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It's not always so simple. Sometimes the data "skews"





Mode Median Mean
POSITIVELY SKEWED DISTRIBUTION



Mean Median Mode NEGATIVELY SKEWED DISTRIBUTION

•skewed right

•positively skewed

The mean is to the right of the median.

Note that when the graph is considered "normal"

•skewed left

negatively skewed

The mean is to the left of the median.

then the mean, median, and mode are all the same.

Normal Curves

Center, i.e the *x*-value where the high point occurs Spread

The smaller the spread, the higher the peak What are these? Why is this you may wonder?



We will see how to calculate those shortly

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Note that the shaded region under *both* curves is 1

...just like the sum of all the relative frequencies 😳

We are going to use a calculator function that finds the area of the shaded region under a curve

Note that the area of the region is exactly 1

Now let's graph a normal curve with a wider spread

The second curve has a lower peak. Why?

Let's find the area.

So the wider the base the shorter the peak has to be to keep the area at 1

And the area under a normal curve must be 1. More on this in later chapters...



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