

Lec 1

General Review of Basic Statistic

Mean, Variance and Standard Deviation

For a one-dimensional variable X_i

where

$$X_i = [X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n]$$

i : can be expressed as time or space index.

* The Mean of a certain Data is

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Mean is the average of Data (Numbers)

where which calculate the "Central" value of a set of data.

Variance: Second moment about the mean.

$$\text{Var} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$$

Standard Deviation: or (Average error)

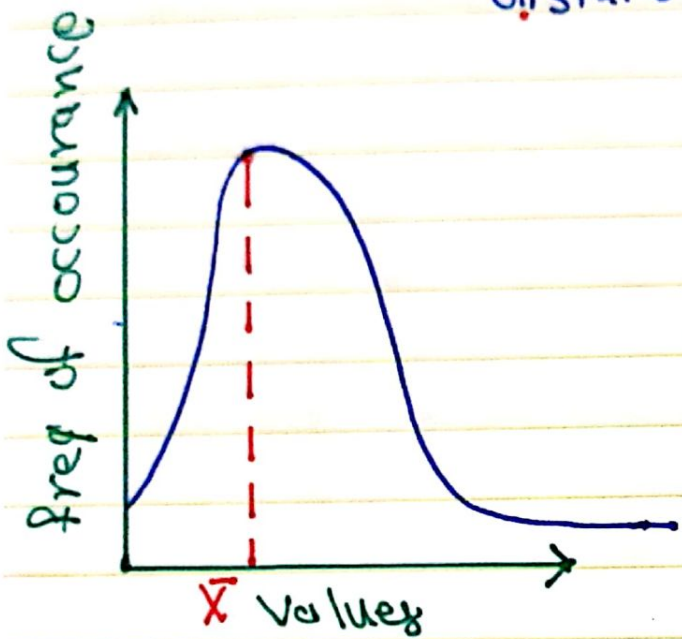
The Standard Deviation of a set values is the average error of a set values or total amount of error distributed evenly to each value

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (X - \bar{X})^2}{n}}$$

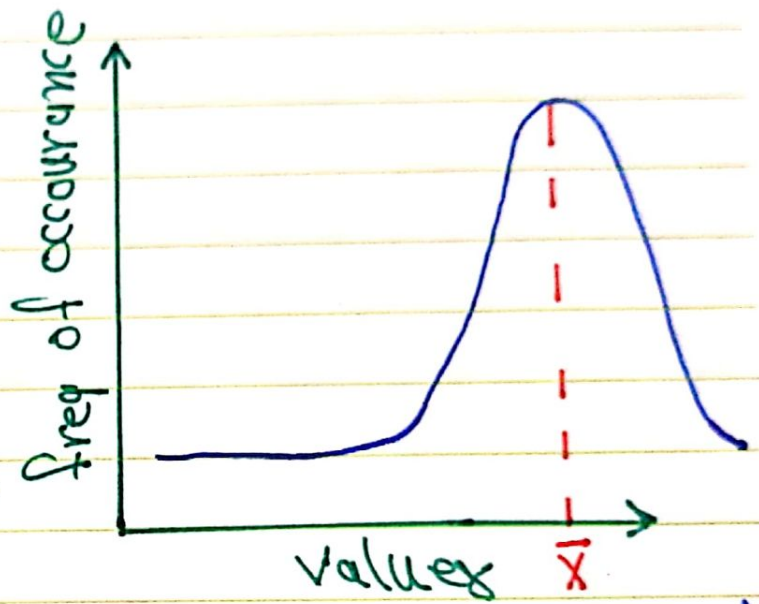
* Deviation from the mean

$$X'_i = X_i - \bar{X}$$

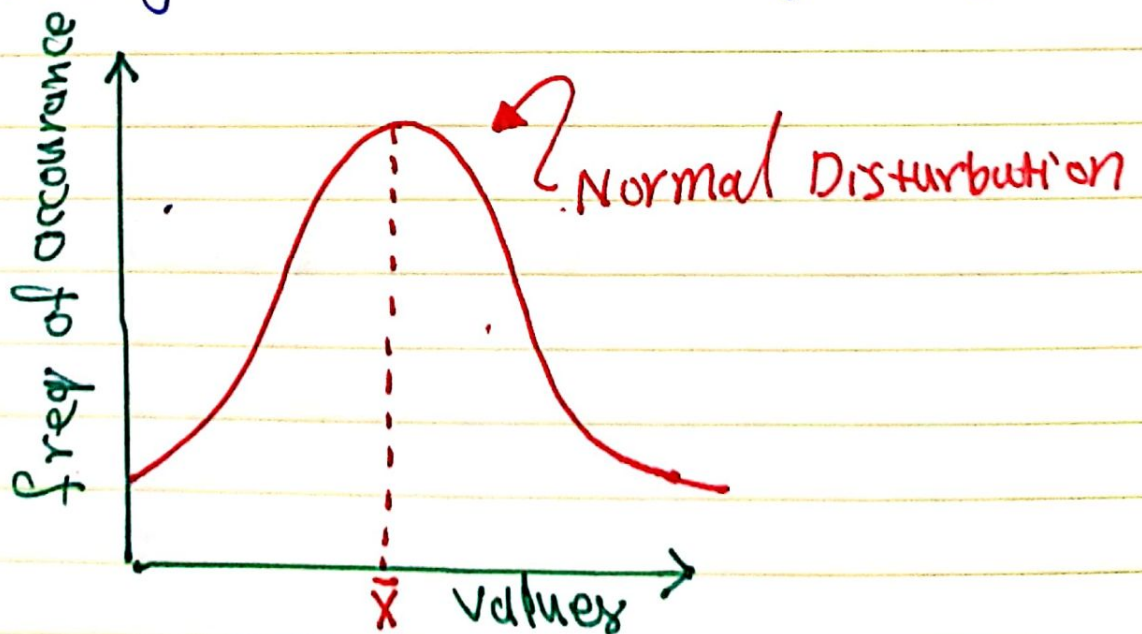
Skewness = indicator degree of a symmetry of the distribution about the mean.



Positively Skewed



Negatively Skewed



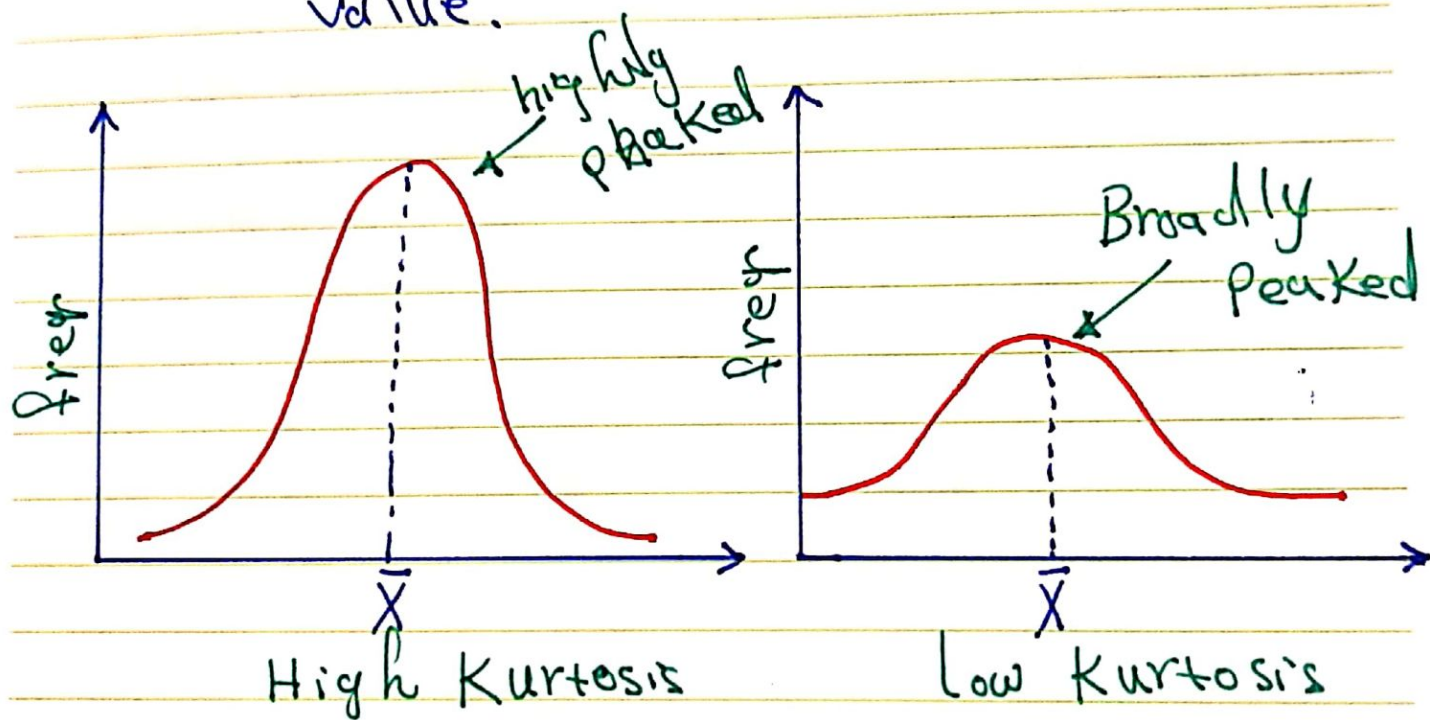
„Zero Skewed“

For many Types of atmospheric data have a normal distribution like (temperature, solar radiation ----)

i.e. have a Zero skewness where as other atmospheric or meteorological data such as precipitation which typically has a positively skewed frequently distribution, especially in arid climates like Iraq and Saudi Arabia, which characterized by relatively low mean precipitation but a few intense rain events.

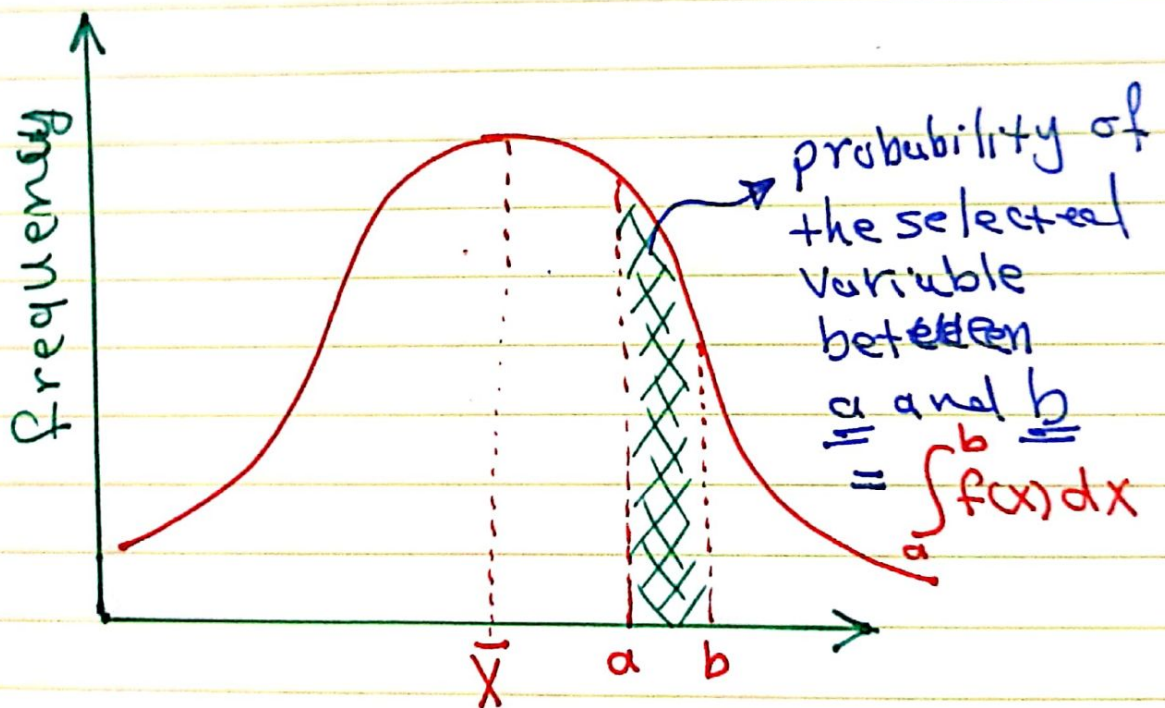
~~between~~

Kurtosis indicates the degree to which precipitation is peaked near mean value.



Normal Distribution

Can be express the probability that a selected variable fall between a and b on a frequency distribution plot, or histogram.



$f(x)$ is referred to as the probability density function.

Considering the whole range of

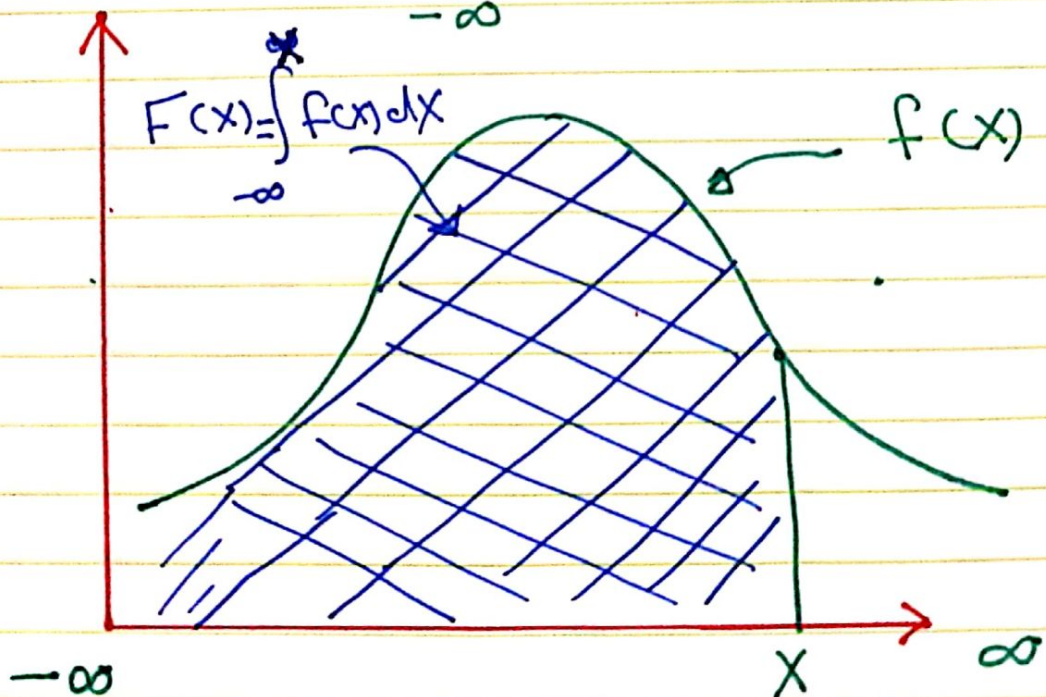
values the ~~probab~~ probability must be equal to 1.

i.e

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

Cumulative distribution function ($F(x)$) can be defined as a variable of the probability that a variable assumes a value less than x .

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$



The most common distribution which fits geophysical data is the normal or Gaussian distribution. More commonly known as the "bell curve".

for M = population mean

σ = standard deviation

The bell curve or normal distribution is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-M}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

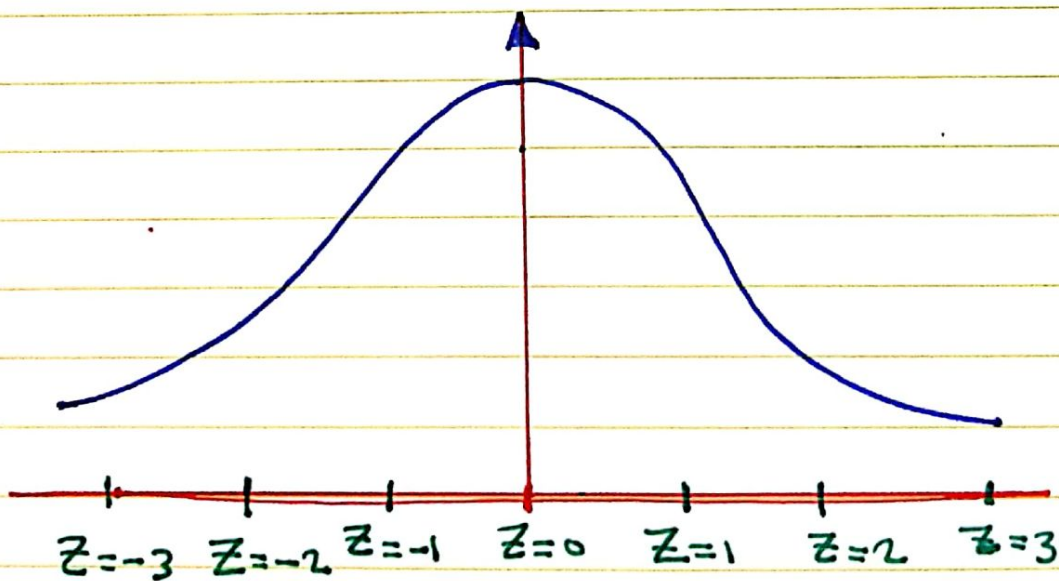
if we consider a normalized variable

$$Z = \frac{x-M}{\sigma}$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} z^2\right]$$

Cumulative Probability distribution:

$$F(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} z^2\right] dz$$



Most geophysical fields are normally distributed, but ~~it~~ is always a good idea to plot a histogram along with the normal distribution just to make sure it is a good assumption for whatever data set you're working with.