

# Shape Measures

Skewness

kurtosis<sup>2</sup>

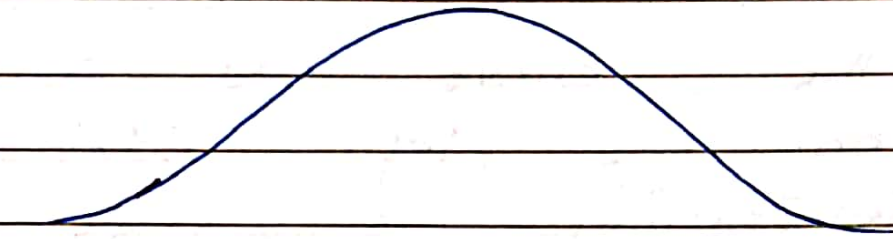
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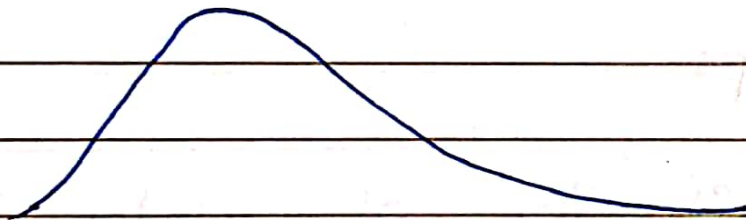
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## Skewness:

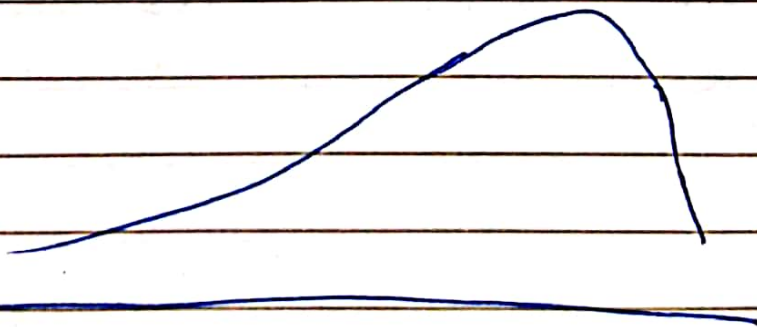
If the distribution of data is not symmetrical - then it will be skewed. So, the lack of symmetry in a dataset is called skewness.



Symmetric  
distribution  
of data.



Positively  
skewed  
distribution.



Negatively  
skewed  
distribution.

⇒ Positive Skewness:

If the curve has a longer tail on the right side then the distribution is called positively skewed.

⇒ Negative Skewness:

If the curve has a longer tail on the left side then the distribution is called negatively skewed.

⇒ Symmetry:

A distribution of data is called symmetrical if its curve has same shape on both sides from central line.

⇒ Mean, Median & Mode Method:

→ If  $\text{Mean} = \text{Median} = \text{Mode}$  then  
it is symmetrical distribution.

→ If  $\text{Mean} > \text{Median} > \text{Mode}$  then  
it is positively skewed  
distribution.

→ If  $\text{Mean} < \text{Median} < \text{Mode}$  then  
it is negatively skewed  
distribution.

⇒ Example :

For any distribution the mean is 45, the median is 30 & the mode is zero. Is the distribution symmetrical, positively skewed or negatively skewed?

$$\text{Mean} = 45$$

$$\text{Median} = 30$$

$$\text{Mode} = 0$$

Here

$$\text{Mean} > \text{Median} > \text{Mode}.$$

$$45 > 30 > 0$$

so, the distribution is positively skewed.

⇒ Example :

For any dataset the mean is

2600, Median is 2800 & the

Mode is 3000. Find shape of

the dataset.

$$\text{Mean} = 2600$$

$$\text{Median} = 2800$$

$$\text{Mode} = 3000$$

Here

$$2600 < 2800 < 3000$$

$$\text{Mean} < \text{Median} < \text{Mode}$$

So, dataset is **Negatively** skewed.

→ Example:

For weekly income data set, the mean is \$700, Median is \$500 & the Mode is \$300. Is the dist. symmetrical, positively skewed or negatively skewed?

$$\mu_{\text{mean}} = \$700$$

$$\text{Median} = \$500$$

$$\text{Mode} = \$300$$

→ here

$$\text{Mean} > \text{Median} > \text{Mode}$$

$$\$700 > \$500 > \$300$$

So it is positively skewed distribution

⇒ Example:

The weekly sales from a sample of Hi-Tec electronic supply stores were organized into frequency distribution. The mean of weekly sales was computed to be \$105,900, the median \$105,000 & the mode \$104,500.

$$\text{Mean} = \$105,900$$

$$\text{Median} = \$105,000$$

$$\text{Mode} = \$104,500$$

Here

$$\text{Mean} > \text{Median} > \text{Mode}$$

$$\$105,900 > \$105,000 > \$104,500$$

So it is positively skewed.



⇒ Example :  
if a dataset have ;  
Mean = 20

Median = 20

Mode = 20

Here

Mean = Median = Mode

So  
it is symmetrically distributed dataset.

⇒ Example :

If a distribution has mean 1403, median 1460 & Mode 1487. What can you say about the skewness.

$$\text{Mean} = 1403$$

$$\text{Median} = 1460$$

$$\text{Mode} = 1487$$

The distribution is negatively skewed because,

$$\text{Mean} < \text{Median} < \text{Mode}$$

$$1403 < 1460 < 1487.$$

⇒ Example :

What can you say about skewness if :

$$\text{Mean} = 140$$

$$\text{Median} = 145$$

$$\text{Mode} = 148.5$$

The distribution is negatively skewed because,

$$\text{Mean} < \text{Median} < \text{Mode}$$

$$140 < 145 < 148.5$$

⇒ Example:

The mean, median & mode of the weekly income of women workers from a locality are 3133.33, 3020.01, 2804.35 respectively. Calculate skewness of the dist.

$$\text{Mean} = 3133.33$$

$$\text{Median} = 3020.01$$

$$\text{Mode} = 2804.35$$

The distribution is positively skewed because;

$$\text{Mean} > \text{Median} > \text{Mode}$$

$$3133.33 > 3020.01 > 2804.35$$

## → Moments:

→ The moments are defined as the average of different powers of deviations of observations from their mean.

## → Merits of Moments:

1. → Moments tell us about the mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis of dataset.

2. → From moments, we can find shape of any dataset.

Moments

Non-Central Moments.

Moments about mean (central Moments)

⇒ Central Moments:

$$\mu_r = \frac{\sum (x - M)^r}{N}$$

First Four moments about mean |

central moments are;

$$\mu_1 = \frac{\sum (x - M)^1}{N}$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{\sum (x - M)^2}{N}$$

$$\mu_3 = \frac{\sum (x - M)^3}{N}$$

$$\mu_4 = \frac{\sum (x - M)^4}{N}$$

→ Skewness (Moment Method):

The numerical measure that is used to know about the symmetry & skewness of dataset is  $\sqrt{\beta_1}$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{M_3}{\sqrt{M_2^3}}$$

If  $\sqrt{\beta_1} = 0 \rightarrow$  Symmetrical

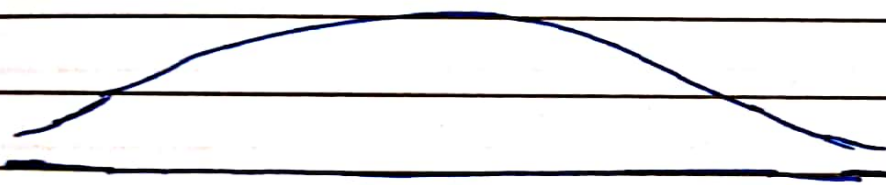
If  $\sqrt{\beta_1} > 0 \rightarrow$  Positively Skewed.

If  $\sqrt{\beta_1} < 0 \rightarrow$  Negatively Skewed.

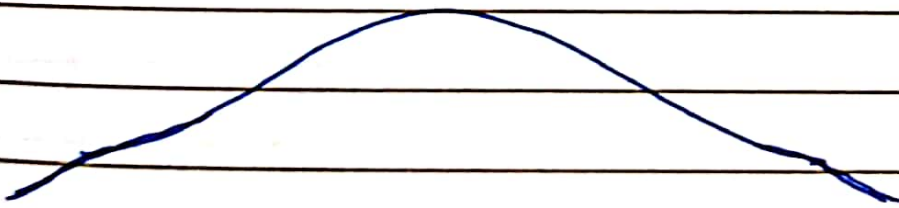
⇒ kurtosis :

kurtosis is defined as the degree of peakness or flatness.

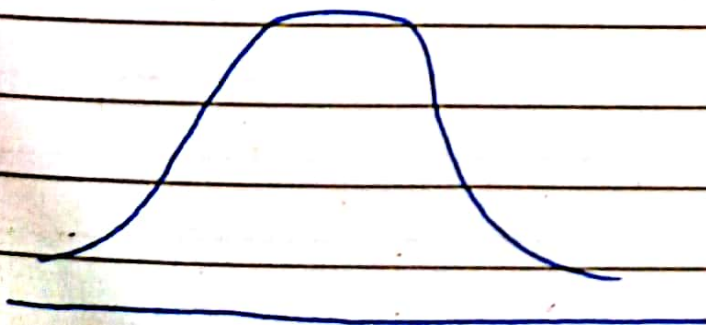
It indicates the length of the peakedness of symmetrical distribution. Symmetrical distribution may be platykurtic, mesokurtic or leptokurtic i.e.,



platykurtic  
(flat)

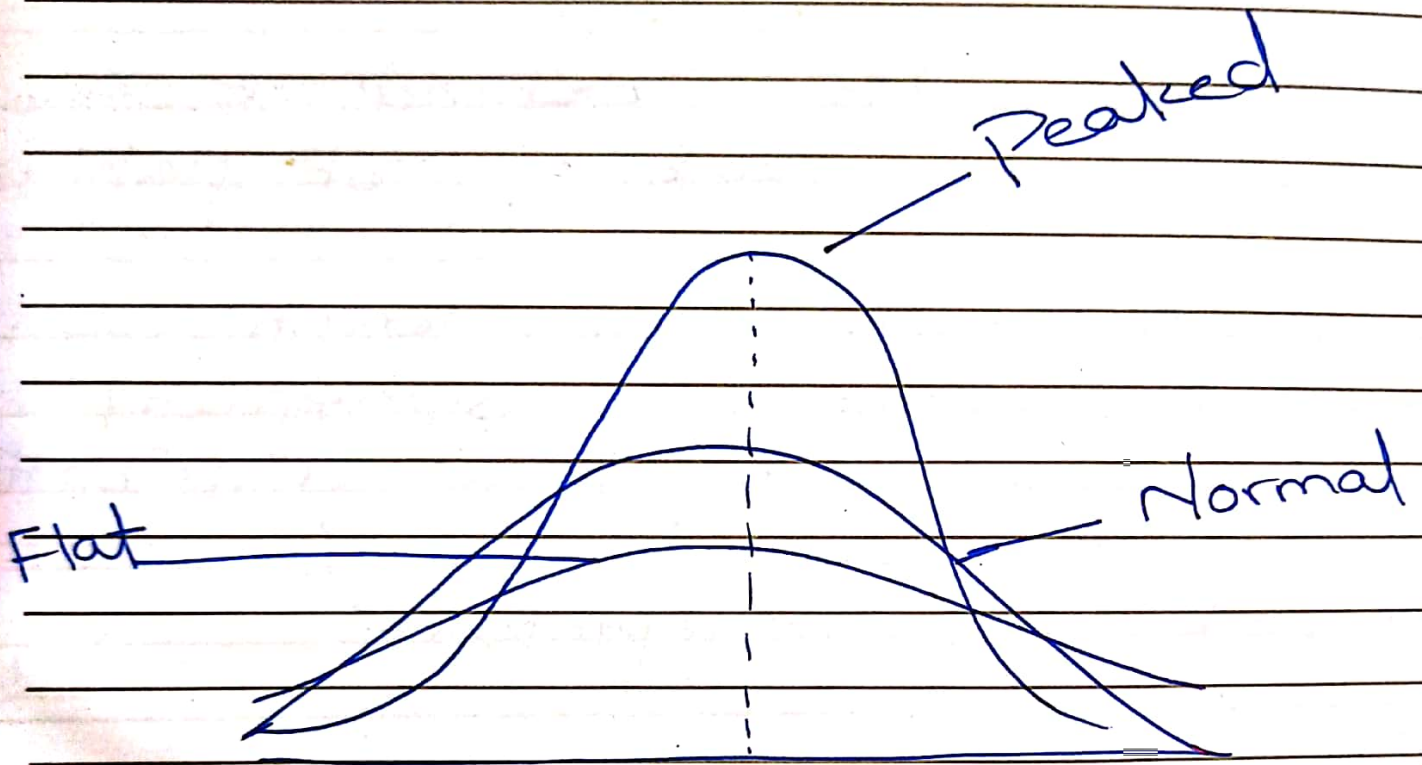


Mesokurtic  
(Normal)



Leptokurtic  
(Peaked)





⇒ Kurtosis (Moment Method):

The measure of kurtosis

based on moments is  $\beta_2$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$$

For  $\beta_2 = 3$  → Mesokurtic

For  $\beta_2 < 3$  → Platykurtic

For  $\beta_2 > 3$  → Leptokurtic

→ Example:

calculate first four moments about mean for the following set of marks obtained in the examination.

45, 32, 37, 46, 39, 36, 41, 48, & 36.

Also calculate  $\sqrt{\beta_1}$ .

$$\mu = \frac{\sum X}{N}$$

$$= \frac{45 + 32 + 37 + 46 + 39 + 36 + 41 + 48 + 36}{9}$$

$$\mu = 40$$

we know that:

$$\mu_1 = \frac{\sum (x - \mu)}{N}$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{\sum (x - \mu)^2}{N}$$

$$\mu_3 = \frac{\sum (x - \mu)^3}{N}$$

$$\mu_4 = \frac{\sum (x - \mu)^4}{N}$$

X	$x - M$	$(x - M)^2$	$(x - M)^3$	$(x - M)^4$
45	5	25	125	625
32	-8	64	-512	4096
37	-3	9	-27	81
46	6	36	216	1296
39	-1	1	-1	1
36	-4	16	-64	256
41	1	1	1	1
48	8	64	512	4096
36	-4	16	-64	256
	0	232	186	10708

$$\mu_1 = \frac{0}{9} = \boxed{0}$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{232}{9} = \boxed{25.78}$$

$$\mu_3 = \frac{186}{9} = \boxed{20.67}$$

$$\mu_4 = \frac{10708}{9} = \boxed{1189.78}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{M_3}{\sqrt{M_2^3}}$$

$$= \frac{20.67}{\sqrt{(25.78)^3}}$$

$$= \frac{20.67}{\sqrt{17133.60}}$$

$$= \frac{20.67}{130.8954}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = 0.16 > 0$$

Positively Skewed.

→ Example :

First four central moments are

0, 43.7220, 43.7407, 4363.0296

Find  $\sqrt{\beta_1}$

Here;

$$\mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = 43.7220$$

$$\mu_3 = 43.7407$$

$$\mu_4 = 4363.0296$$

So,

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{\mu_2^3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{43.7407}{\sqrt{(43.7220)^3}}$$

$$= \frac{43.7407}{\sqrt{83,579.556}}$$

$$= \frac{43.7407}{289.1013}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = 0.1513$$

As  $\sqrt{\beta_1} > 0$

∴ the given distribution is positively skewed.

⇒ Example:

First four central moments are;

0, 43.4988, 17.3354, 4131.1478

Find  $\sqrt{\beta_1}$  :

Here;

$$M_1 = 0$$

$$M_2 = 43.4988$$

$$M_3 = 17.3354$$

$$M_4 = 4131.1478$$

we know that;

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{M_3}{\sqrt{M_2^3}}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\beta_1} &= \frac{17.3354}{\sqrt{(43.4988)^3}} \\ &= \frac{17.3354}{\sqrt{82,306.0631}} \\ &= \frac{17.3354}{286.89}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = 0.0604 > 0$$

Positively Skewed.

→ Example:

First four moments about mean are 0, 11, 49, 192.

Find  $\sqrt{\beta_1}$

$$\mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = 11$$

$$\mu_3 = 49$$

$$\mu_4 = 192$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{\mu_2^3}} = \frac{49}{\sqrt{(11)^3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = 1.34$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} > 0$$

Positively Skewed.

⇒ Example:

First three moments about mean are: 0, 2.78, -1.03. What can you say about skewness?

$$\mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = 2.78$$

$$\mu_3 = -1.03$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{\mu_2^3}}$$

$$= \frac{-1.03}{\sqrt{(2.78)^3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = -0.22 < 0$$

Negatively Skewed

⇒ Example:

First three moments about mean are 0, 3 & 0. What can you say about skewness. Is the distribution symmetrical, positively skewed or negatively skewed?

$$\mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = 3$$

$$\mu_3 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{\mu_2^3}}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{3^3}} = 0$$

The distribution is symmetrical.

⇒ Example:

First four moments about mean are 0, 47, -105, 5621.

Find  $\beta_2$ .

$$\mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = 47$$

$$\mu_3 = -105$$

$$\mu_4 = 5621$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$$

$$= \frac{5621}{(47)^2}$$

$$\beta_2 = 2.54 < 3$$

Platy-kurtic.

→ Example:

First four moments about mean are, 0, 45.81, 43.74

9 4917.37. Find  $\beta_2$ .

$$M_1 = 0$$

$$M_2 = 45.81$$

$$M_3 = 43.74$$

$$M_4 = 4917.37$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{M_4}{(M_2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4917.37}{(45.81)^2} = 2.34 < 3$$

platykurtic.

⇒ Example:

For a dataset - the second and fourth moments about mean are 2.6364 & 28.30256.  
Find  $\beta_2$ .

$$M_2 = 2.6364$$

$$M_4 = 28.30256.$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{M_4}{M_2^2}$$

$$= \frac{28.30256}{(2.6364)^2}$$

$$\beta_2 = 4.07 > 3$$

Leptokurtic

⇒ First four moments about mean are 0, 73.91, -21.546 & 12110.94. Find out whether the distribution is leptokurtic or platykurtic.

$$\mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = 73.91$$

$$\mu_3 = -21.546$$

$$\mu_4 = 12110.94$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{12110.94}{(73.91)^2}$$

$$\boxed{\beta_2 = 2.22}$$

Since  $\beta_2 < 3$

The distribution is platykurtic.



→ Example:

Second moment about mean of two datasets are 9 & 16 while fourth moment about mean are 230 & 780 respectively. Find out which of the distribution is

i) platykurtic.

ii) leptokurtic.

Dataset 1	Dataset 2
$\mu_2 = 9$	$\mu_2 = 16$
$\mu_4 = 230$	$\mu_4 = 780$
$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$	$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{230}{(9)^2}$$

$$\beta_2 = 2.84$$

Since:

$$\beta_2 < 3$$

Therefore the dist.  
is platykurtic

$$\beta_2 = \frac{780}{(16)^2}$$

$$\beta_2 = 3.05$$

Since:

$$\beta_2 > 3$$

Therefore the  
dist. is leptokurtic

⇒ Example:

The second moment about mean of two datasets are 13.76 and 63.0 while the fourth moments about the mean are 528.06 and 9500 respectively. Which of the dist. is

a) platykurtic.

b) leptokurtic.

c) Mesokurtic.

Dataset 1:

$$\mu_2 = 13.76$$

$$\mu_4 = 528.06$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{528.06}{(13.76)^2}$$

$$\beta_2 = 2.79$$

$$\beta_2 < 3$$

Platy kurtic .

Dataset 2:

$$\mu_2 = 63.0$$

$$\mu_4 = 9500$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$$

$$= \frac{9500}{(63)^2}$$

$$\beta_2 = 2.39 < 3$$

Platy kurtic.

→ Example:

For a dataset

$$\mu_2 = 9$$

$$\mu_4 = 243$$

Find  $\beta_2$ .

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}$$

$$= \frac{243}{(9)^2}$$

$$= \frac{243}{81}$$

$$\beta_2 = 3 \Rightarrow \text{Mesokurtic}$$