

## Ch. 2 - Measurement & Stats

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## Reminders

- Exercise 1
  - begin today, due Tuesday Sep 15th by 3pm
  - live help available Thursday @ discussion section
- Quiz 2 is open
  - Due before 3pm Thursday
- Participation credit - Zoom on Thursday
  - come prepared with a discussion question
  - a good question will...
    - relate 2 or more ideas
    - using specific page#s from notes or text

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$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N - 1}}$$

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## Measurement & Stats

- Why numbers?
- Distribution & Graphs : Histogram
- Central Tendency
- Mean, SoR, SSR, Variance, Standard Deviation
- In-class exercise
- Population vs. Sample
- Measurement Scales
- Precision vs. Accuracy
- Logic and Logical Fallacies Descriptive vs. Inferential Statistics
- Norms

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## Basic Statistics

- Why use numbers?
  - Pros:
    - convenient, succinct
    - universal
    - well-defined, repeatable
  - Cons:
    - precision vs. accuracy
    - numerical fallacy

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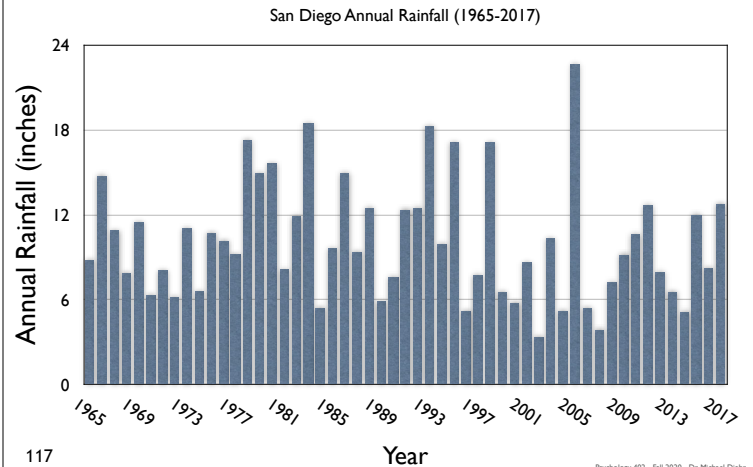
## Tabular Data

| Year | Rainfall (inches) |
|------|-------------------|
| 1965 | 8.81              |
| 1966 | 14.76             |
| 1967 | 10.86             |
| 1968 | 7.86              |
| 1969 | 11.48             |

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## Data Distributions



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## Histogram

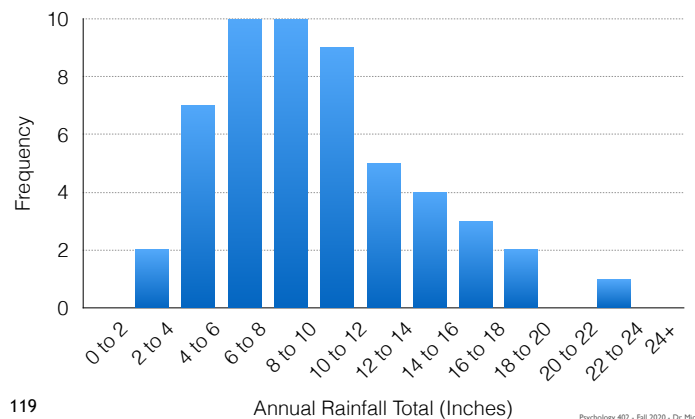
- Frequency Distribution
- Invented by Karl Pearson
- Shows data from *one* variable only
- Data is (often) collected into groups (“bins”)

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## Histogram

Frequency Distribution of San Diego Annual Rainfall 1965-2017



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## Describing Distributions

- Why? Large lists are inconvenient. Reduce many data points to a few numbers.
- Issue: Reducing data (“Degrees of freedom”) : throws away data.
- We are modeling our data using a simplification.
- “All models are wrong, some models are useful”
- Simple vs. Simplistic?

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## Descriptive Statistics

- Statistical Assumptions: When these are not met, weird things happen.
- Joe Smith is 6 feet tall, his child is 1 foot tall. Thus, the average height in the Smith household is 3.5 feet.
- If you are sitting in bar, and Bill Gates walks in, suddenly everyone in the bar is (on average) a multi-millionaire.

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## Alternative Notation

- Square Root (x)  $\text{sqrt}(X)$   $\sqrt{X}$   $\sqrt[2]{X}$
- X-Squared  $X^2$   $X^{**2}$   $X^2$
- Sum(x)  $X_1+X_2+X_3...$   $\sum_{i=1}^N x_i$   $\sum x$
- Mean  $M$   $\frac{\sum x}{N}$   $\bar{X}$

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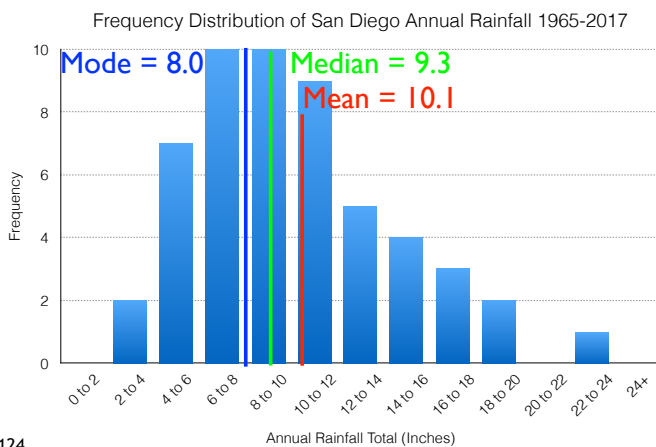
## Central Tendencies

- Values tend to cluster around a point.
- **Mean** : most common statistic, commonly referred to as the “average”. Formula  $\sum X / N$
- **Mode**: the most common value in a set
  - rare to use in statistics
- **Median**: the middle-most value in a set
  - the value at which half are above and half are below. Aka the 50th percentile.

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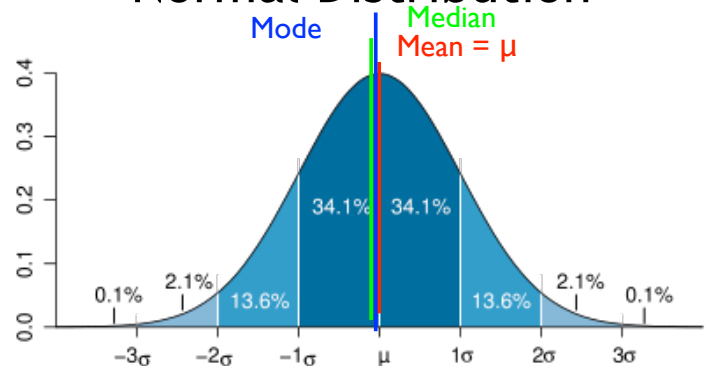
## Histogram



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## Normal Distribution

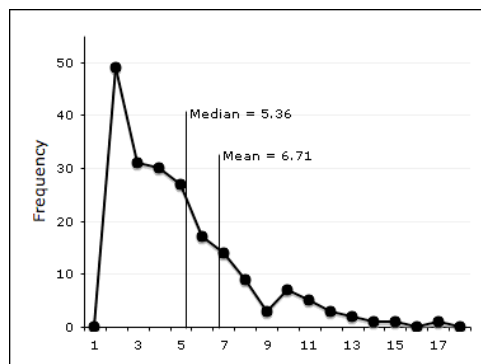


In a normal distribution, the mean, mode, and median are all the same

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## Skewed Distribution



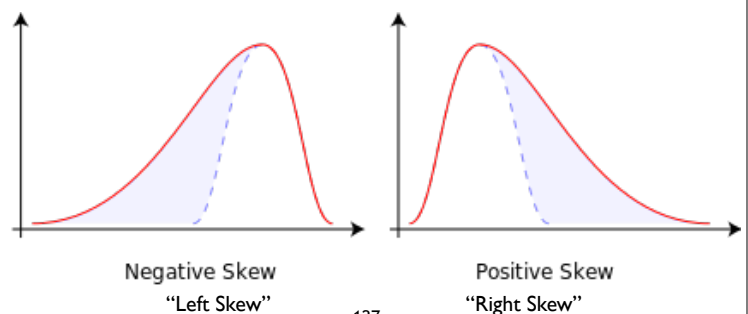
In a skewed distribution, the mean, mode, and median are all often different

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## Skew

- negative skew : fatter tail on the left
- positive skew : fatter tail on the right



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## Measures of Central Tendency 1

|               | Description             | Algorithm                      | Formula                                |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Mean</b>   | the “average”           | sum values, divide by N        | $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$ |
| <b>Median</b> | the “middle-most value” | sort values, find middle value | 50th percentile                        |
| <b>Mode</b>   | the “most common” value | find most frequent value       | ...                                    |

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## Measures of Central Tendency 2

| Behavior:     | Normal Distribution | Skewed Distribution          |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Mean</b>   | same                | overly affected by outliers  |
| <b>Median</b> | same                | fairly resistant to outliers |
| <b>Mode</b>   | same                | resistant to outliers        |

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## Measures of Dispersion 1

- Compare each measured value to the average
- “for a typical value, how far away is it from the mean”
- “Difference score” or “residual” can be calculated as the difference between the actual score and the mean. In other words,  $d_i = x_i - \bar{X}$
- Take the average (mean) of the difference scores.
- Average difference score =  $\text{Sum}(d) / N$

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## Average Difference Score

|             | Score (x) | Mean ( $\bar{X}$ ) | Difference $d = (x - \bar{X})$ |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
|             | 2         | 6                  | -4                             |
|             | 3         | 6                  | -3                             |
|             | 9         | 6                  | 3                              |
|             | 11        | 6                  | 5                              |
|             | 14        | 6                  | 8                              |
|             | 1         | 6                  | -5                             |
|             | 6         | 6                  | 0                              |
|             | 4         | 6                  | -2                             |
|             | 5         | 6                  | -1                             |
|             | 5         | 6                  | -1                             |
| <b>Sum</b>  | <b>60</b> | <b>60</b>          | <b>0</b>                       |
| <b>Mean</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>6</b>           | <b>0</b>                       |

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## Sum of Residuals

- Given N samples of x :  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_N$
- mean of x  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$
- residuals  $d_i = x_i - \bar{x}$
- Sum of Residuals is always zero

$$\sum_{i=1}^N d_i = 0$$

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## Sum of Residuals

- The “average difference score” score will *always* equal zero
- Solution:
  - Square the residuals *before* adding: removes the negative values.
  - “SSR” or Sum of Squared Residuals

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## SSR: Sum of Squared Residuals

- Given N samples of X:  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_N$

- mean of x 
$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{N}$$

- residuals 
$$d_i = x_i - \bar{x}$$

- Sum of Squared Residuals (SSR)

$$SSR = \sum_{i=1}^N (d_i)^2$$

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## Problems with SSR

- SSR depends on units of measurement:
  - a meter is 1000 millimeters, so SSR will be  $1000 \times 1000 =$  one million times higher when using meters vs. millimeters
- SSR depends on N (# of samples)
  - Doubling N will cause SSR to double (roughly)
- Therefore, SSR is hard to understand:
  - is SSR = 0.00342 high or low?
  - is SSR = 2343249 high or low?

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## Remove the influence of N

- The Sum of a set of values depends on the number (N) of values:
  - $\sum_{i=1}^N x_i$
- Take the average (mean)
  - this divides by N
  - removes the influence of N

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## Variance

- Problem: SSR depends on N
- Solution: Take the average of SSR to remove the influence of N
- The average of the squared residuals is called Variance ( $S^2$ )

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## Variance

- Variance =  $SSR/N$
- Variance = mean of squared residuals

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (d_i)^2}{N}$$

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N}$$

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## Problems with Variance

- Units are squared:
  - measuring height in meters?  
variance is  $\text{meters}^2$
  - measuring # of cupcakes eaten?  
variance is  $(\text{\# of cupcakes eaten})^2$
- Won't someone rid me of these meddlesome squared units?

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## Standard Deviation

- Improving on Variance:
- The square root of Variance ( $S^2$ ) gives  $S$ , which is called “Standard Deviation”.
- Also abbreviated SD, StdDev or  $\sigma$  (Greek letter sigma)
- SD : easier to understand because it’s in the same units as your measurement.
- SD is a unique property of the normal distribution -- given a mean and a SD you have uniquely specified the distribution

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## Standard Deviation

- SD = Square root of Variance

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (d_i)^2}{N}}$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{N}}$$

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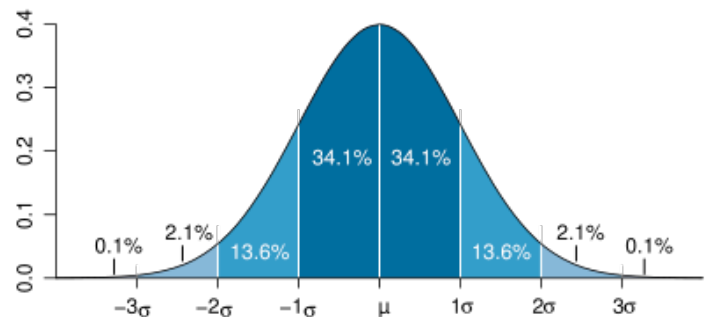
## Standard Deviation

- can be thought of as the “average deviation”
- (but it’s not literally average deviation, since we showed earlier the average difference score is always Zero)
- Technically:
  - (in a normal distribution) scores will be within plus or minus 1 SD about 68% of the time

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## Normal Distribution

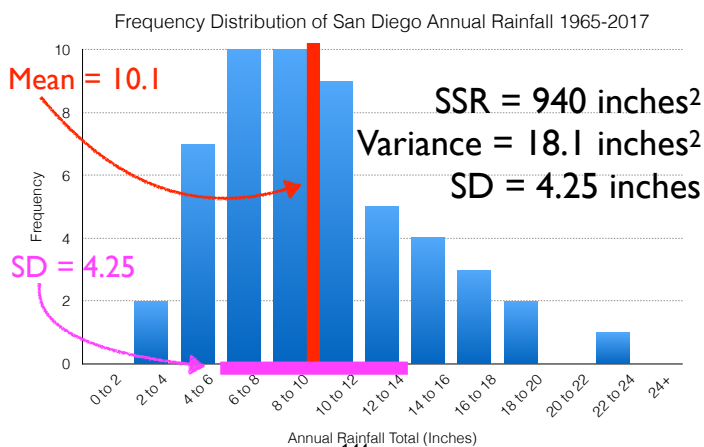


In a normal distribution, about 68.2% of values fall within  $\pm 1$  SD

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## SSR, Variance and SD



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## Central Limit Theorem

- No matter the shape of the Population distribution, if you take enough (\*) samples of the mean, the distribution of your samples of the mean will have a Normal distribution
- Central Limit Theorem Exercise (Javascript)
- This fact makes our life easy: Many statistics assume a normal distribution. The CLT provides us a normal distribution in most cases, even when the population data is skewed

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## Exercise: normal distribution

- Roll one 10-sided die 10 times and record the results
- Prediction
  - Your Distribution: Uniform (flat)
  - Mean : 4.5
  - Class Distribution: ???
- hint: What is N? # die rolls, # of students?
- List and Graph results
- Does the distribution look normal?
  - if so, why?

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## Exercise I: Die Rolls

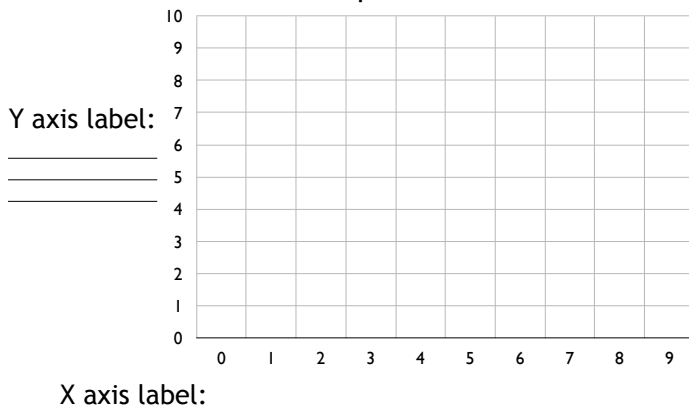
| X | M | d = (x <sub>i</sub> - M) | (residual) <sup>2</sup> |
|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 | 3 | -1                       | 1                       |
| 3 | 3 |                          |                         |
| 5 | 3 |                          |                         |
| 2 | 3 |                          |                         |

| N | M = $\bar{X}$ | $\Sigma$ Residuals | $\Sigma$ (residual) <sup>2</sup> | $\frac{\Sigma (\text{residual}^2)}{N-1}$ | $SS^2$ |
|---|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------|
|   | 3             |                    |                                  |  |        |

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### Graph:



Caption: \_\_\_\_\_

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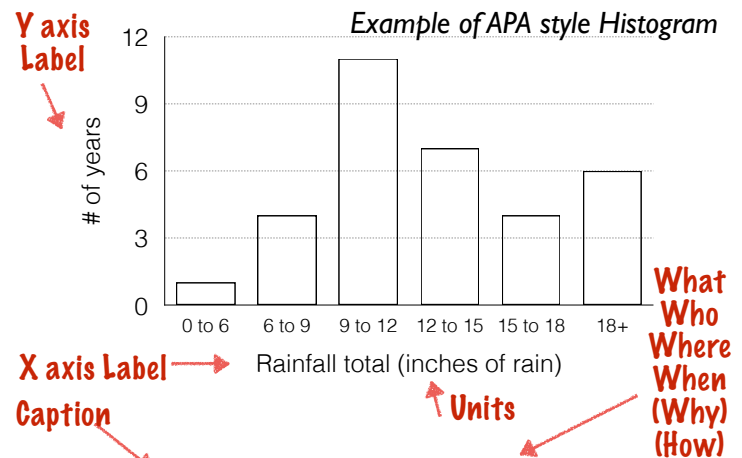


Figure 1: Frequency Distribution of annual Rainfall in San Diego for the years 1970-2002, measured at Lindberg Airport, by water year (October-September). Note the somewhat bi-modal distribution, with both 9 to 12 and 18 or more inches being most common.

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## Exercise: normal distribution 2

- Compute Mean ( $\bar{X}$ ) - is it near 4.5?
- Compute residuals
- Compute sum of residuals -- do they add to zero?
- Compute squared residuals
- Compute Sum of squared residuals (SSR)
- Divide SSR by (N-1) - this is Variance or ( $S^2$ )
- Take square root of variance - this is S or Standard Deviation
- For this exercise, SD should be near 2.8

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## Intermission

- End of Part 1
- Take a break
- Good time to start working on Exercise 1
  - bring questions to Thursday discussion
- Participation credit - Zoom on Thursday
  - come prepared with a discussion question
  - good questions will...
    - relate 2 or more ideas
    - using specific page#s from notes or text

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## Ch. 2 - Part 2

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## Reminders

- Add/Drop day Friday - Switch Sections?
- This is a 3 part lecture - each part about 90 minutes long. Take breaks & pace yourself.
- Part 3 extends into next week
- Readings: Ch. 2 of “K” textbook, finish Ch. 1 and 2 of “G” book (Mismeasure of Man)
- Exercise 1
  - finish Part 1 and Part 2 first.

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## Review - Stats

- Why Numbers?
  - pros
  - cons
- Distributions
  - Tables
  - Graphs

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## Review - Descriptives

- Frequency Distribution aka Histogram
  - graphically shows data
- Central Tendency
  - mean, median, mode
- Dispersion or Variation
  - residual
  - sum of residuals = 0
  - sum of squared residuals > 0
  - $SSR/N = \text{Variance}$
  - $\text{Sqrt}(\text{Variance}) = \text{Standard Deviation}$

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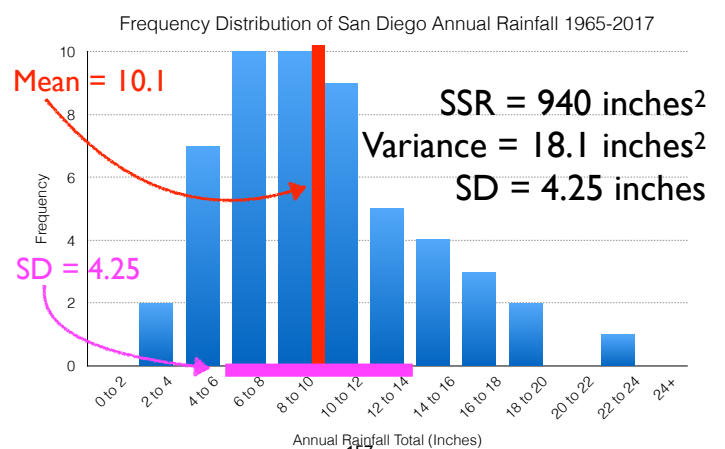
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## Frequency Distributions

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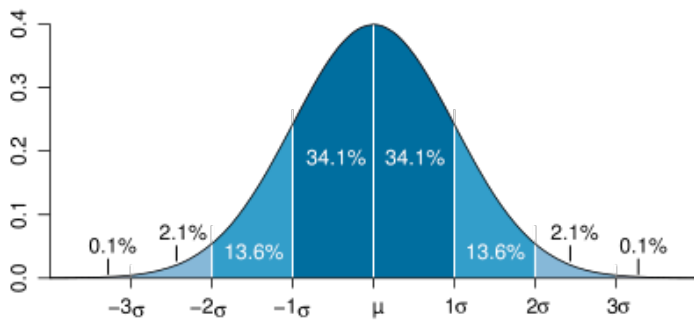
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## Review : Distributions



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## Standard Deviation

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## Exercise: key points

- Some events (such as the roll of a die) have a flat (or 'uniform') distribution, but these are rare.
- Many big events are composed of many small events.
- Events in the real world often are distributed in a (nearly) normal distribution
- Assuming a normal distribution, the easiest way to describe the data is by two factors: Mean and SD.

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## Types of Statistics

- Descriptive:
  - Goal: help you describe the data
  - reduce the amount of data necessary for understanding
  - don't draw conclusions -- "just the facts"
- Inferential:
  - Goal: draw conclusions from your sample to the larger data set (population)

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## Measurement Scales

- Nominal
- Ordinal
- Interval
- Ratio

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## Nominal Scale

- Nominal: Name or ID only
  - red, blue, green....
  - john, tony, fred...
  - Sci2-243, Sci2-245...
- does not signify Ordering, Ranking, or More/Less
- Gotcha: even if used with Numbers it may be still a Nominal.
- Example: colors, names, room numbers, ID numbers

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## Ordinal Scale

- Ordinal : ordering
  - first, second, third....
  - 1, 2, 3...
  - A, B, C...
- signifies Order, but can't assume distance between items is the same, e.g. the difference between an A and a B may be much different than a B and a C
- Example: Class Rank, Assignment Grade, Product Ratings

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## Interval Scale

- Interval: specifies orders AND inter-item distance
  - -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3.... 100, 105, 115
  - the difference between two numbers IS the same, e.g. 100 to 105 should be the same amount as 105 to 110
  - Does NOT have an absolute zero.
- Example: temperature in Degrees Fahrenheit

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## Ratio Scale

- Ratio: specifies orders AND inter-item distance and has absolute zero
  - 0, 1, 2, 3.... 100, 105, 115
  - the difference between two numbers IS the same, e.g. 100 to 105 should be the same amount as 105 to 110
  - Does have an absolute zero.
- Example: temperature in Degrees Kelvin

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## Measurement Scales

|          | Magnitude | Equal Intervals | Absolute Zero |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| Nominal  |           |                 |               |
| Ordinal  | ✓         |                 |               |
| Interval | ✓         | ✓               |               |
| Ratio    | ✓         | ✓               | ✓             |

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## Scales: Practical Info

- Nominal Scale: common
  - common stats: Count, Frequency, Mode
- Ordinal Scale: less common
  - stats: specialized "nonparametric" techniques required
- Ratio and Interval: common
  - Often can be treated identically with same statistical techniques

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## Descriptive Statistics

- Count (N)
- Range (minimum, maximum)
- Frequency Distribution (histogram)
- Rank order, percentile (%ile)
- Central Tendency
  - Mean
  - Median
  - Mode
- Variation / Dispersion (Variance, Standard Deviation)

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## Population vs. Sample

- Ideally, measure *everyone* to get the exact value (*Population parameter*)
- Practically, this is impossible.
- Take samples instead, and calculate the *Sample statistic*.
- The “Law of Large Numbers”, “Sampling Theory”, “Central Limit Theorem” makes life easier
- [Central Limit Theorem Exercise \(Javascript\)](#)
- Some formulas differ for *Population* vs. *Sample* (divide by N or divide by N-1 ?)

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## Population v. Sample

|                       | Population              | Sample                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Definition</b>     | the entire set of items | the actual subset you measured |
| <b>Descriptives</b>   | “Parameters”            | “Statistics”                   |
| <b>Symbols</b>        | Greek                   | Roman                          |
| <b>Mean</b>           | $\mu$                   | $\bar{x}$                      |
| <b>Std. Deviation</b> | $\sigma$                | S                              |
| <b>Variance</b>       | $\sigma^2$              | $S^2$                          |
| <i>Divide by</i>      | N                       | N-1                            |

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## Law of Large Numbers

- If you take enough\* samples, the sample mean approaches the population mean.
- Example: a coin has two sides. If heads=1 and tails = 0, then the average expected result is exactly 50% Heads (0.5) in the long run.
- However, if you flip a coin just a few times, getting exactly 0.5 is not likely.
- The LLN states that you will if you take enough samples.

\* what is “enough”? Rule of thumb : 100.

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## LLN Demonstration

- Law of Large Numbers
- [Demonstration with Coin Flips](#)

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## Logical Fallacies

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# Reification Fallacy

- To Reify - to make something more concrete or real
- Examples:
  - “An A student”
  - “High IQ”
  - “Top of the class”
  - “A F Grade”

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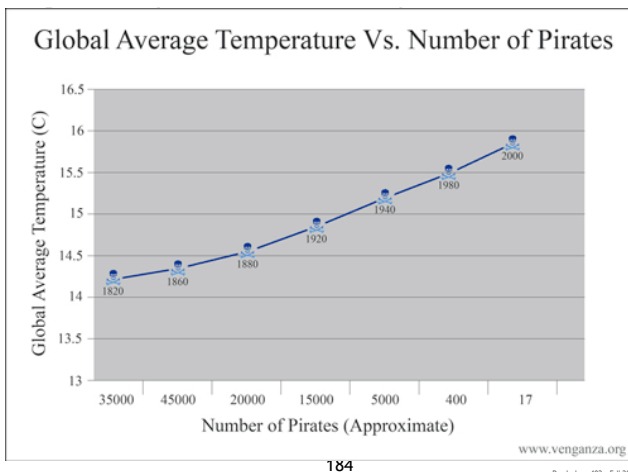
# Ranking Fallacy

- Reducing a complex phenomenon (e.g. intelligence), giving it a single number (reification) and then ordering based on that number
- Examples:
  - A IQ of 93 is better than an IQ of 90
  - An income of \$50,000 is better than \$45,000

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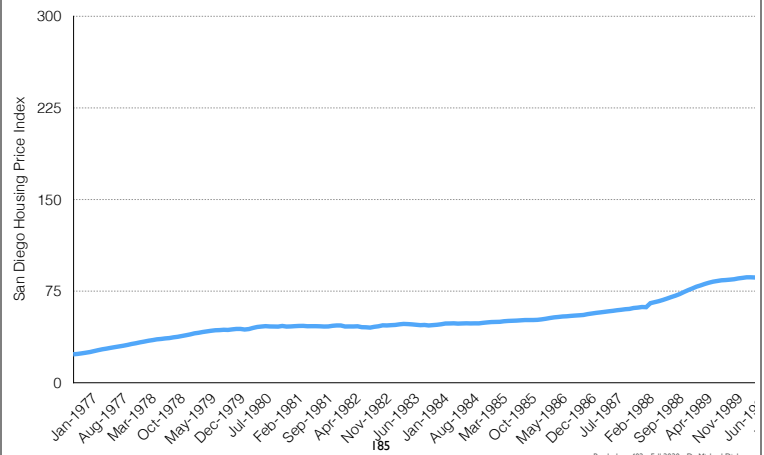
# Correlation = Causation



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# Hasty Generalization



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# Other Fallacies

- Begging the question -- circular argument
- Correlation implies causation
- Post hoc ergo propter hoc (*after* this, therefore *because* of this)
- Appeal to Authority
- Ad-hominem
- Straw Man
- False Dilemma

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# Significant Figures

- “digits of precision” or “sig. fig.”
- Ignoring *leading zeros*, how many digits in the measurement?
  - 00123 has 3 sig. fig.
  - 12003 has 5 sig fig
  - -9.87 has 3 sig fig
  - 0.000987 has 3 sig. fig.
  - 12.1 has 3 sig. fig.
  - 12.0 has 3 sig. fig.
- Please use 3 sig fig for this class
- Note: not the same as “decimal places”

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## Precision vs. Accuracy

- Precision : the level of detail a measurement is made with, often specified with an error-range
  - “about 6 feet plus or minus 1 foot” vs. “6 foot 11 inches plus or minus 1 inch”
- Accuracy: how close the measured value is to the actual value, does it “hit the target”
  - Think arrow vs. shotgun
- A number can be precise and accurate, precise but inaccurate, or accurate but imprecise.

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## Precision Fallacy

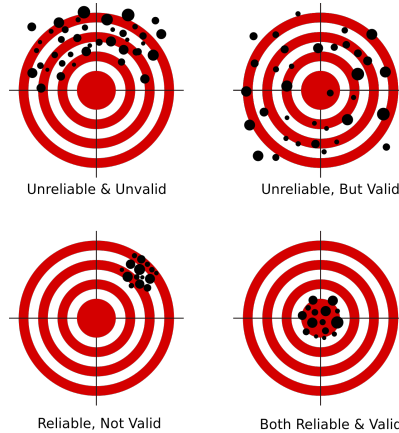
- A number that is *precise* may seem to be *accurate* when it is not
- A measurement that is *reliable* may seem to have *validity* when it does not

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## Precision vs. Accuracy

- Target shooting analogy
- Similar to Reliability vs. Validity



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## Fallacies re: Probability

- Classical
- Gambler's Fallacy
- Bayesian Reasoning

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## 9 Heads in a row

- You are flipping a coin, and get 9 heads in a row  
H H H H H H H H H
- What is the % chance the next flip will be a H ?
- Three common answers:
  - 50/50
  - more likely Heads
  - more likely Tails

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## 9 Heads: Classical Inference

- Coin flips are independent 50/50 events, therefore 50% : Logical/Statistical
- This is the \*correct\* answer for a fair coin

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## LLN Demonstration

- Law of Large Numbers
- Demonstration with Coin Flips

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## 9 Heads: Gambler's Fallacy

- Coin flips are independent 50/50 events, but we just saw 9/10 heads, therefore a Tail is "due"
- This is the "Gambler's Fallacy" and one reason Casinos make tons of money. The reasoning is faulty.
- Note: when dealing with draws w/o replacement, this logic is \*correct\*. For example, a single-card blackjack deck -- if no face cards have come up after 30 cards, then face cards are due

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## 9 Heads: Bayesian Statistics

- Coin flips are supposed to be 50/50 events, but we just saw 9/10 heads, therefore the data is telling us that perhaps this is not a fair coin.
- Bayes' theorem suggests you evaluate the prior probabilities in determining future behavior
- In this case, you'd conclude that Head is more likely on the next flip

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## Cognitive Biases of Discrimination

- Which cognitive biases (logical fallacies) are involved in racism, sexism and other bigoted beliefs?

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## Intermission

- End of Part 2

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## Ch. 2 - Part 3

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## Reminders

- Finish Chapter 2 Lecture
- Z-Score Exercise (optional, for practice, not for points)
- Exercise 1 was due Tuesday - submit it late for reduced credit

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## Review - History

- Themes
  - 18th-19th century
  - 19th-20th century
- Theories of Human Development
  - Creationism
  - Polygenism
  - Evolution
  - Genetics
- Controversy
  - IQ testing of various groups

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## Louis Agassiz

- Swiss-born, European-trained biologist / geologist
- Came to Harvard in 1847
- Creationist -> Polygenist
- Taxonomist
- Resisted Darwin's theory of Evolution
- d. 1873

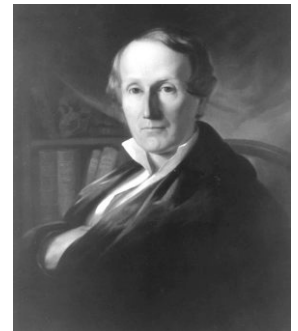


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## Review: Samuel George Morton

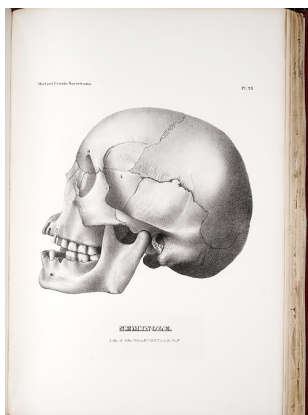
- Theory of Polygenism
  - Humans are composed of different species, created by god
- Craniometry
- Biological Determinism
- "Scientific Racism"
- The "American School"
- d. 1851



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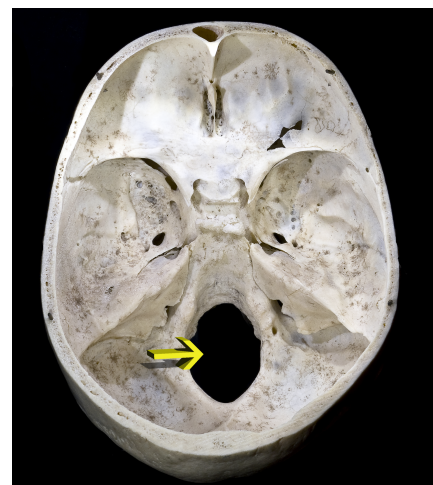
## Crania Americana



Samuel George Morton  
1839

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## Foramen Magnum



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## Morton's Data as printed

| Race      | N   | Cranial Volume Mean |
|-----------|-----|---------------------|
| Caucasian | 52  | 87                  |
| Mongolian | 10  | 83                  |
| American  | 144 | 82                  |
| Malay     | 18  | 81                  |
| Ethiopian | 29  | 78                  |

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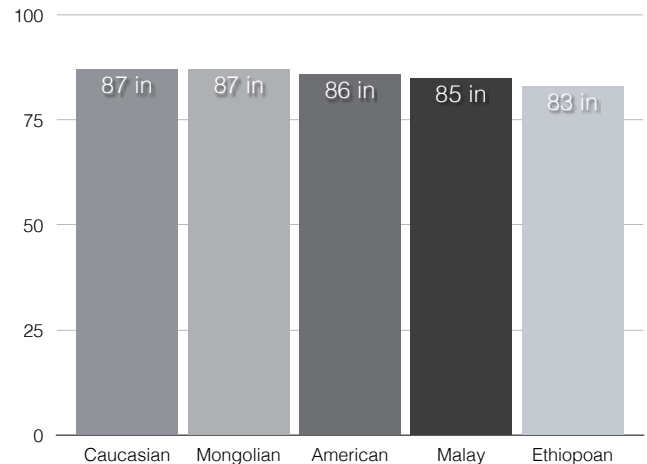
## Data, corrected

| Race      | Mean (Morton) | Mean (corrected) |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| Caucasian | 87            | 87               |
| Mongolian | 83            | 87               |
| American  | 82            | 86               |
| Malay     | 81            | 85               |
| Ethiopian | 78            | 83               |

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## Corrected



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## Seed vs. Shot

| Race      | Difference (seed - shot) |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Caucasian | 1.8                      |
| Mongolian | n/a                      |
| American  | 2.2                      |
| Malay     | n/a                      |
| Ethiopian | 5.4                      |

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## Morton's errors

- Fundamental arithmetic errors
- Data selection errors
- Failure to measure or control for external variables (biological sex, body size, etc.)
- Basic Statistical errors (averaging measurements from unequal size subgroups)
- The racist thumb press?
- Is he a liar? Conscious or subconscious?

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## Internal vs. External Validity

- Internal Validity - how did it work?
  - were the methods good
  - did the IV cause the DV
- External Validity - what does it mean?
  - does skull size indicate IQ?
  - does IQ indicate personal worth?

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## Is skull size related to IQ?

- Yes. No. Maybe? Probably not much.
- Correlation between IQ and brain size:  $R = 0.24$  (Pietschnig, 2015)
- $R^2 = \sim 6\%$  which means 94% of variance is *not explained*
- Thus, observed 3-4 cubic inch difference between the races would account for, *at most*, a 2-3 point IQ difference.
- But... men have  $\sim 10\%$  larger brains than women, but do not show higher IQ (more on this later)

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## Review

- Frequency Distribution aka Histogram
- Normal Curve
  - CLT, Mean (SD)
- Law of Large Numbers
- Scales of Measurement
- Population vs. Sample
- Logical Fallacies
  - Precision vs. Accuracy
    - Reliability vs. Validity
  - Gambler's Fallacy

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## Comparing Scores

- Compare a single score to the population
- One way: difference scores
- Problem: Is a difference of "3" big or little? On a 100 point test it's not very large, but on a 10 point test it's the difference between an A and a C

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## Comparing Scores

- Desire a system independent of the raw score units (just like letter grades)
- Two methods:
  - Ranks & Percentile Ranks...
  - Standard Scores...

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## Ranks, Percentiles

- Given a distribution of scores, and a single score
- **Rank** = the item # of the single score when sorted high to low
- **Percentile Rank** = the % of scores which are lower than the given score
- **Percentile** = the score at which a given percent of scores are below a given score
- Note: "Percentile" often used informally to mean "Percentile Rank"

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## Rank & Percentile

- Infant mortality per 1000 live births
- Sorted low to high

Old slide -  
From textbook  
please ignore

| Country    | Score |
|------------|-------|
| Sweden     | 2.4   |
| Japan      | 3.4   |
| France     | 4.5   |
| USA        | 7.5   |
| Colombia   | 20.4  |
| China      | 37.9  |
| Bolivia    | 66.4  |
| Ethiopia   | 142.6 |
| Mozambique | 148.6 |
| Zambia     | 168.1 |

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## Rank & Percentile

- Coronavirus Deaths
- Total deaths, per million people
- Sort low to high

| Country    | Score |
|------------|-------|
| Mozambique | 0.9   |
| China      | 3.0   |
| Ethiopia   | 8.0   |
| Japan      | 11.0  |
| Zambia     | 16.0  |
| Colombia   | 424.0 |
| France     | 471.0 |
| Sweden     | 577.0 |
| USA        | 584.0 |
| Bolivia    | 599.0 |

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## Rank & Percentile

- Determine Rank #

| Country    | Score | Rank |
|------------|-------|------|
| Mozambique | 0.9   | 1    |
| China      | 3.0   | 2    |
| Ethiopia   | 8.0   | 3    |
| Japan      | 11.0  | 4    |
| Zambia     | 16.0  | 5    |
| Colombia   | 424.0 | 6    |
| France     | 471.0 | 7    |
| Sweden     | 577.0 | 8    |
| USA        | 584.0 | 9    |
| Bolivia    | 599.0 | 10   |

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## Percentile Rank

Percentile Rank  
= # of cases with  
worse value  
divided by # of  
cases

e.g. France is 7th  
of 10 (it has 3  
cases with worse  
values)  
 $3 / 10 = 30\%$   
percentile rank

| Country    | Score | Rank | %ile Rank |
|------------|-------|------|-----------|
| Mozambique | 0.9   | 1    | 90        |
| China      | 3.0   | 2    | 80        |
| Ethiopia   | 8.0   | 3    | 70        |
| Japan      | 11.0  | 4    | 60        |
| Zambia     | 16.0  | 5    | 50        |
| Colombia   | 424.0 | 6    | 40        |
| France     | 471.0 | 7    | 30        |
| Sweden     | 577.0 | 8    | 20        |
| USA        | 584.0 | 9    | 10        |
| Bolivia    | 599.0 | 10   | 0         |

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## Standard Scores 2

- Use the mean and standard deviation as points of reference.
- Standard score : distance from the mean, scaled by standard deviation
- Not affected by raw score units.
- Different standard scores mean the same thing, but are expressed differently.
  - just like how 1.0 and 100% mean the same thing
- Unfortunately, there are several different Standard Score systems!

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## Z-score

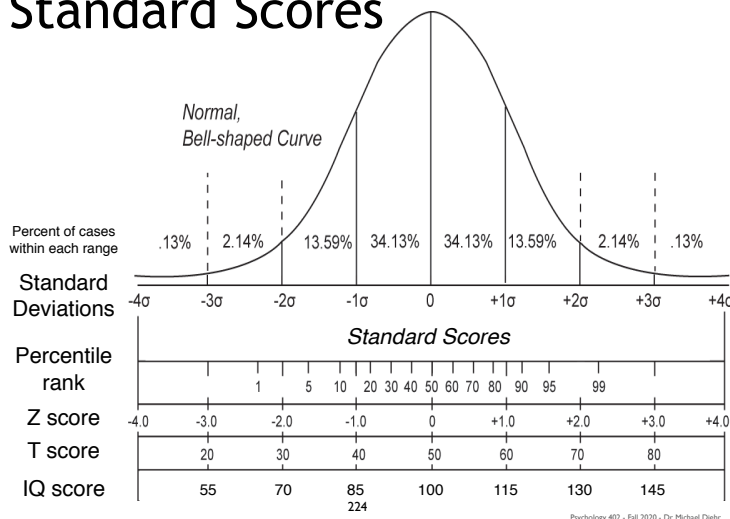
- A Z score is the # of standard deviations above (+) or below (-) the mean of a single measurement.
- Algorithm: given a single score ( $X_i$ ), subtract the mean  $M$ , divide by the standard deviation  $S$
- Formula
  - $Z = (X - M) / SD$

$$Z_i = \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{S}$$

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# Standard Scores



# Standard Scores: Z, T, IQ

|                       | Z scores | T scores            | IQ scores            |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Mean                  | 0        | 50                  | 100                  |
| SD                    | 1        | 10                  | 15                   |
| Example: top 3%       |          |                     |                      |
| Example: top 1%       |          |                     |                      |
| Formula: from Z Score | Z        | $(Z \cdot 10) + 50$ | $(Z \cdot 15) + 100$ |

| z-Score<br>$(x - \bar{x})/s$ | T-Score<br>$10z + 50$ | Wechsler IQ<br>$(15z + 100)$ | Percentile Rank |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 3.0                          | 80                    | 145                          | 99.9            |
| 2.9                          | 79                    | 144                          | 99.8            |
| 2.8                          | 78                    | 142                          | 99.7            |
| 2.7                          | 77                    | 141                          | 99.6            |
| 2.6                          | 76                    | 139                          | 99.5            |
| 2.5                          | 75                    | 138                          | 99.4            |
| 2.4                          | 74                    | 136                          | 99.2            |
| 2.3                          | 73                    | 135                          | 98.9            |
| 2.2                          | 72                    | 133                          | 98.6            |
| 2.1                          | 71                    | 132                          | 98.2            |
| 2.0                          | 70                    | 130                          | 97.7            |
| 1.9                          | 69                    | 129                          | 97.1            |

## Norms 1

- Standard Scores provide us with a way of describing how a particular score relates to others in the population.
- Describing how an individual score relates to the population, which we assume are “normal”.
- Terms “normative data” and “norms”
- Key questions: What is the normative group? What features or factors of the group may affect scores?

## Norms 2

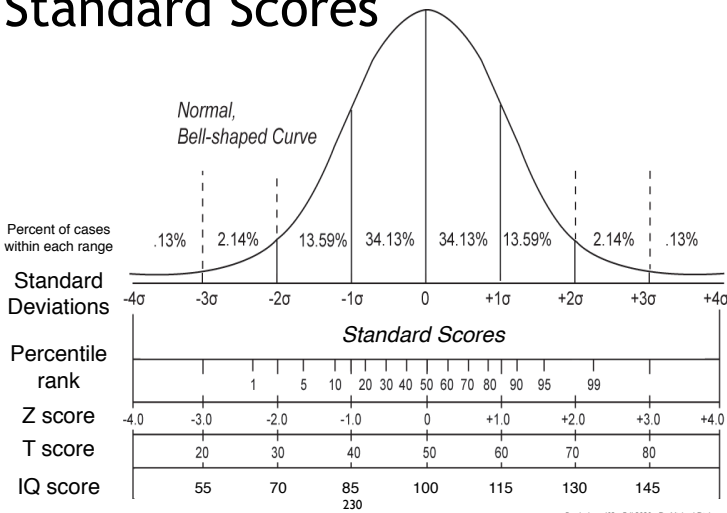
- “norm-referenced” tests vs. “criterion-referenced” tests.  
Example: an 85 year old in excellent shape could be in the top 5% of his class for firefighting ability, but this may still be a “failing” grade.
- Common factors that may matter:
- Gender, Age, Education, Ethnicity/Race, Language, Handedness, Height, Weight...

## Z-score Exercise

- This is for practice, not graded for points
- PDF is on class website



# Standard Scores



# Standard Scores: Z, T, IQ

|                                 | Z scores | T scores  | IQ scores  |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Mean                            | 0        | 50        | 100        |
| SD                              | 1        | 10        | 15         |
| Example: top 3%                 | 1.9      |           |            |
| Example: top 1%                 | 2.4      |           |            |
| Formula to convert from Z Score | Z        | (Z*10)+50 | (Z*15)+100 |

# Intermission

- End of Part 3
- End of Chapter 2 Lecture