Recap

- (Ch 1) Visualizing data
  - Tables
  - Bar charts
  - Histograms
  - Conditional histograms
- (Ch 1) Summarizing data
  - Mean
  - Standard deviation
  - Variance

Today

- (Ch 1) More on visualizing and summarizing data
  - Standardizing data to look at its shape
  - Median and interquartile range
  - Box plots and outliers
  - Modes and skew
- (Ch 2) Visualizing and summarizing relationships in data
  - Time series data
  - Scatter plots
  - Correlation coefficient

Standard coordinates

- The mean tells where the data set is, and the standard deviation tells us how spread out it is, but what about its shape?
- Standardizing the data set shifts its mean to 0 and scales its standard deviation to 1.
- Given a data set $\{x\}$, we standardize it to the data set $\{\hat{x}\}$ as follows:

$$\hat{x}_i = \frac{x_i - \text{mean}(\{x_i\})}{\text{std}(\{x_i\})}$$

- We say $\{\hat{x}\}$ is in standard coordinates

Median → location parameter

- If there are an odd number of items,

  median = middle item when sorted

- If there are an even number of items,

  median = mean of the middle 2 items when sorted

- The median is also known as the 50th percentile

Properties of the median

- Scaling data scales the median

$$\text{median}(\{kx_i\}) = k\,\text{median}(\{x_i\})$$

- Translating data translates the median

$$\text{median}(\{x_i + c\}) = \text{median}(\{x_i\}) + c$$

Interquartile range

$$iqr = 75\text{th percentile} - 25\text{th percentile}$$

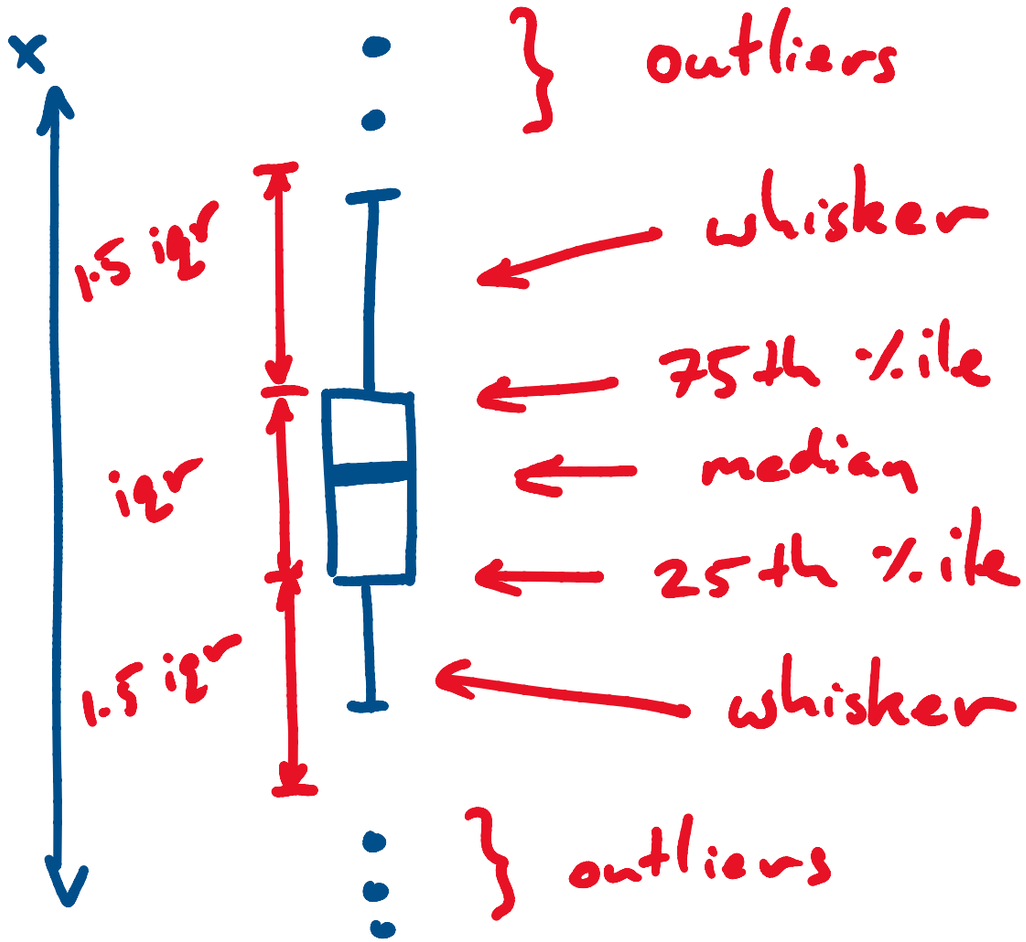
- Scaling data scales the interquartile range

$$iqr(\{kx_i\}) = |k|\, iqr(\{x_i\})$$

- Translating the data does **not** change the interquartile range

$$iqr(\{x_i + c\}) = iqr(\{x_i\})$$

Box plots



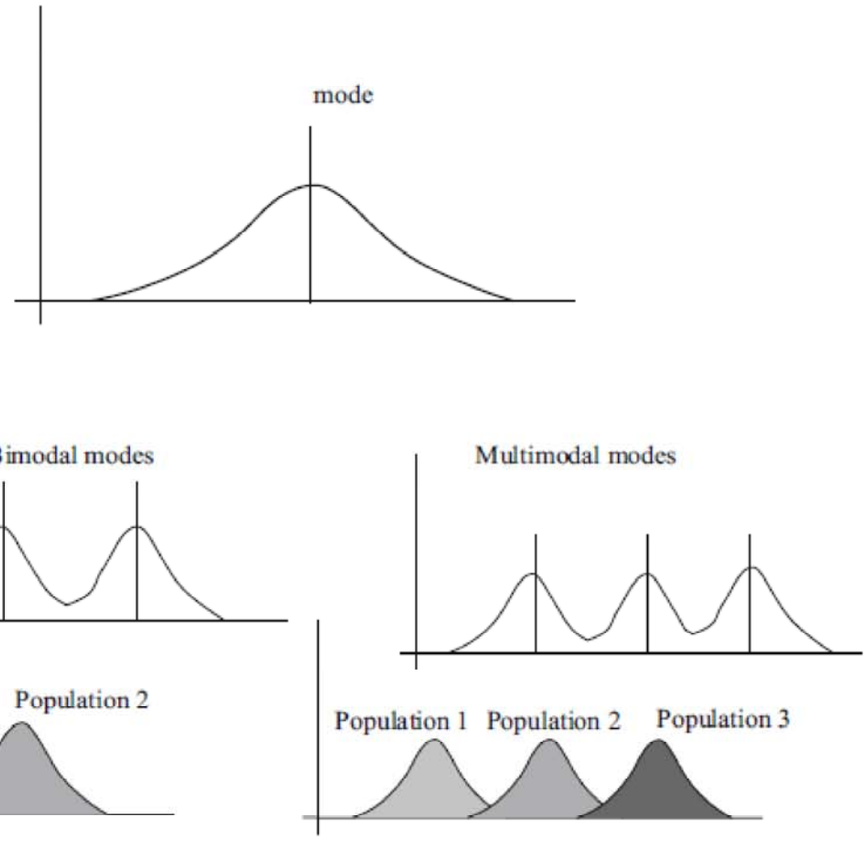
- Boxplots are useful in identifying outliers, but you have to be able to justify discarding those outliers from your data set

Sensitivity of summary statistics to outliers

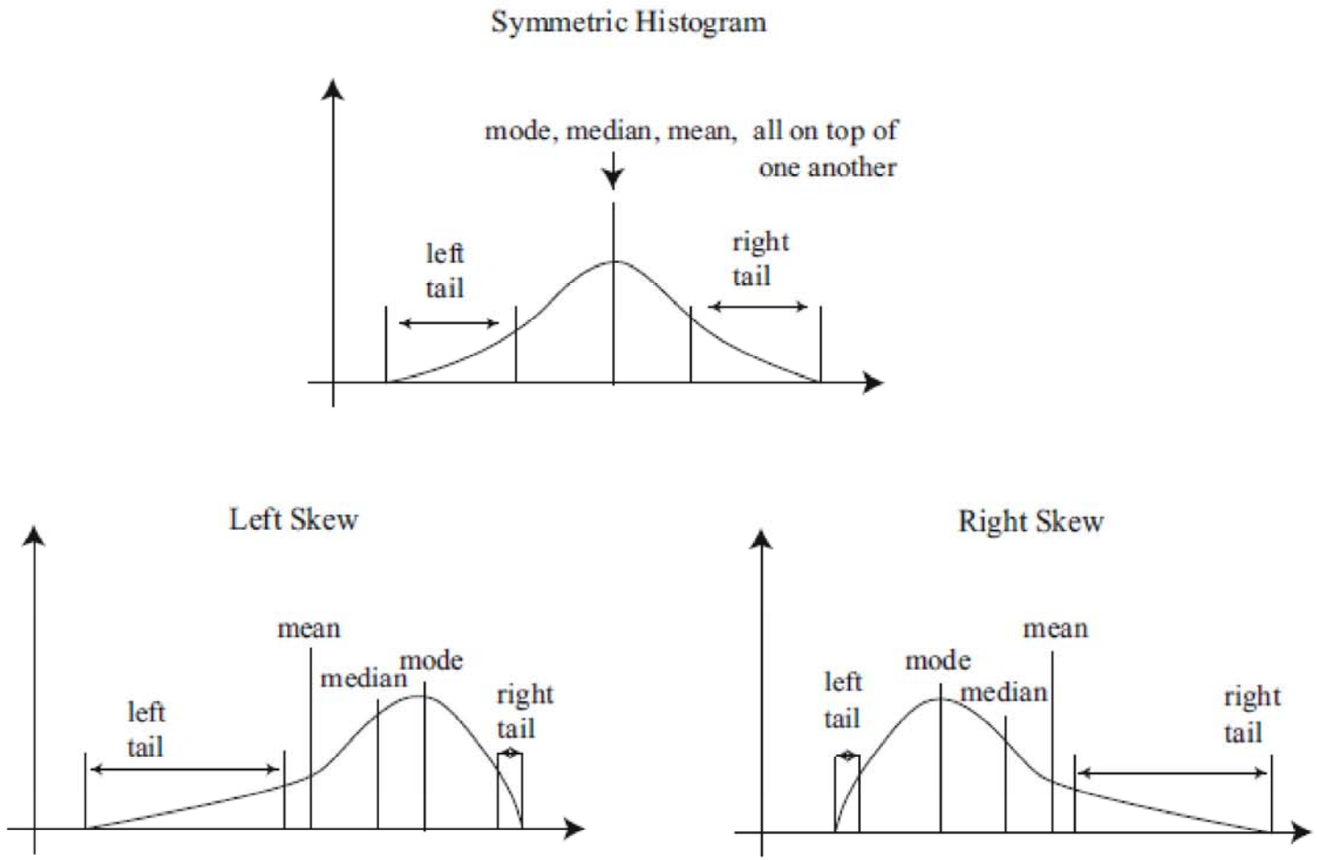
- Mean and standard deviation are very sensitive outliers
- Median and interquartile range are not sensitive to outliers

Modes

- Modes are peaks in a histogram
- If there is more than 1 mode, we should be curious as to why



Tails and skew



Ch 2: Looking at relationships in data

Python example: Stock prices of Fedex and UPS

- Time series data
- Standardization
- Scatter plots
- The correlation coefficient

Correlation, a rough idea

In a data set $\{(x, y)\}$ consisting of items $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_N, y_N)$

- we say x and y have **positive correlation** if
  - small x and small y tend to occur together
  - large x and large y tend to occur together
- we say x and y have **negative correlation** if
  - small x and large y tend to occur together
  - large x and small y tend to occur together
- we say x and y have **zero correlation** if
  - there is no tendency for x and y to be small together or large together

Correlation examples

- Lines of code in a codebase and number of bugs?

  positive correlation

- Body temperature and height?

  zero correlation

- GPA and hours spent playing video games?

  negative correlation

- Earnings and happiness?

  Who knows?