



# IMD0033 - Probabilidade Lesson 25 - The Mode

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# Atualizar o repositório

git clone https://github.com/ivanovitchm/imd0033\_2018\_2.git

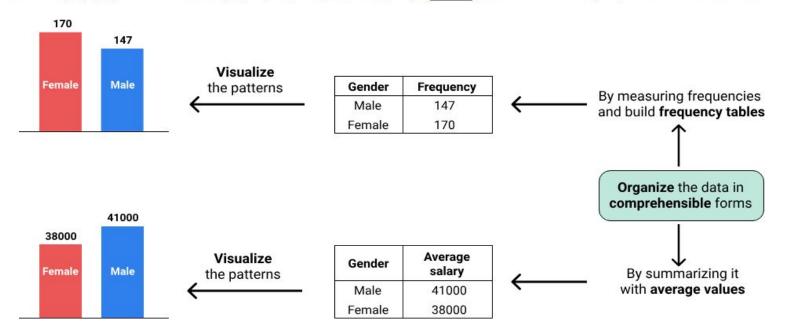
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# PREVIOUSLY ON...



Depending on the particular characteristics of a distribution, we'll see that we can summarize it using the mean, the weighted mean, the median, or the mode.



### Introduction

#### Mean

- It takes into account each value in the distribution
- It can be defined algebraically.
- These two properties make the mean far superior to the median.

#### Median

 It comes in handy, however, when it's not possible or appropriate to compute the mean.



#### The dataset

	Order	PID	MS SubClass	MS Zoning	Lot Frontage	Lot Area	Street	Alley	Lot Shape	Sale Condition	SalePrice
0	1	526301100	20	RL	141.0	131770	Pave	NaN	WD	Normal	215000
1	2	526350040	20	RH	80.0	11622	Pave	NaN	WD	Normal	105000
2	3	526351010	20	RL	81.0	14267	Pave	NaN	WD	Normal	172000
3	4	526353030	20	RL	93.0	11160	Pave	NaN	WD	Normal	244000
4	5	527105010	60	RL	74.0	13830	Pave	NaN	WD	Normal	189900

```
houses["Land Slope"].unique()
array(['Gtl', 'Mod', 'Sev'], dtype=object)

houses["Roof Style"].unique()
array(['Hip', 'Gable', 'Mansard', 'Gambrel', 'Shed', 'Flat'], dtype=object)
```



### The mode for Ordinal Variables

- We call the **most frequent value** in the distribution the **mode**.
- The mode of the **Land Slope** variable is **'Gtl'**. In other words, the typical house has a gentle slope.

```
houses['Land Slope'].value_counts()

Gtl 2789

Mod 125

Sev 16
```



#### The mode for nominal variables

- The mode is also a good choice for nominal data.
- We obviously can't compute the mean for this variable because the values are words.
- Because the Roof Style variable is nominal, there's also no inherent order
  of the values in the distribution. We can't compute the median.

```
houses['Roof Style'].value_counts()

Gable 2321

Hip 551

Gambrel 22

Flat 20

Mansard 11

Shed 5

Name: Roof Style, dtype: int64
```



#### The mode for discrete variables

- There are some cases where computing the **mean** and the **median** is possible and correct, but the **mode** is preferred nonetheless.
- This is sometimes the case for discrete variables.

1 houses['Kitchen AbvGr'].value_counts().sort	_index <u>()</u>
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0	3
1	2796
2	129
3	2

	Value	ue Reporting to non-technical audiences		
Mean	1.04	The average house has 1.04 kitchens.		
Median	1	The average house has one kitchen.		
Mode	1	The typical house has one kitchen.		

# The mode: special cases

There are distributions that can have more than one mode.

[1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4]

[0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 8]

[0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3]

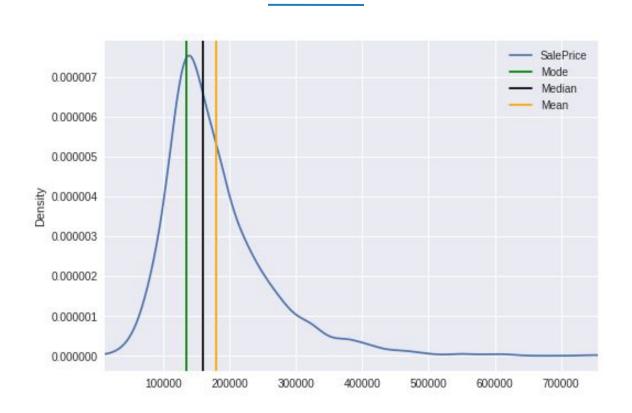
Without a mode

Multimodal

**Bimodal** 

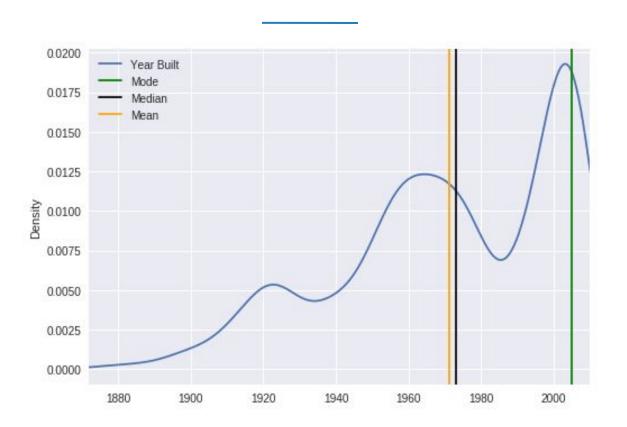


## Skewed distributions



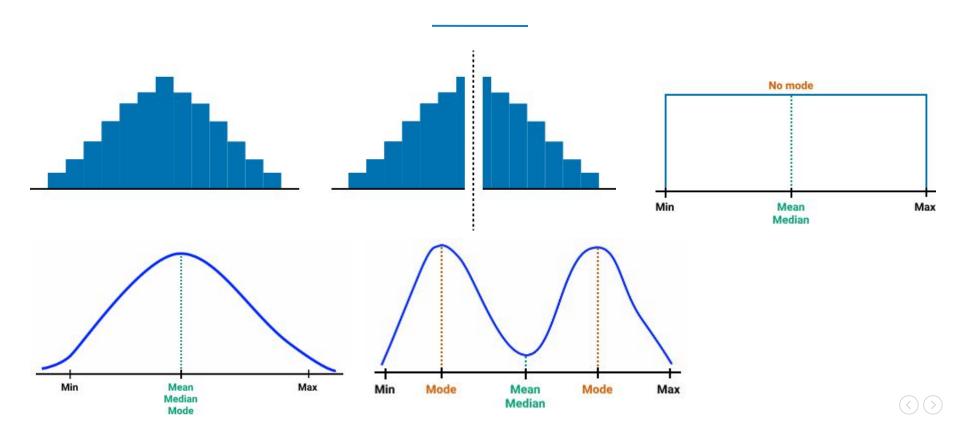


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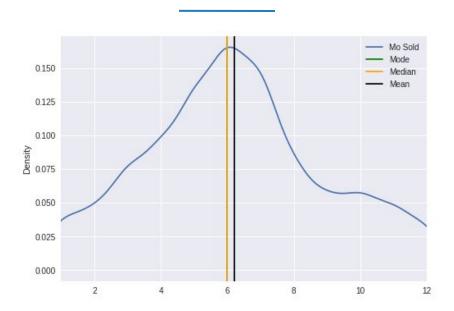




# Symmetrical distribution



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```
houses['Mo Sold'].plot.kde(xlim = [1,12])

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.axvline(houses['Mo Sold'].mode()[0], color = 'Green', label = 'Mode')
plt.axvline(houses['Mo Sold'].median(), color = 'Orange', label = 'Median')
plt.axvline(houses['Mo Sold'].mean(), color = 'Black', label = 'Mean')
plt.legend()
```



# Next Steps

	Can be used for	Can't be used for	Ideal for	
Mean	Data measured on an interval or ratio scale     Ordinal data encoded with numbers (contentious)	<ul> <li>Nominal data</li> <li>Ordinal data that is not encoded with numbers</li> <li>Data points with different weights — we need to use the weighted mean instead</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summarizing numerical distributions by taking into account each value in the distribution</li> </ul>	
Median	Data measured on an interval or ratio scale     Ordinal data encoded with numbers	Nominal data     Ordinal data that is not encoded with numbers	Summarizing numerical distributions that have outliers  Open-ended distributions	
Mode	Nominal data     Ordinal data     Data measured on an interval or ratio scale	<ul> <li>Perfectly uniform distributions</li> <li>Continuous variables (we need to create grouped frequency tables as a workaround)</li> </ul>	Nominal data     Ordinal data that is not encoded with numbers     Discrete data — when the result needs to be communicated to a non-technical audience	





