visualizing numerical data

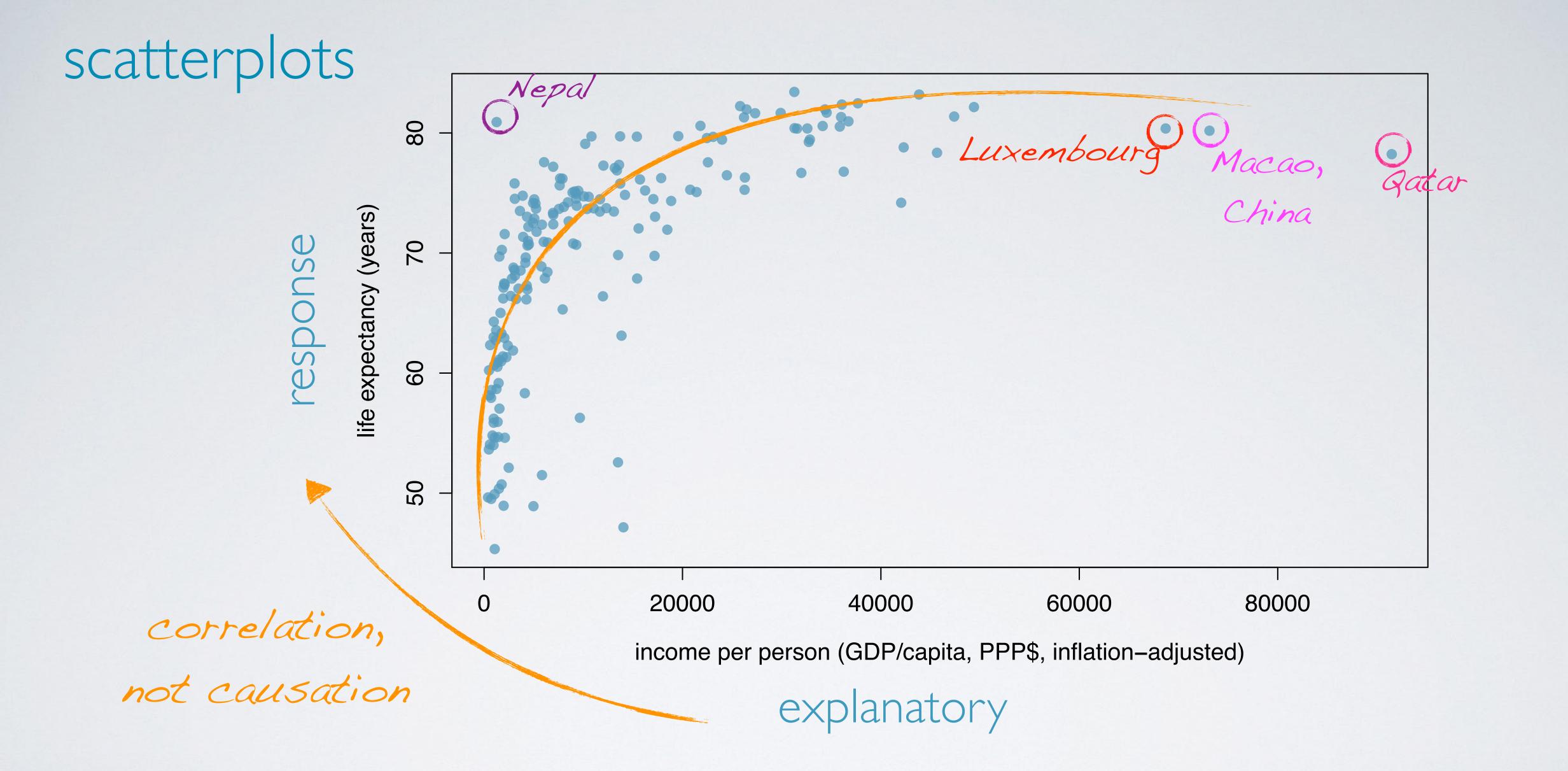
- scatterplots for paired data
- other visualizations for describing
 distributions of numerical variables



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data	income per person (\$, 2012)	life expectancy (years, 2012)
Afghanistan	1359.7	60.254
Albania	6969.3	77.185
Algeria	6419.1	70.874
Zimbabwe	545.3	58.142

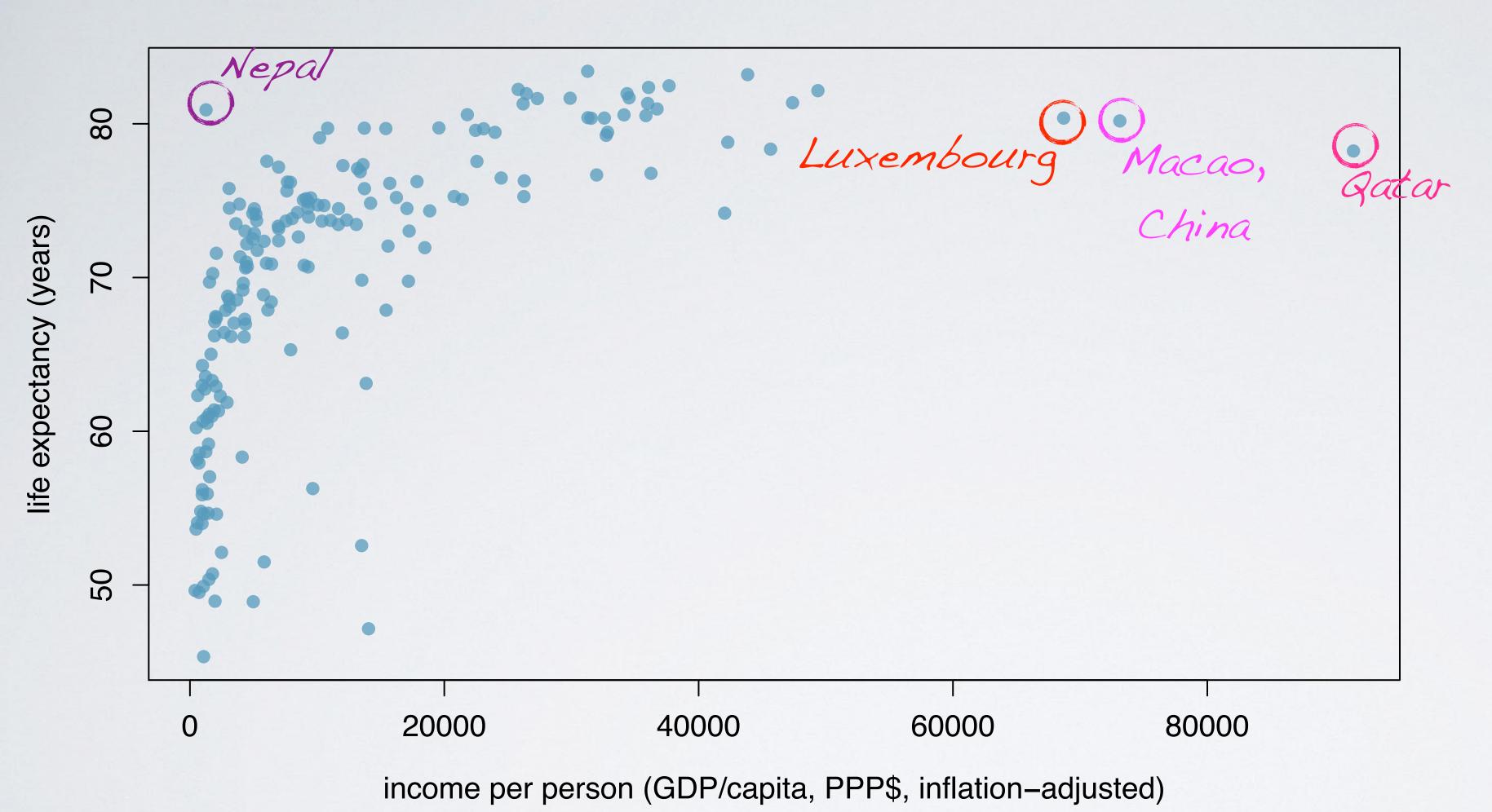
Source: gapminder.com

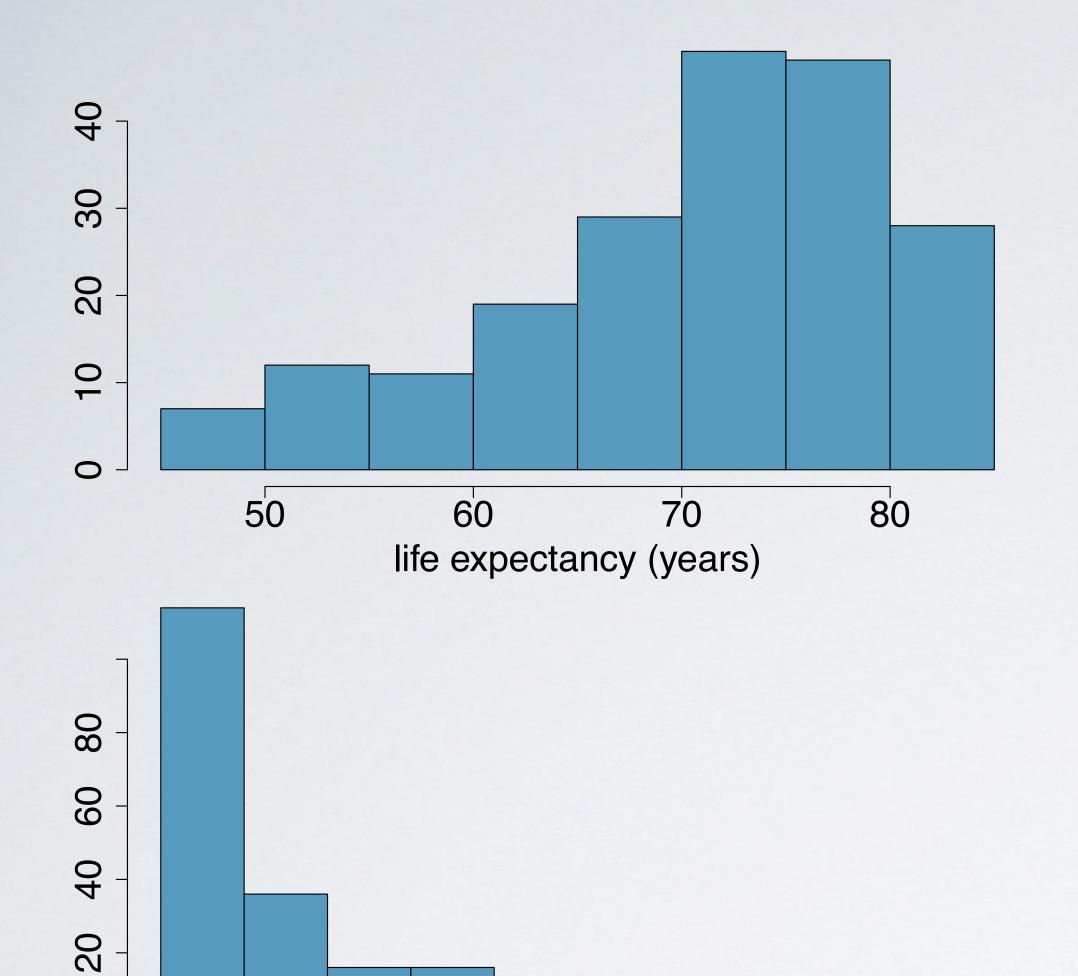


evaluating the relationship

direction outliers strength shape ositive linear curved

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8e+04

1e+05

6e+04

income per person

4e+04

0

0e+00

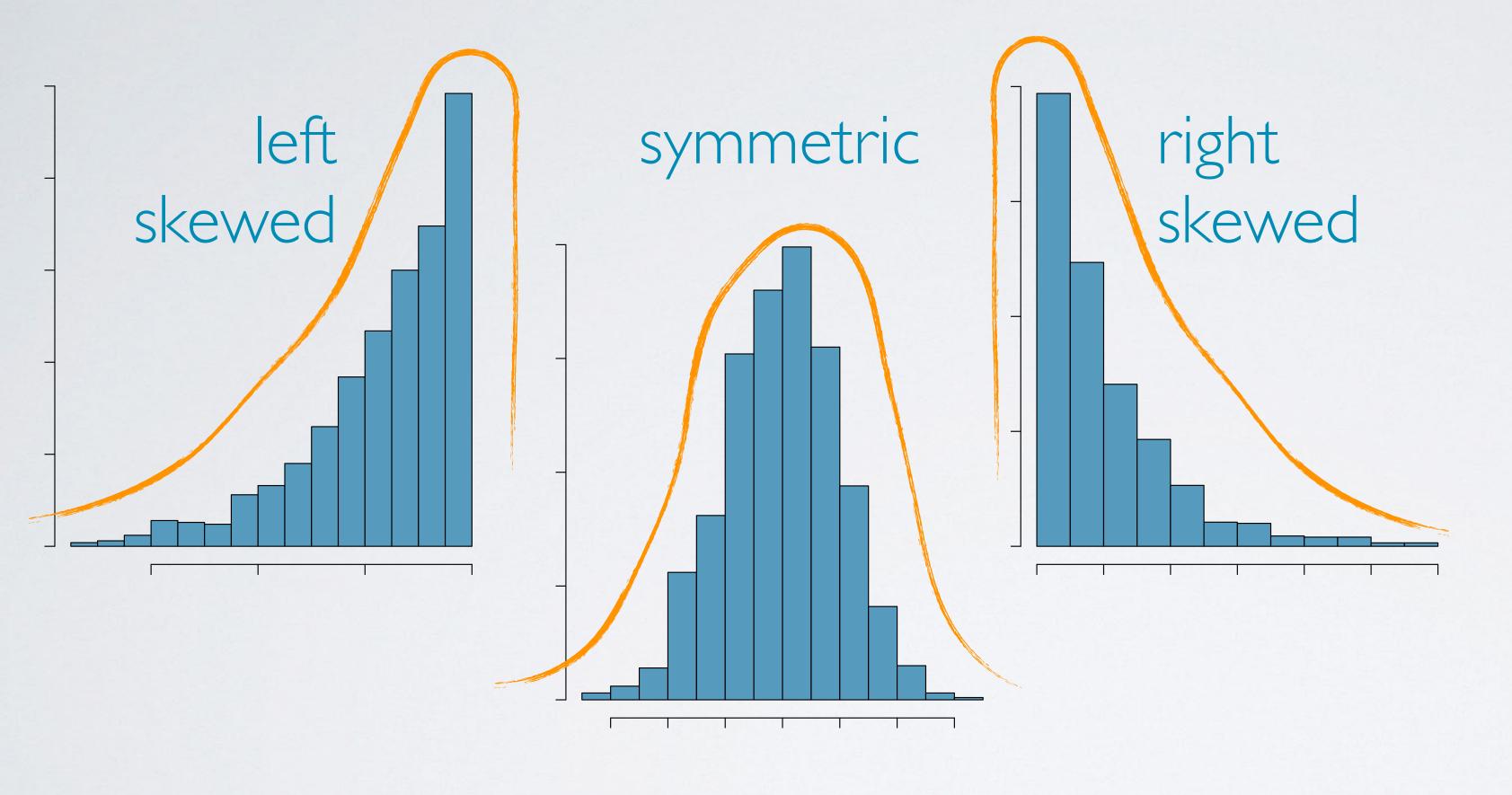
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histogram

- provides a view of the data density
- especially useful for describing the shape of the distribution

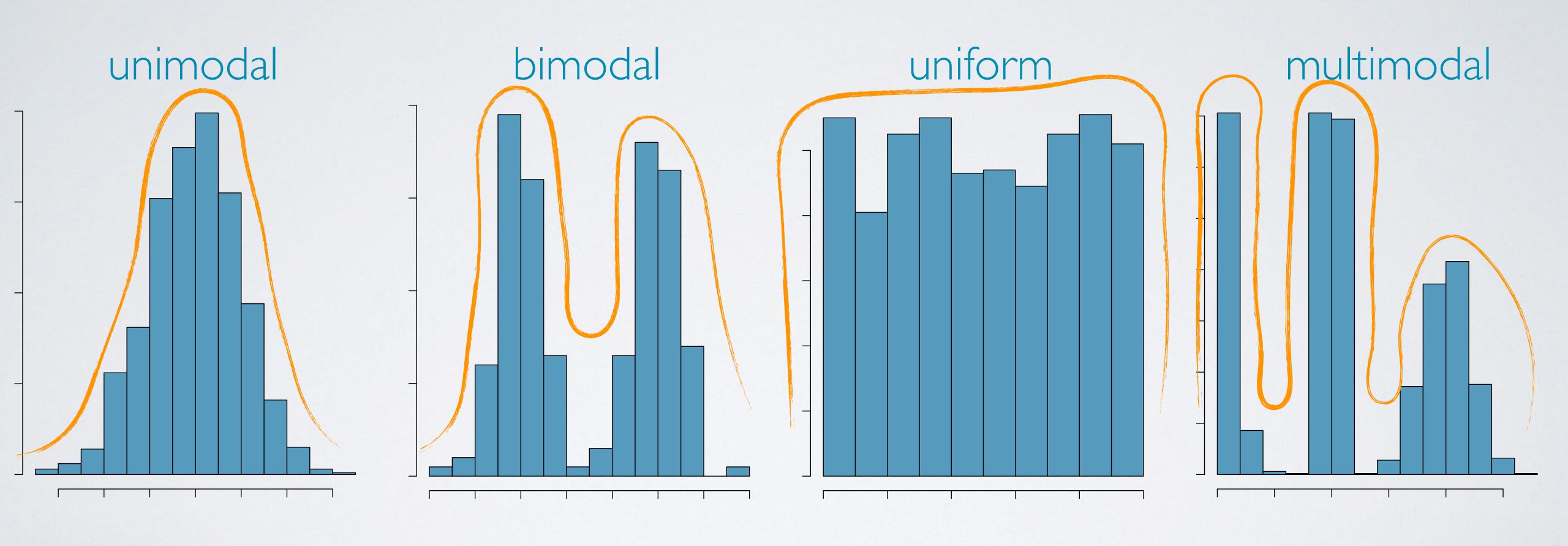
skewness

distributions are skewed to the side of the long tail



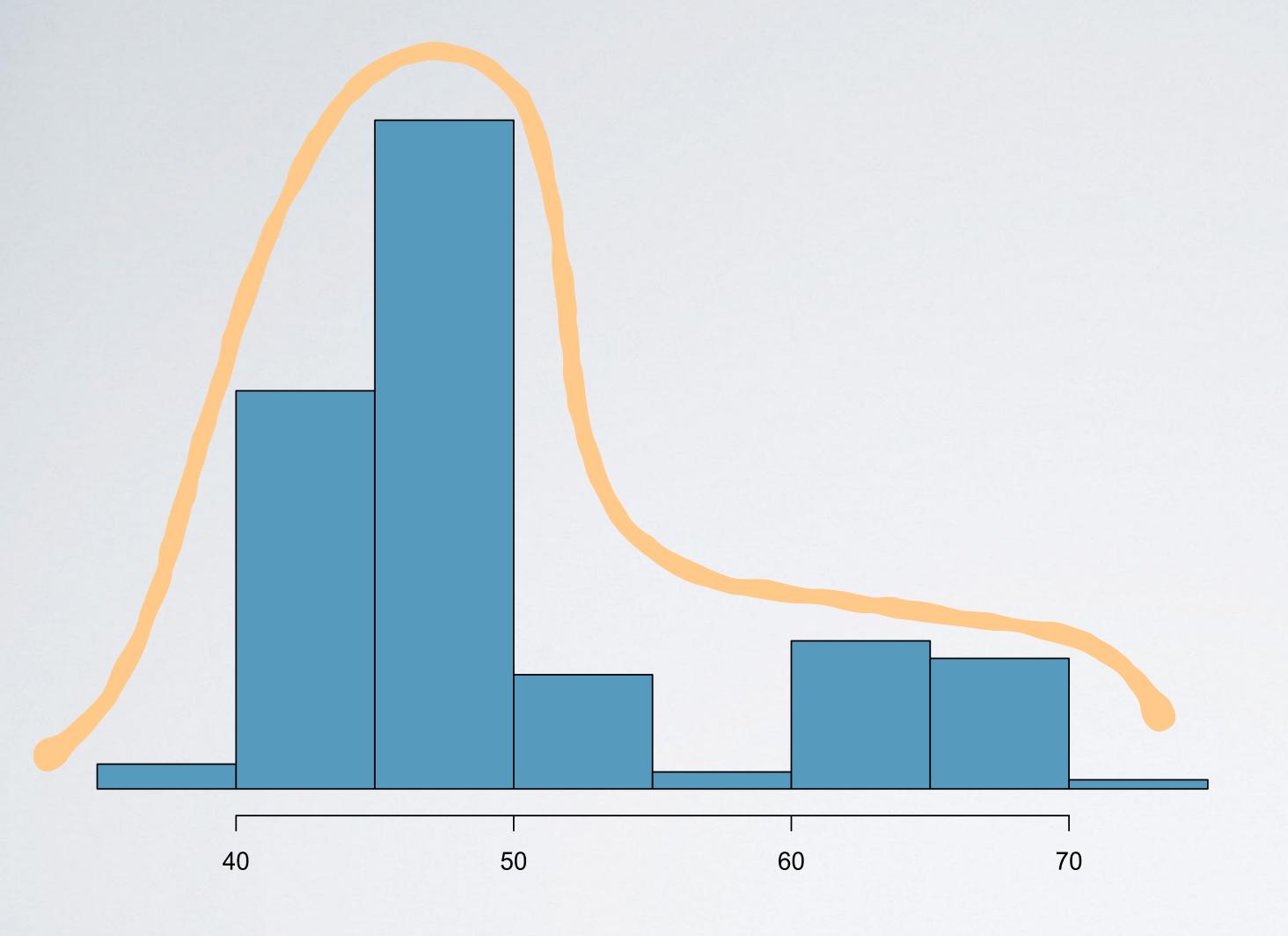
modality

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modality (cont.)

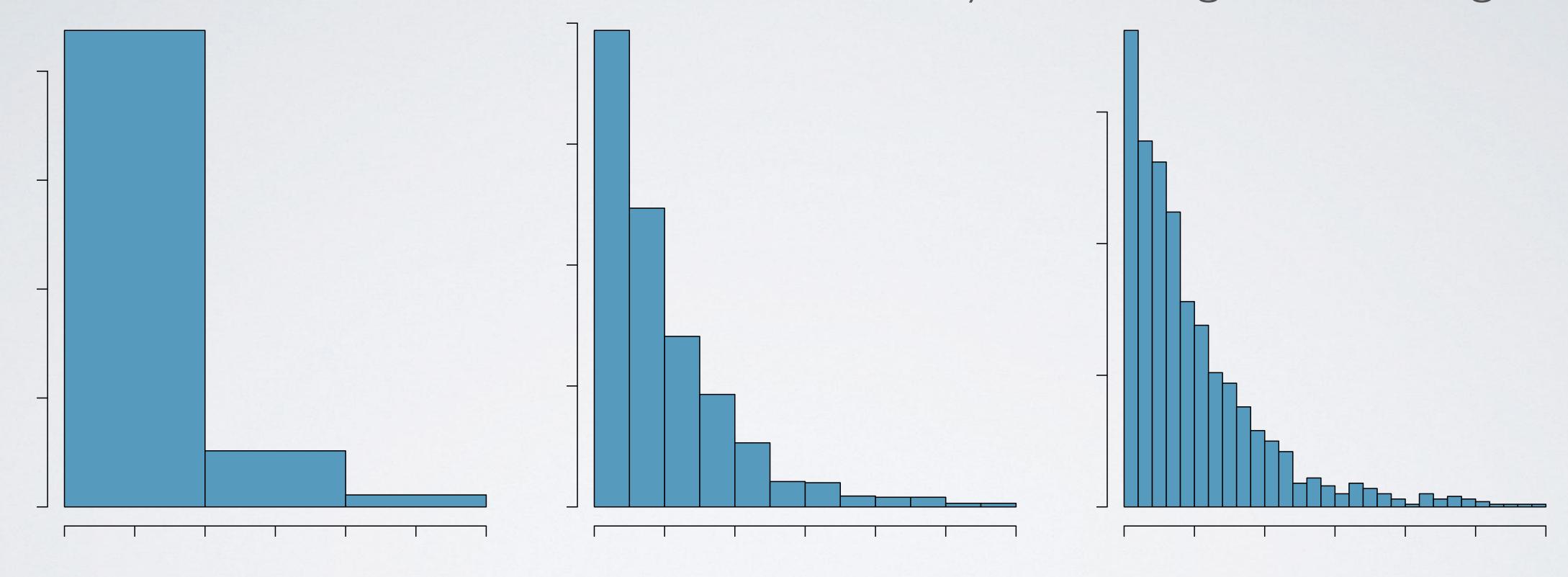


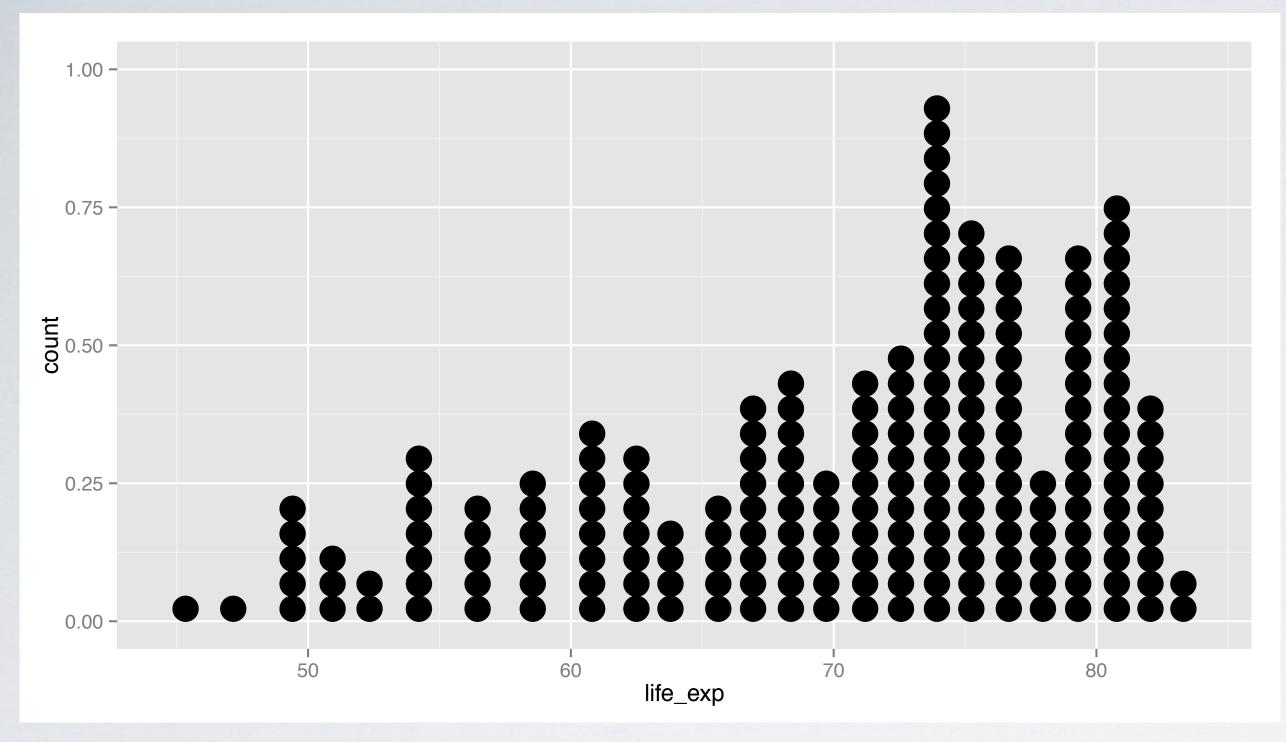


modality (cont.)

histogram & bin width

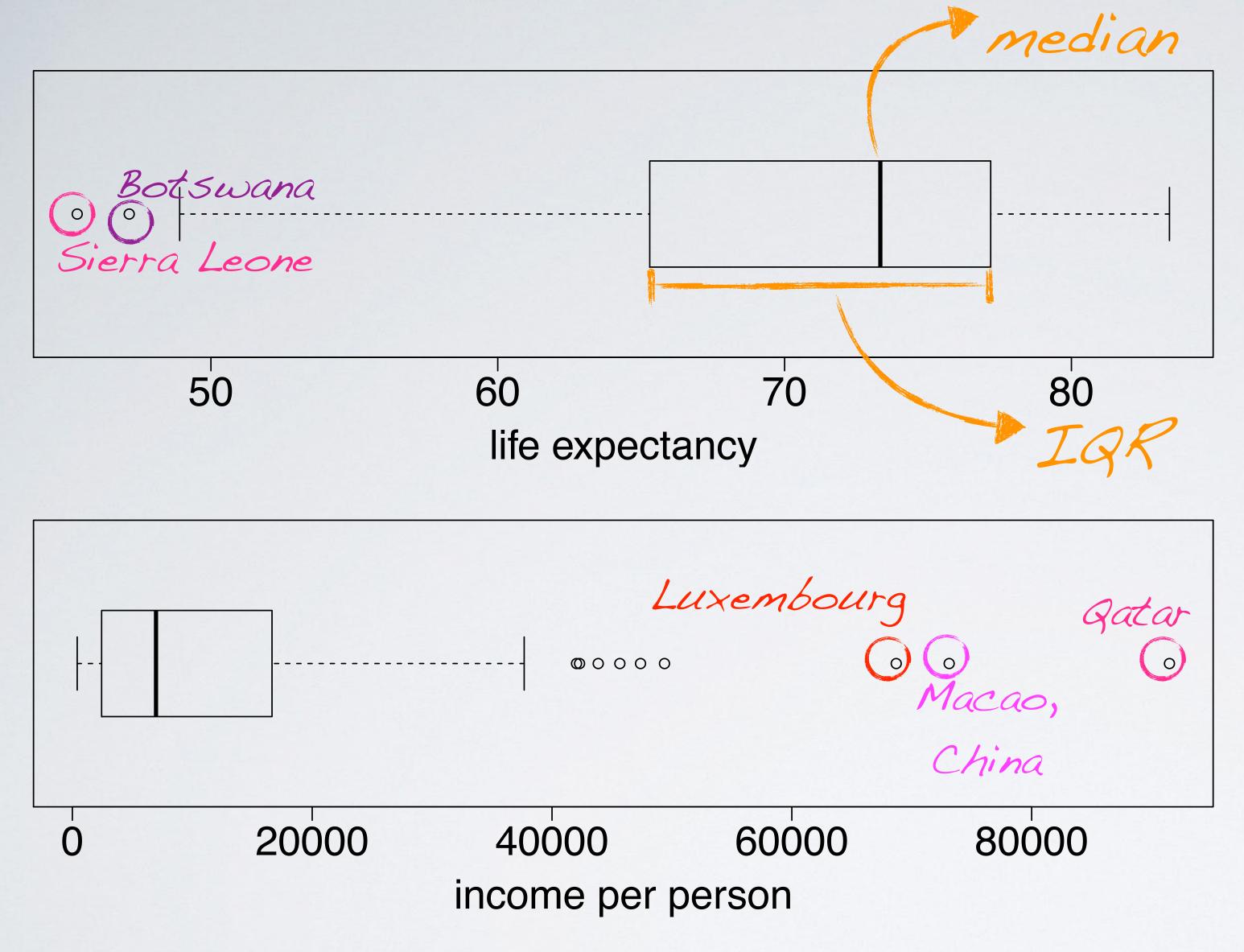
The chosen bin width can alter the story the histogram is telling.





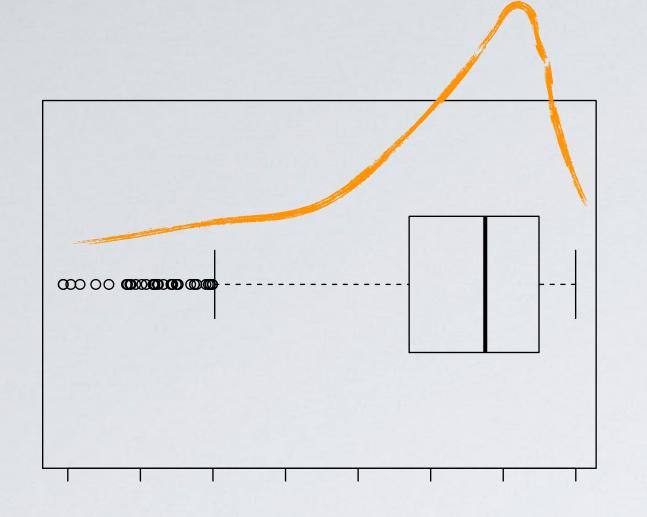
dotplot

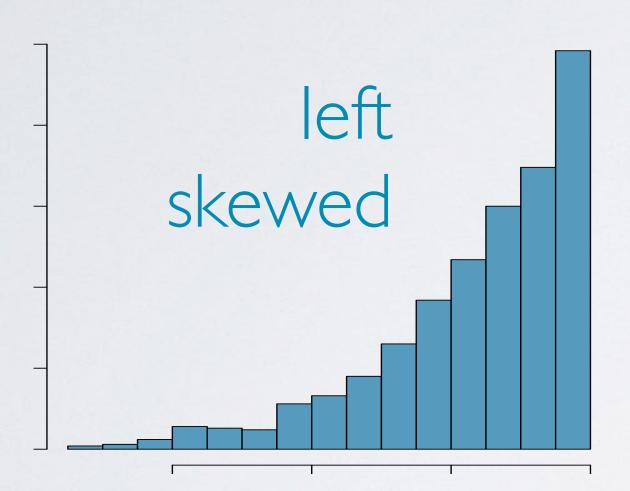
- useful when individual values are of interest
- can get busy as the sample size increases

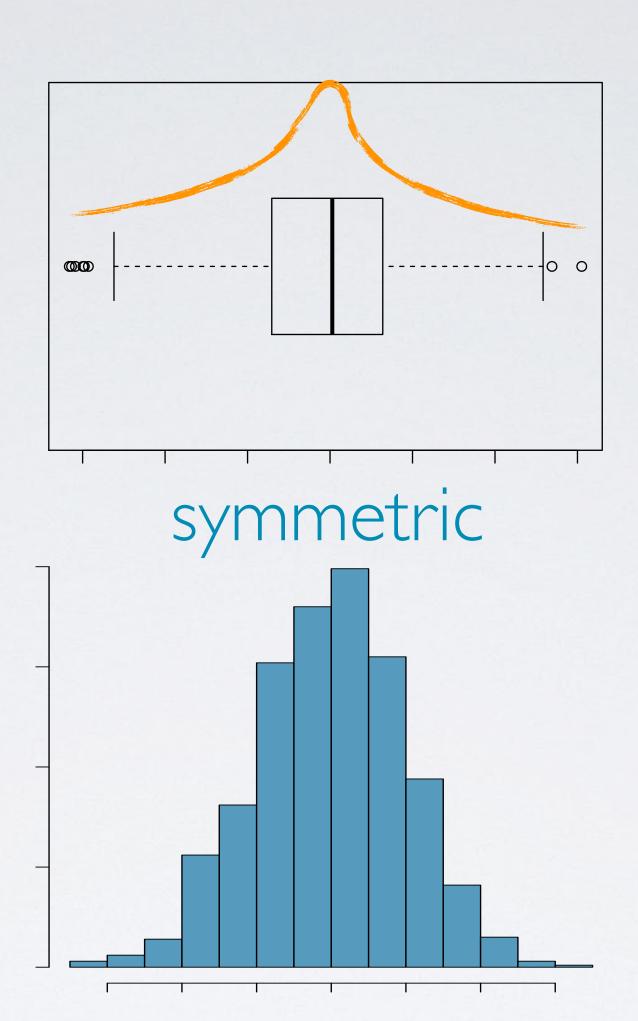


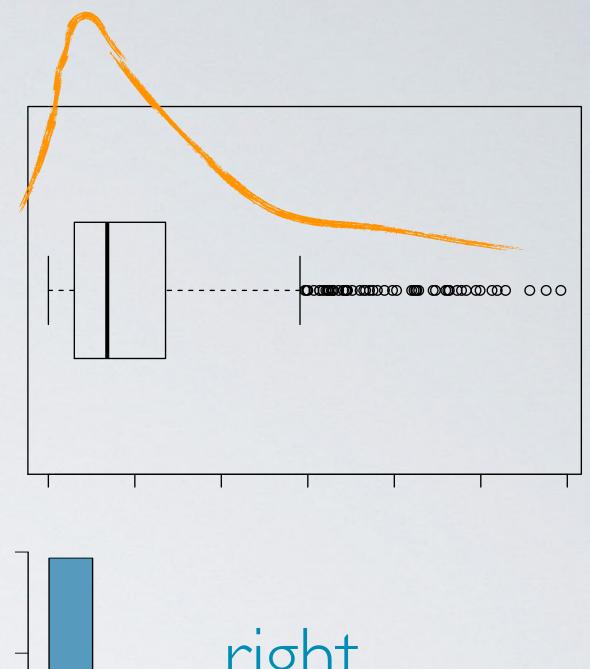
box plot

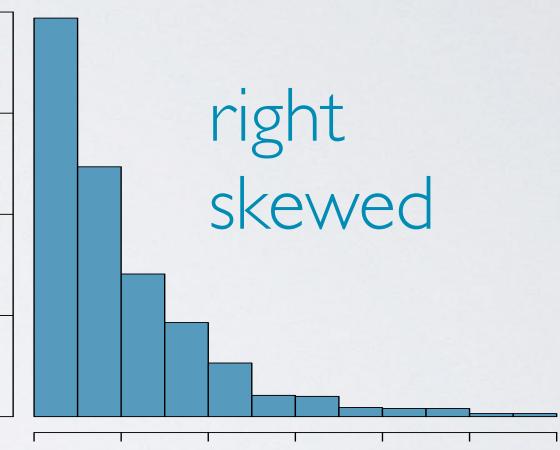
useful for highlighting outliers, median, IQR











intensity map

▶ Useful for highlighting the spatial distribution.

