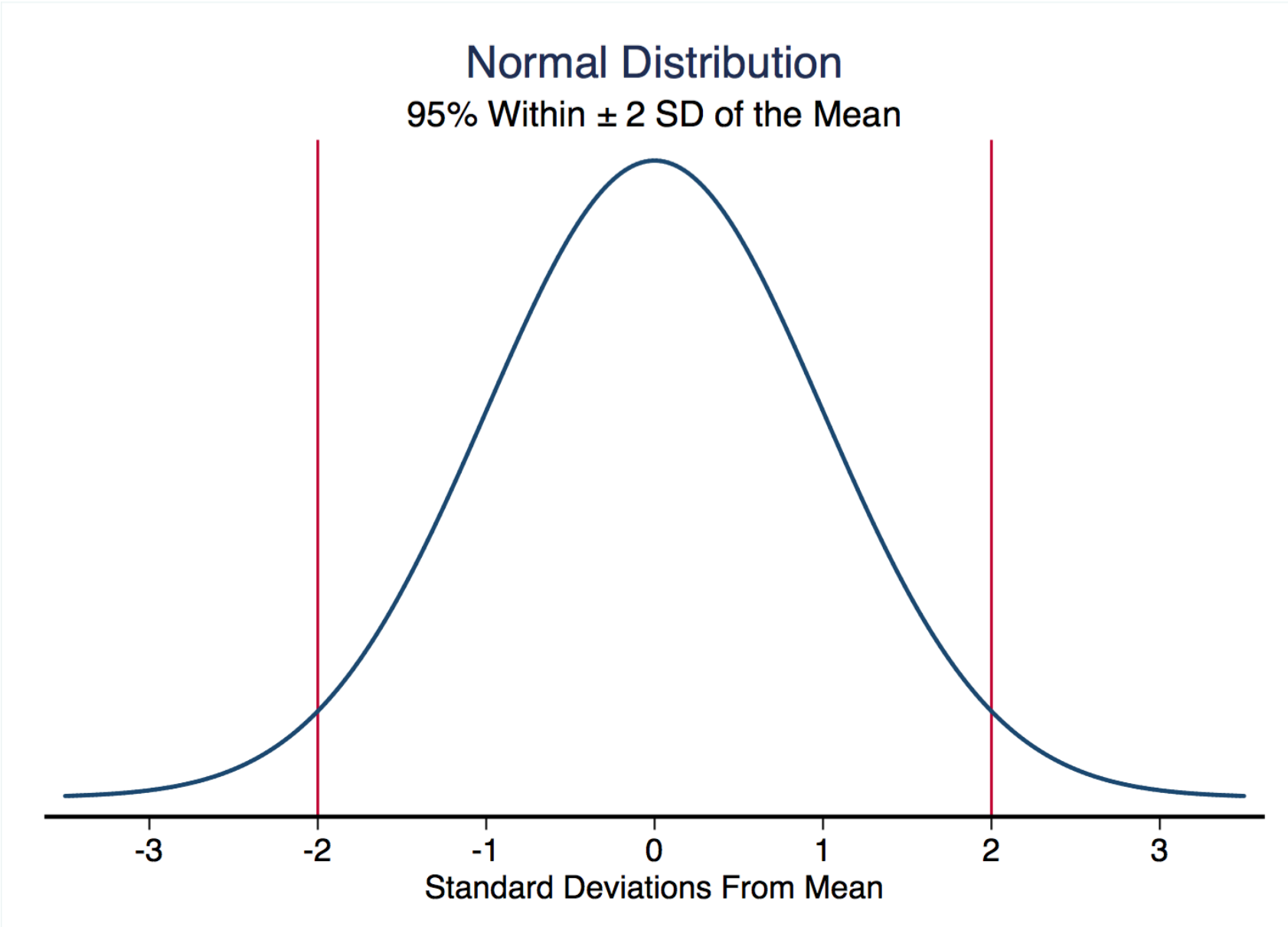

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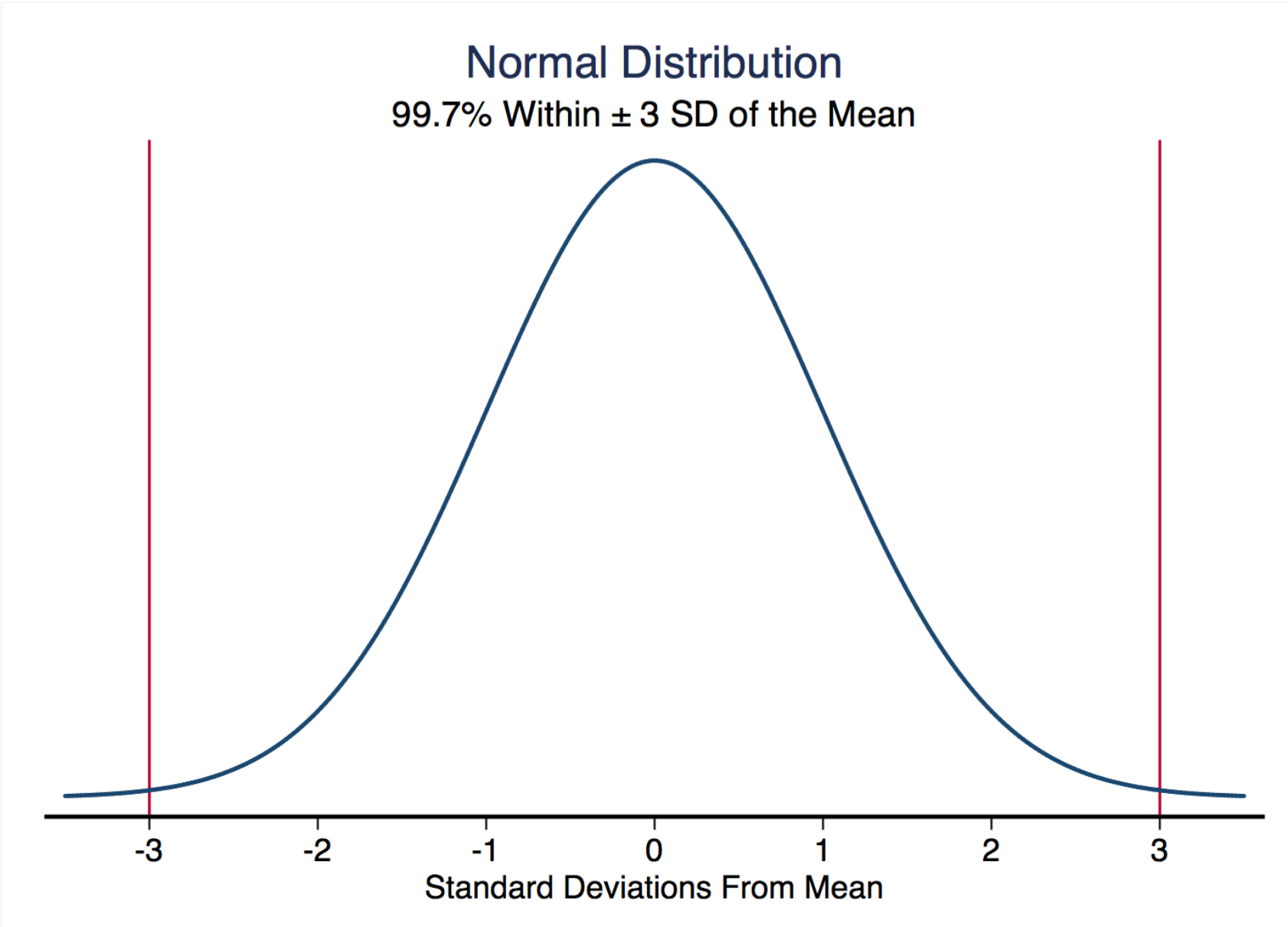
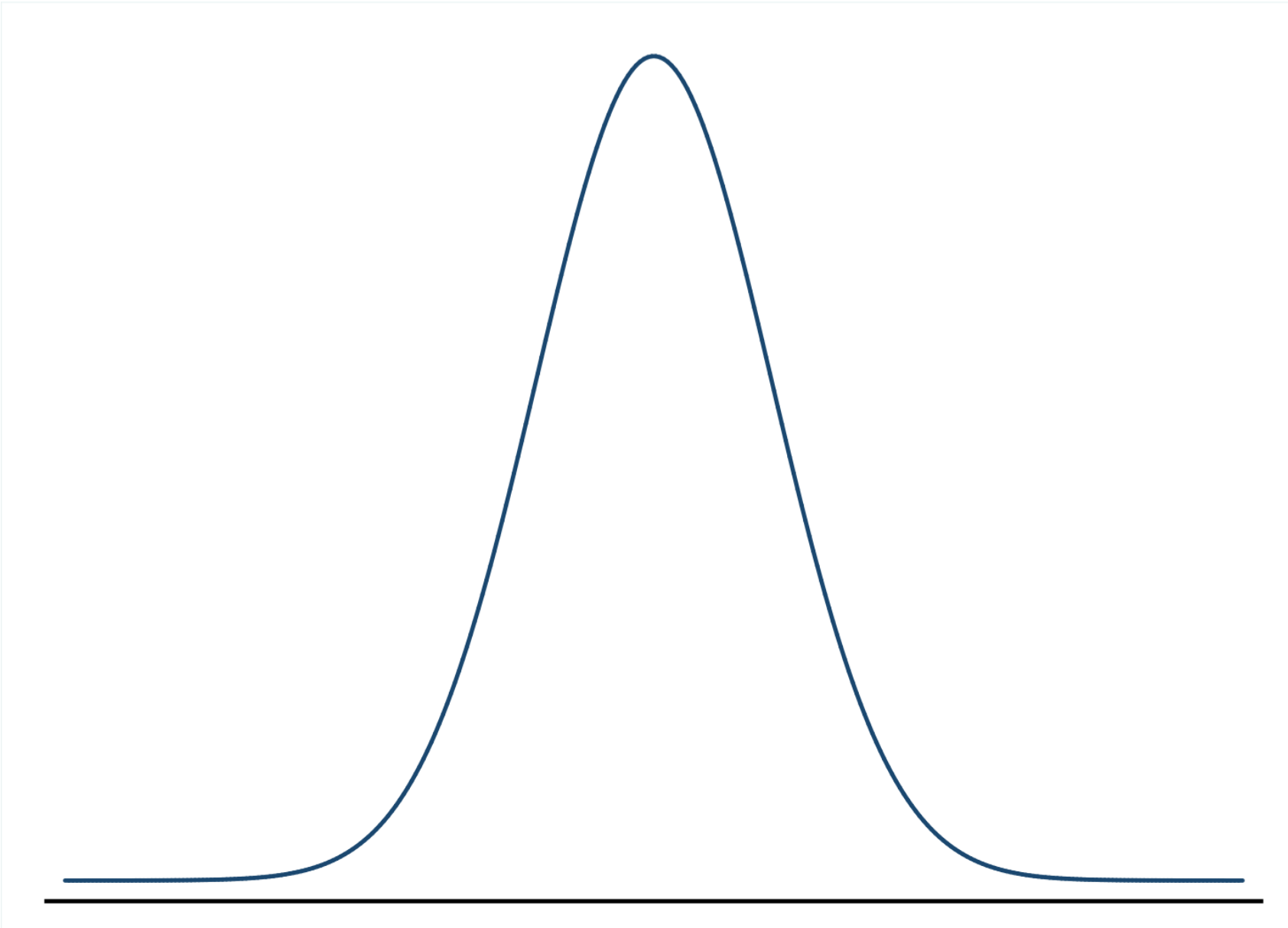


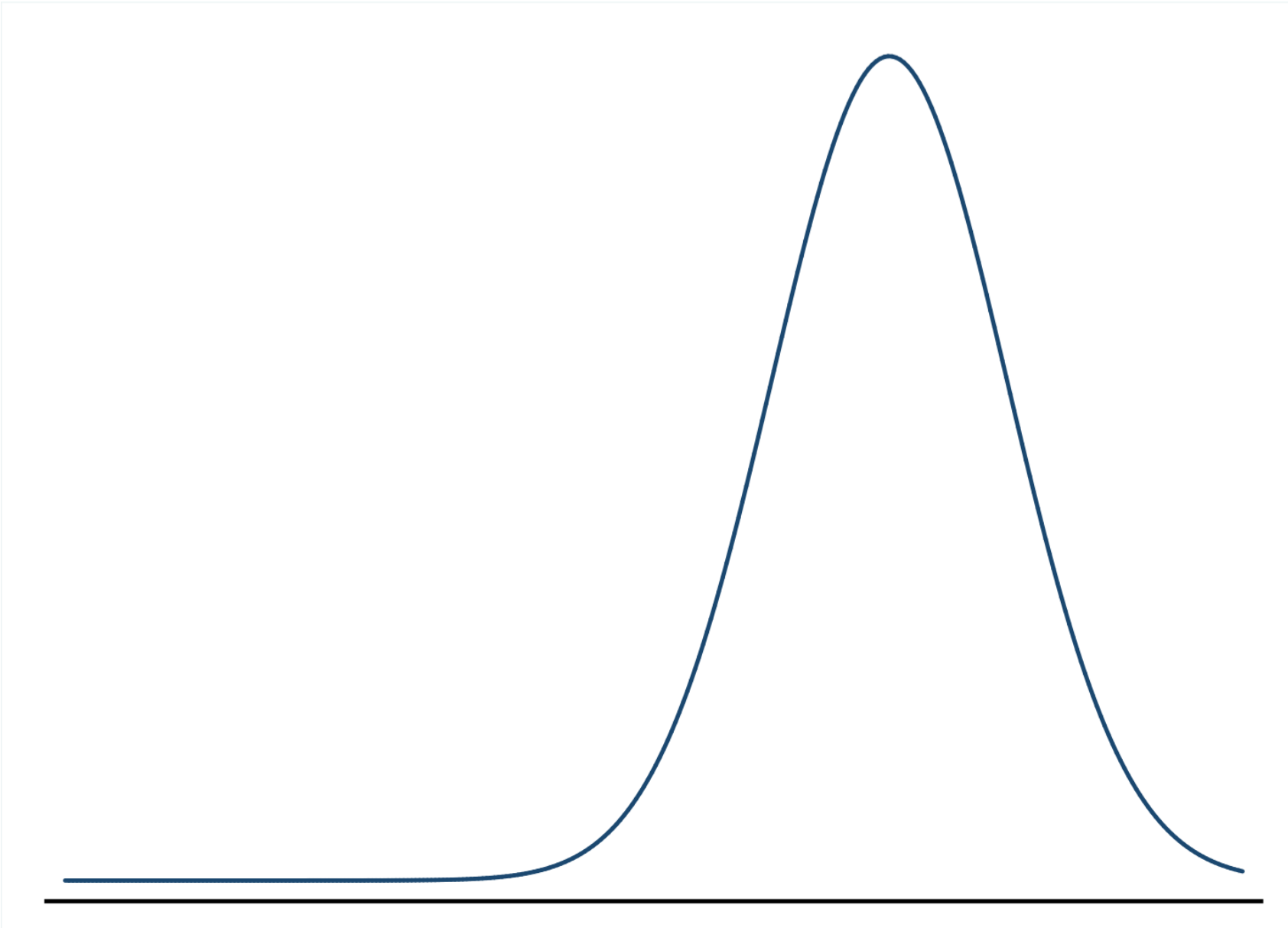
Describing The Shape of the Spread

- Since values are often not normally distributed, the measure of `skewness` tells us where the “long tail” extends
- Right skewed distributions extend to higher distributions
- Left skewed distributions extend to lower distributions

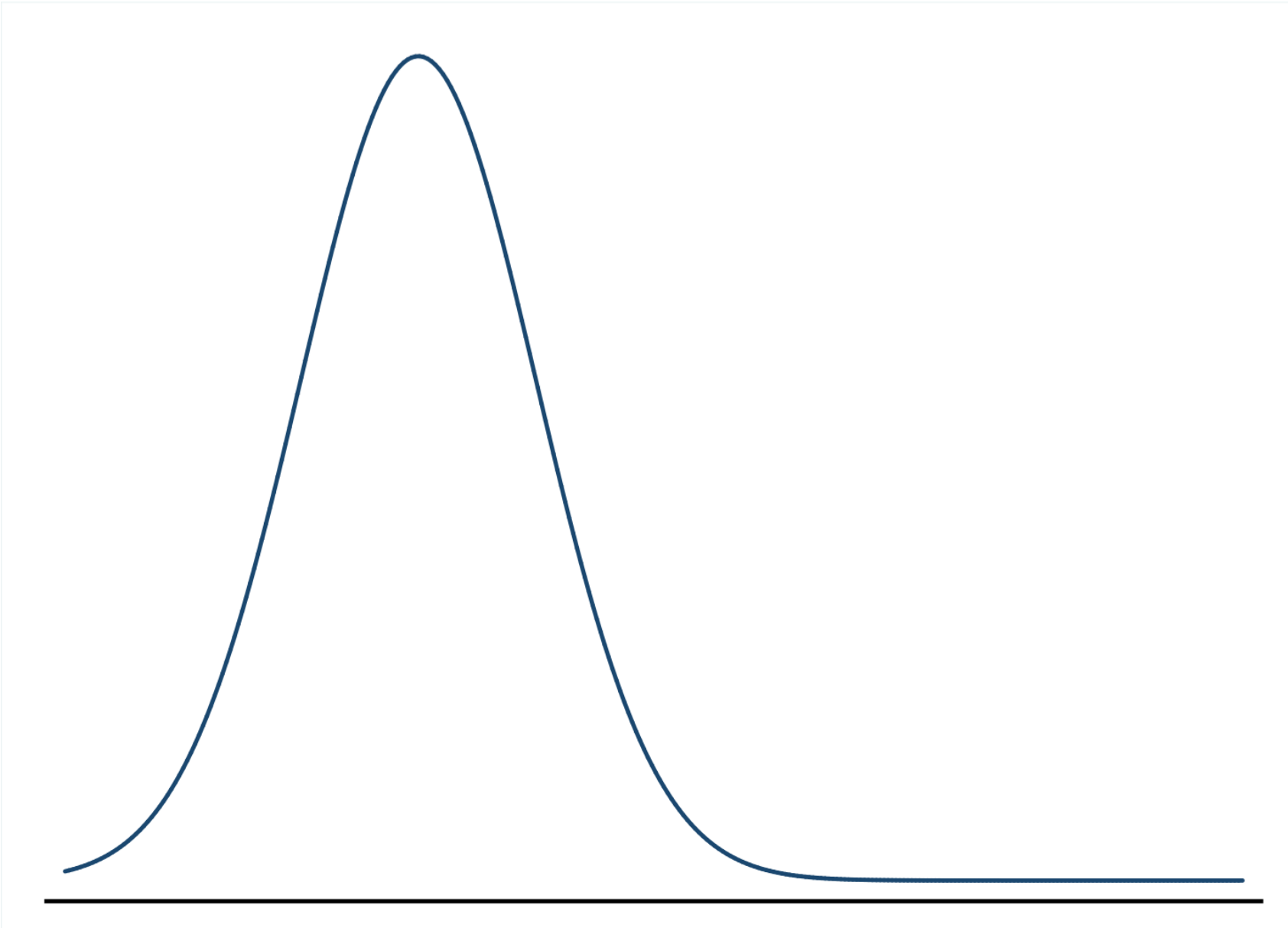
Describing Shape - Normal Distribution



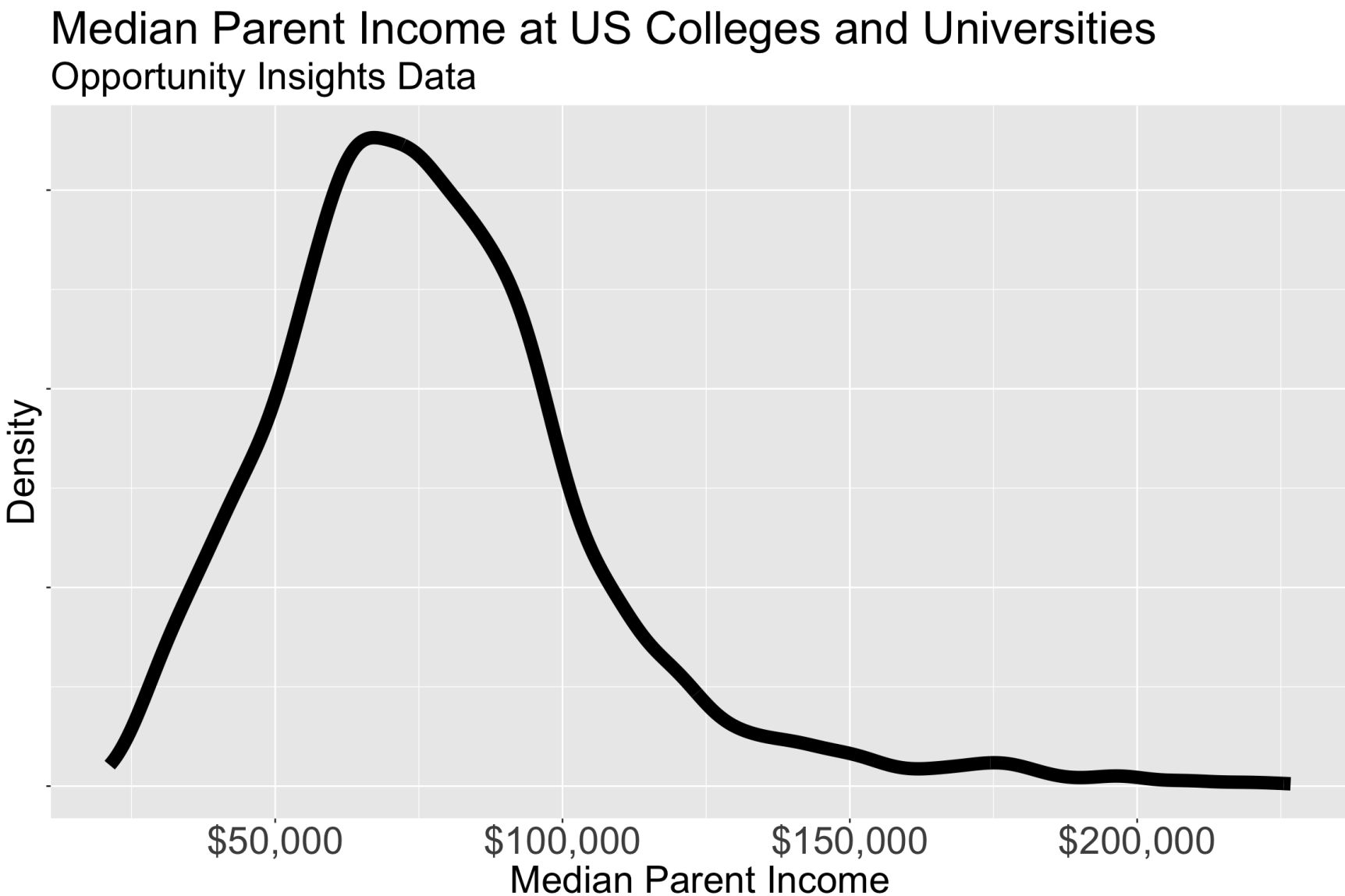
Describing Shape - Left Skew



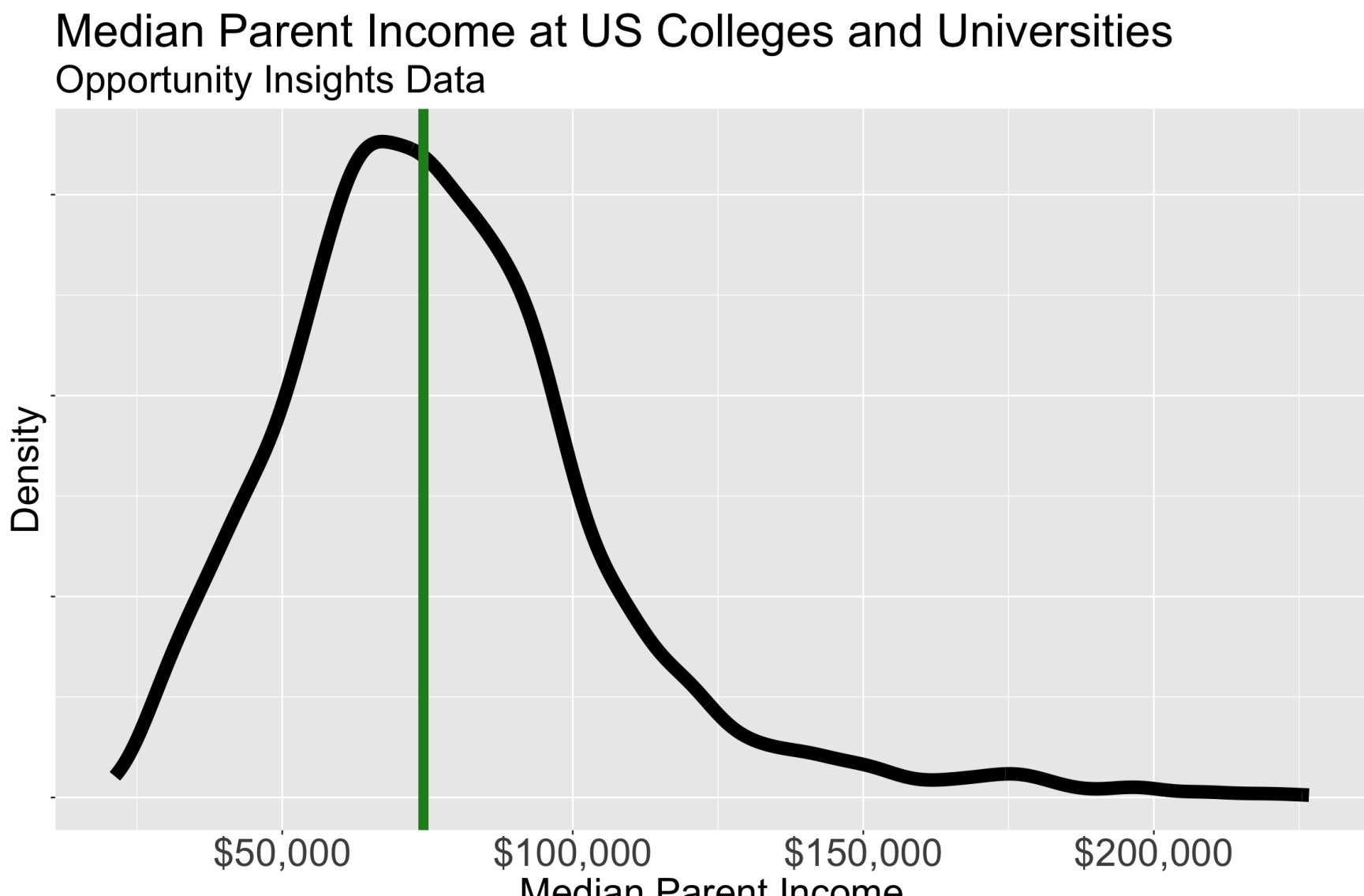
Describing Shape - Right Skew



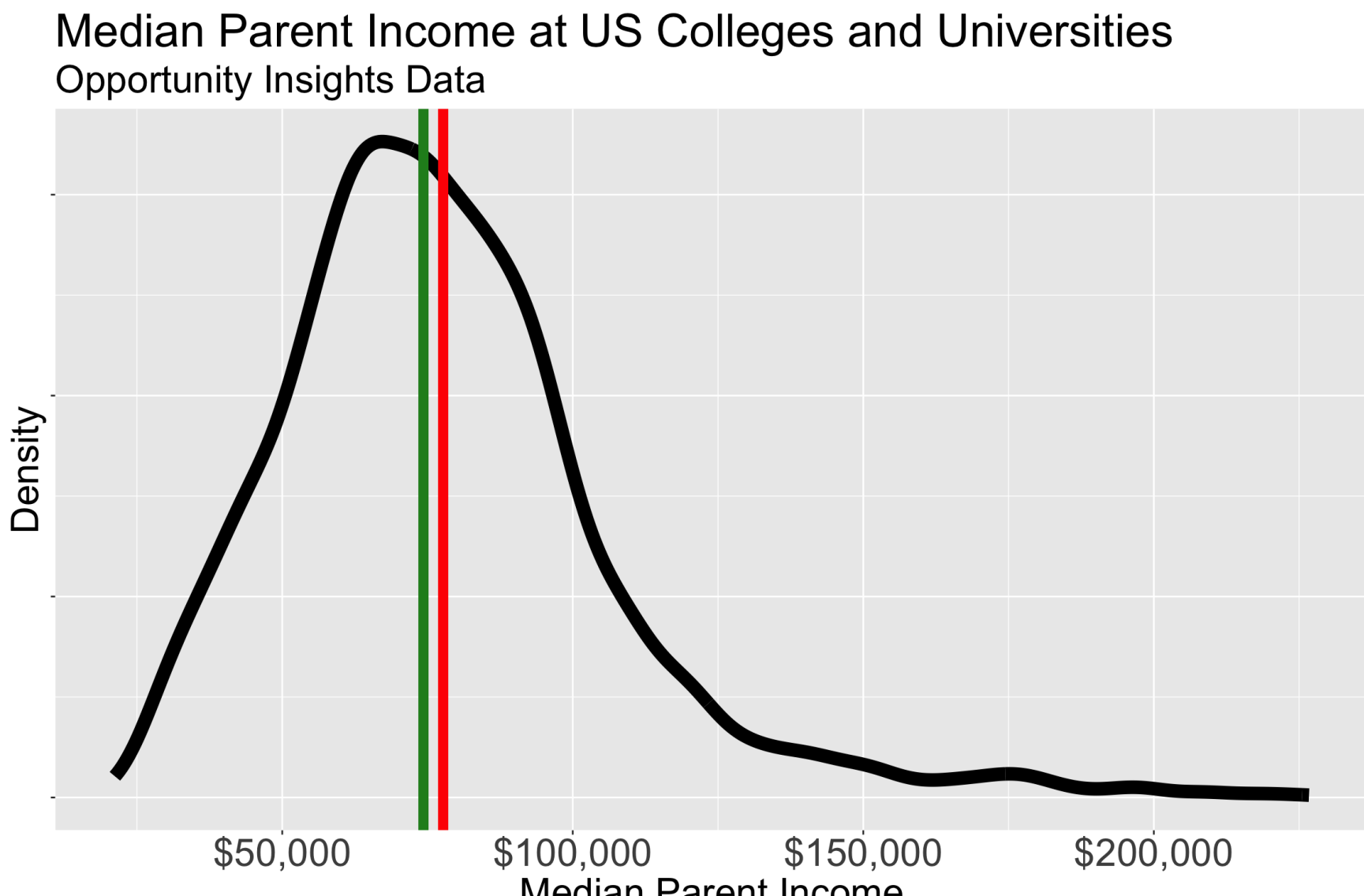
Income Is Often Right Skewed



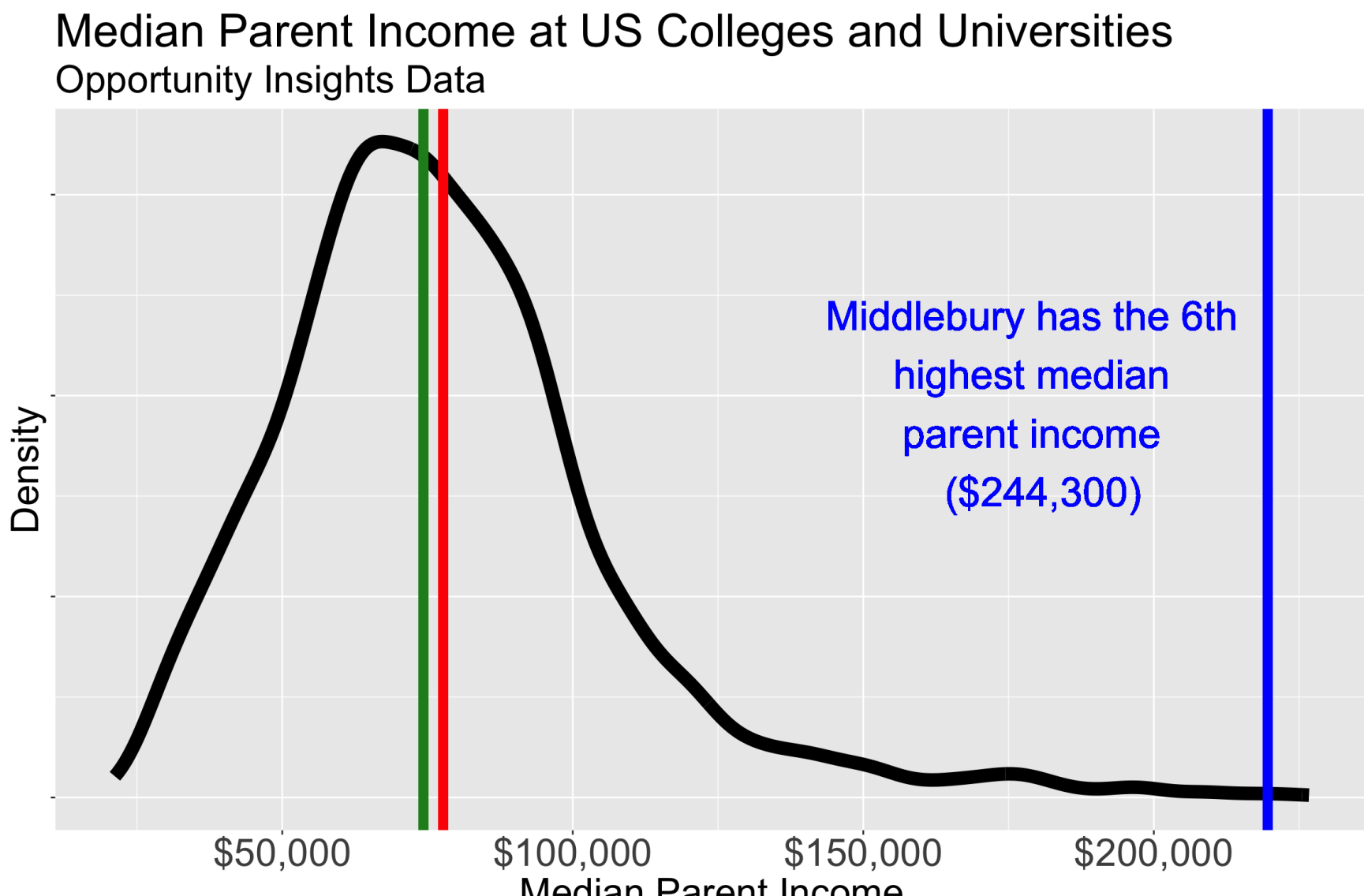
Median Not Centered



Mean Pulls To Tail



And Pulls To Highest Values



Transforming Skewed Distributions