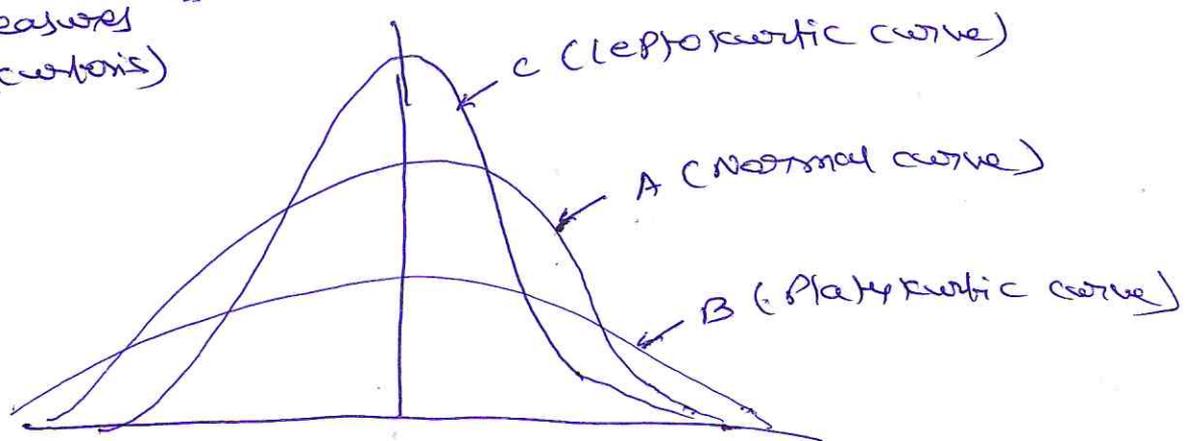


## Kurtosis :-

Sometimes two (or more) distributions may have the same mean, the same s.d., & the same skewness but their shapes, in terms of height, may differ. To understand a distribution from the point of height, we calculate kurtosis (convexity of the frequency curve). Kurtosis enables us to have an idea about the 'flatness or peakedness' of the frequency curve. It is measured by the coefficient  $\beta_2$  or its deviation  $\gamma_2$  given by

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}, \quad \gamma_2 = \beta_2 - 3. \quad (\text{Relative measure of kurtosis}).$$

(Absolute measure of kurtosis)



Curve of the type 'A' which is neither flat nor peaked is called the normal curve or mesokurtic curve & for such a curve  $\beta_2 = 3$  i.e.  $\gamma_2 = 0$ .

Curve of the type 'B' which is flatter than the normal curve is known as platykurtic & for such a curve  $\beta_2 < 3$  i.e.  $\gamma_2 < 0$ .

curve of the type 'c' which is more peaked than the normal curve is called leptokurtic & for such a curve  $\beta_2 > 3$ ; i.e.  $\gamma_2 > 0$ . ~~for a platykurtic curve~~

For a distribution, the mean is 10, variance is 16,  $\gamma_1$  is +1 &  $\beta_2$  is 4. obtain the first 4 moments about the origin, i.e. zero. Comment upon the nature of distribution.

Solution: Given that Mean = 10,  $\mu_2 = 16 \Rightarrow \sigma^2 = 16$   
 $\Rightarrow \sigma = 4$

$$\gamma_1 = +1, \beta_2 = 4$$

First 4 moments about origin are

$$\mu_1' = \text{Mean} = 10$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_2' = \mu_2 + (\mu_1')^2 = 16 + (10)^2 = 116$$

Given  $\gamma_1 = 1$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\mu_3}{(\mu_2')^{3/2}} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sigma^3} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_3 = \sigma^3 = 64$$

$$\mu_3' = \mu_3 + 3\mu_2'\mu_1' - 2(\mu_1')^3$$

$$= 64 + 3 \times 116 \times 10 - 2 \times 1000 = 1,544$$

## Measures of skewness

- 1) Relationship between 3 M's of central tendency - commonly known as the Karl Pearson's measures of skewness.
  - 2) Quartile measure of skewness - known as Bowley's measure of skewness.
  - 3) Percentile measure of skewness also called the Kelley's measure of skewness.
  - 4) Measures of skewness based on moments.
- All these measures tell us both the direction & the extent of the skewness.

1) Karl Pearson's coefficient of skewness of a distribution is 0.32. If S.D is 6.5 & mean is 29.6. Find the mode & median of the distribution.

Solution:-  $\text{Coefficient of skewness} = \frac{\text{Mean} - \text{Mode}}{\sigma}$

$$0.32 = \frac{29.6 - \text{Mode}}{6.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6.5 \times 0.32 = 29.6 - \text{Mode}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Mode} = 29.6 - 2.08$$

$$= 27.52$$

$\text{Coefficient of skewness} = 3 \frac{\text{Mean} - \text{Median}}{\sigma}$

$$0.32 = 3 \frac{(29.6 - \text{Median})}{6.5}$$

$$6.5 \times 0.32 = 88.8 - 3 \text{Median}$$

$$\text{Median} = \frac{88.8 - 2.08}{3} = 28.91$$

✓ complete quartile deviation & coefficient of skewness

from the following values.

$$\text{Median} = 18.8 \text{ cm}$$

$$Q_1 = 14.6 \text{ cm}, \quad Q_3 = 25.2 \text{ cm}$$

solution :- quartile deviation =  $\frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$

$$= \frac{25.2 - 14.6}{2} = \frac{10.6}{2} = 5.3 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Coefficient of Skewness} = \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2 \text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{25.2 + 14.6 - 2(18.8)}{25.2 - 14.6}$$

$$= \frac{2.2}{10.6} = 0.207$$

✓ In a moderately skewed frequency distribution mean is 50 & median is 53. If the coefficient of variation is 20%. Find the Pearson's coefficient of skewness.

solution :-  $c.v = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$

$$20 = \frac{\sigma}{50} \times 100$$

$$\sigma = 10$$

$$\text{Coefficient of Skewness} = \frac{3(\text{Mean} - \text{Median})}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{3(50 - 53)}{10}$$

$$= -\frac{9}{10} = -0.9$$

2) In a certain distribution the first 4 moments about the arbitrary origin ( $\mu$ ) are  $-1.5, 17, -30$  &  $108$ . Calculate  $\beta_2$  & state whether the distribution is leptokurtic or platykurtic.

Solution:-

$$\text{Given that } \mu_1' = -1.5, \mu_2' = 17, \mu_3' = -30, \mu_4' = 108$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu_1' - \mu_1' = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_2 &= \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2 = 17 - (-1.5)^2 = 17 - 2.25 \\ &= 14.75 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3 &= \mu_3' - 3\mu_1' \mu_2' + 2(\mu_1')^3 \\ &= -30 - 3(-1.5)(17) + 2(-1.5)^3 \\ &= 39.75 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4 &= \mu_4' - 4\mu_1' \mu_3' + 6(\mu_1')^2 \mu_2' - 3(\mu_1')^4 \\ &= 142.313 \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2} = \frac{142.313}{(14.75)^2} = 0.65$$

$\therefore \beta_2 < 3$  i.e.  $\beta_2 = 0.65 < 3$ , the distribution is platykurtic

3) Compute the Pearsonian measure of skewness for the following distribution.

| Size in inches | No. of observations |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 30-33          | 2                   |
| 33-36          | 4                   |
| 36-39          | 26                  |
| 39-42          | 47                  |
| 42-45          | 15                  |
| 45-48          | 6                   |

Solution:-

| Size (x) | f                 | Mid-value (x) | d' | fd'       | fd' <sup>2</sup> |
|----------|-------------------|---------------|----|-----------|------------------|
| 30-33    | 2                 | 31.5          | -2 | -4        | 8                |
| 33-36    | 4                 | 34.5          | -1 | -4        | 4                |
| 36-39    | 26-f <sub>0</sub> | 37.5          | 0  | 0         | 0                |
| 39-42    | 47-f <sub>1</sub> | 40.5          | 1  | 47        | 47               |
| 42-45    | 15-f <sub>2</sub> | 43.5          | 2  | 30        | 60               |
| 45-48    | 6                 | 46.5          | 3  | 18        | 54               |
|          | <u>100</u>        |               |    | <u>87</u> | <u>173</u>       |

$$d' = \frac{x-A}{h} \quad \text{let } A = 37.5, \quad h = 3$$

$$\text{skewness} = \frac{\bar{x} - \text{Mode}}{\sigma}$$

Highest frequency is 47 & corresponding class-interval is 39-42 (modal class).

Calculation of Mean:-

$$\text{Mean} = A + \frac{\sum fd'}{N} \times h = 37.5 + \frac{87}{100} \times 3 = 40.11$$

calculation of ~~mean~~ S.D.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum \frac{fd^2}{N} - \left(\sum \frac{fd}{N}\right)^2 \times h}$$
$$= \sqrt{0.973 \times 3} = 2.96.$$

calculation of mode

$$\text{Mode} = l + \frac{f_1 - f_0}{2f_1 - f_0 - f_2} \times h$$

$$= 39 + \frac{47 - 26}{94 - 26 - 15} \times 3$$

$$= 39 + \frac{21}{53} \times 3 = 40.19$$

$$\text{Coefficient of skewness} = \frac{40.11 - 40.19}{2.96} = \frac{-0.08}{2.96} = -0.027$$

4) The first 4 central moments of a distribution are 0, 2.5, 0.7 & 18.75. Test the skewness & kurtosis of the distribution.

Solution:-

skewness is tested by  $\mu_3$  which should be equal to zero in a symmetrical distribution.

$\therefore$  in the given problem it is  $\mu_3 = 0.7$ .

$$\mu_1 = 0, \mu_2 = 2.5, \mu_3 = 0.7, \mu_4 = 18.75.$$

$\therefore$  we can conclude that the distribution is not symmetrical.

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\mu_3^2}{\mu_2^3}, \quad \gamma_1 = \sqrt{\beta_1}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_3}{(\mu_2)^{3/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{0.031}}{2.5} = 0.18$$

$\therefore \gamma_1 = 0.18$ , we conclude that the distribution is not symmetrical but has a +ve skewness = 0.18. Kurtosis is tested by  $\beta_2$ .  $\beta_2$  should be equal to 3.

if  $\beta_2 = 3$  - mesokurtic  
 if  $\beta_2 < 3$  - platykurtic (flat peaked)  
 if  $\beta_2 > 3$  - leptokurtic (more peaked)

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{18.75}{(2.5)^2} = \frac{18.75}{6.25} = 3$$

$\therefore \beta_2 = 3$ , we conclude that the curve is mesokurtic.

5) The SD of a symmetrical distribution is 3. What must be the value of the 4th moment about the mean in order that the distribution be mesokurtic?

solution :- Given that a normal curve is mesokurtic.

$$\therefore \beta_2 = 3, \quad \text{Given that SD} = 3 \Rightarrow \sigma = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^2 = 9$$

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

$$3 = \frac{\mu_4}{(\sigma^2)^2} = \frac{\mu_4}{\sigma^4} \quad (\because \mu_2 = \sigma^2)$$

$$3 = \frac{\mu_4}{81} \Rightarrow \mu_4 = 243$$

6) Find the coefficient of skewness from the following information: Difference of two quartiles = 8, Mode = 11, sum of two quartiles = 22, Mean = 8.

Solution :-

$$\text{Median} = \frac{\text{Mode} + 2\bar{x}}{3} = \frac{11 + 2(8)}{3} = 9.$$

$$\text{Coefficient of skewness} = \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2\text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{22 - 2(9)}{8} = 0.5.$$

7) In a frequency distribution the coefficient of skewness based on quartiles is 0.6. If the sum of the upper & the lower quartiles is 100 & the median is 38, find the value of the upper & the lower quartiles.

Solution :-

$$\text{Coefficient of skewness} = \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2\text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$0.6 = \frac{100 - 2(38)}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_3 - Q_1 = \frac{24}{0.6} = 40$$

Given that  $Q_3 + Q_1 = 100 \rightarrow (1)$

$Q_3 - Q_1 = 40 \rightarrow (2)$

By solving the two equations, we get

$Q_3 = 70, Q_1 = 30$

8) The number of units sold by a firm during the last seven months of the current year is given below:

| Month:            | Jun. | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov. | Dec |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| no. of unit sold: | 22   | 25  | 38  | 43  | 44  | 50   | 72  |

Compute:

a) The mean monthly sales

b) S.D & coefficient of variation.

c) coefficient of skewness by Karl Pearson's method

d) Bowley's coefficient of skewness.

e)  $B_1$  &  $B_2$ .

Solution:

| Month | Sales (x) | $x - \bar{x}$ | $(x - \bar{x})^2$ | $(x - \bar{x})^3$ | $(x - \bar{x})^4$ |
|-------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mo    |           |               |                   |                   |                   |
| Jun.  | 22        | -20           | 400               | -8000             | 160000            |
| Jul   | 25        | -17           | 289               | -4913             | 83521             |
| Aug   | 38        | -4            | 16                | -64               | 256               |
| Sep.  | 43        | +1            | 1                 | 1                 | 1                 |
| Oct.  | 44        | 2             | 4                 | 8                 | 16                |
| Nov   | 50        | 8             | 64                | 512               | 4096              |
| Dec.  | 72        | 30            | 900               | 27000             | 810000            |

$$n = 7, \quad \sum x = 294, \quad \sum (x - \bar{x}) = 0, \quad \sum (x - \bar{x})^2 = 1674$$

$$\sum (x - \bar{x})^3 = 14544, \quad \sum (x - \bar{x})^4 = 10,57,890.$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{294}{7} = 42$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})}{n} = 0.$$

$$\mu_2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n} = \frac{1674}{7} = 239.14$$

$$\mu_3 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^3}{n} = \frac{14,544}{7} = 2,077.71$$

$$\mu_4 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^4}{n} = \frac{10,57,890}{7} = 1,51,127.14$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{u_2} = \sqrt{239.14} = 15.46$$

$$\text{Coefficient of variation} = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{15.46}{42} \times 100 = 36.81\%$$

$$\text{Median} = \frac{(n+1)}{2} \text{ value} = 4^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 43$$

$$Q_1 = \frac{(n+1)}{4} \text{ value} = 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ value} = 25$$

$$Q_3 = 3 \frac{(n+1)}{4} \text{ value} = 6^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 50$$

Karl Pearson's coefficient of skewness

$$= \frac{3(\bar{x} - \text{Median})}{\sigma} = \frac{3(42 - 43)}{15.46} = -0.19$$

Bowley's coefficient of skewness

$$= \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2(\text{Median})}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{50 + 25 - 2 \times 43}{50 - 25} = -0.44$$

Since coefficient of skewness is negative, it shows that the distribution is negatively skewed.

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\mu_3^2}{\mu_2^3} = \frac{(2.077.71)^2}{(239.14)^3} = \frac{43,16,896.65}{1,36,75,924} = 0.316$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{151,127.14}{(239.14)^2} = 2.64$$

$$\therefore \beta_2 < 3 \quad \text{i.e. } 2.64 < 3$$

$\therefore$  The distribution is platykurtic

7) A foreign bank is quite liberal in extending export credit to its customers provided the documents is perfect. As on December 31, last year, the following information was available regarding export credit:

| Amount of credit<br>(in Rs. crores) | 0-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-25 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| No. of accounts                     | 6   | 11   | 28    | 9     | 1     |

From the above information calculate:

- i) The lower central moments.
- ii) Moment coefficient of skewness.

iii) Moment coefficient of kurtosis

iv) Karl Pearson's coefficient of skewness

v) Bowley's coefficient of skewness.

vi) Moments about origin.

vii) coefficient of variation.

Solution:

| Amount | f       | cf | Midpoint (x) | d' | fd' | fd' <sup>2</sup> | fd' <sup>3</sup> | fd' <sup>4</sup> |
|--------|---------|----|--------------|----|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0-5    | 6       | 6  | 2.5          | -2 | -12 | 24               | -48              | 96               |
| 5-10   | 11 (16) | 17 | 7.5          | -1 | -11 | 11               | -11              | 11               |
| 10-15  | 28 (24) | 45 | 12.5         | 0  | 0   | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| 15-20  | 9 (33)  | 54 | 17.5         | 1  | 9   | 9                | 9                | 9                |
| 20-25  | 1       | 55 | 22.5         | 2  | 2   | 4                | 8                | 16               |

$N = 55$ ,  $d' = \frac{x-A}{h}$ , let  $A = 12.5$ ,  $h = 5$

$\sum fd' = -12$ ,  $\sum fd'^2 = 48$ ,  $\sum fd'^3 = -42$ ,  $\sum fd'^4 = 132$

i)  $\mu_1' = \frac{\sum fd'}{N} \times h = \frac{-12}{55} \times 5 = -1.09$

$\mu_2' = \frac{\sum fd'^2}{N} \times h^2 = \frac{48}{55} \times 25 = 21.82$

$\mu_3' = \frac{\sum fd'^3}{N} \times h^3 = \frac{-42}{55} \times 125 = -95.45$

$$\mu_0' = \frac{\sum f d_i^4}{N} \times h^4 = \frac{132}{55} \times 625 = 1500$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu_1' - \mu_1' = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2 = 21.82 - (-1.09)^2 = 20.63$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3 &= \mu_3' - 3\mu_1' \mu_2' + 2(\mu_1')^3 \\ &= -95.45 - 3(-1.09)(21.82) + 2(-1.09)^3 \\ &= -26.69 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4 &= \mu_4' - 4\mu_1' \mu_3' + 6(\mu_1')^2 \mu_2' - 3(\mu_1')^4 \\ &= 1500 - 4(-1.09)(-95.45) + 6(-1.09)^2(21.82) \\ &\quad - 3(-1.09)^4 \\ &= 1235.16 \end{aligned}$$

ii) Moment coefficient of skewness =  $\sqrt{\beta_1}$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{\mu_2^3}}} = \frac{-26.69}{\sqrt{(20.63)^3}} = -0.28$$

The distribution is negatively skewed.

$$\text{iii) } \boxed{\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}} = \frac{1235.16}{(20.63)^2} = 2.9$$

Moment coefficient of kurtosis =

$$(\beta_2 - 3) = 2.9 - 3 = -0.1 \quad \therefore \beta_2 < 3$$

$\therefore$  The distribution is platykurtic

ii) Moments about origin

$$v_1 = A + \mu_1' = 12.5 - 1.09 = 11.41 = \text{Mean}$$

$$v_2 = \mu_2 + (v_1)^2 = 20.63 + (11.41)^2 = 150.82$$

$$v_3 = \mu_3 + 3v_1v_2 - 2(v_1)^3$$

$$= -25.39 + 3(11.41)(150.82) - 2(11.41)^3$$

$$= 2,164.99$$

$$v_4 = \mu_4 + 4v_1v_3 - 6(v_1)^2v_2 + 3(v_1)^4$$

$$= 123516 + 4(11.41)(1435.09) - 6(11.41)^2(150.82) + 3(11.41)^4 = 33,082.30$$

iv) 
$$\text{Mode} = l + \frac{f_1 - f_0}{2f_1 - f_0 - f_2} \times h$$

$l$  = lower limit of the modal class

$h$  = magnitude of the modal class

$f_1$  = frequency of the modal class

$f_0$  = frequency of the classes preceding the modal class

$f_2$  = frequency of the class succeeding the modal class

$$\text{Mode} = 10 + \left( \frac{28 - 11}{2 \times 28 - 11 - 9} \right) 5 = 10 + \frac{17}{36} \times 5$$

$$= 12.36$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\mu_2} = \sqrt{20.63} = 4.54$$

Karl Pearson's coefficient of skewness =  $\frac{\bar{x} - \text{Mode}}{\sigma}$

$$= \frac{11.41 - 12.36}{4.54} = -0.21$$

v) Bowley's Coefficient of Skewness

$$= \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2 \text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$\text{Median} = l + \frac{\frac{n}{2} - C}{f} \times h$$

$l$  = lower limit of Median class.

Median class is the class corresponding to cumulative frequency, just greater than  $\frac{N}{2}$ .

$$\frac{N}{2} = \frac{55}{2} = 27.5$$

Median class - 10-15

frequency - 28,  $h = 5$ .

$C$  = cumulative frequency of the class preceding the Median class

$$\text{Median} = 10 + \frac{27.5 - 17}{28} \times 5$$

$$= 11.88$$

$$Q_1 = l + \frac{\frac{n}{4} - CF}{f} \times h$$

$$= 5 + \frac{13.75 - 6}{11} \times 5 = 8.52$$

$$Q_3 = l + \frac{\frac{3n}{4} - CF}{f} \times h$$

$$= 10 + \frac{41.25 - 17}{28} \times 5 = 14.33$$

Bowley's Coefficient of Skewness =  $\frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2 \text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$

$$= \frac{14.33 + 8.52 - 2 \times 11.88}{14.33 - 8.52} = -0.16$$

vii) coefficient of variation:  $\frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$

$$= \frac{4.54}{11.41} \times 100 = 39.79\%$$

10) Following are data of daily earning (in Rs) of employees in a company:

| Earnings:       | 50-70 | 70-90 | 90-110 | 110-130 | 130-150 | 150-170 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| No. of workers: | 4     | 8     | 12     | 20      | 6       | 7       |
|                 |       |       |        |         |         | 170-190 |
|                 |       |       |        |         |         | 3       |

Calculate the first 4 moments about the point 120.

Convert the results into moments about the mean.

Compute the value of  $\gamma_1$  &  $\gamma_2$  & comment on the result.

Solution:

| class   | Midpoint (x) | f  | d' | fd' | fd' <sup>2</sup> | fd' <sup>3</sup> | fd' <sup>4</sup> |
|---------|--------------|----|----|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 50-70   | 60           | 4  | -3 | -12 | 36               | -108             | 324              |
| 70-90   | 80           | 8  | -2 | -16 | 32               | -64              | 128              |
| 90-110  | 100          | 12 | -1 | -12 | 12               | -12              | 12               |
| 110-130 | 120          | 20 | 0  | 0   | 0                | 0                | 0                |
| 130-150 | 140          | 6  | 1  | 6   | 6                | 6                | 6                |
| 150-170 | 160          | 7  | 2  | 14  | 28               | 56               | 112              |
| 170-190 | 180          | 3  | 3  | 9   | 27               | 81               | 243              |

$$N = 60, \quad \sum fd' = -11, \quad \sum fd'^2 = 141, \quad \sum fd'^3 = -41, \\ \sum fd'^4 = 825$$

$$d' = \frac{x-A}{h} \quad A = 120, \quad h = 20.$$

$$\mu_1' = \frac{\sum fd'}{N} \times h = \frac{-11}{60} \times 20 = -3.66$$

$$\mu_2' = \frac{\sum fd'^2}{N} \times h^2 = \frac{141}{60} \times 400 = 940$$

$$\mu_3' = \frac{\sum fd'^3}{N} \times h^3 = \frac{-41}{60} \times 8000 = -5,466.66$$

$$\mu_4' = \frac{\sum fd'^4}{N} \times h^4 = \frac{825}{60} \times 1,60,000 = 22,00,000$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu_1' - \mu_1' = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2 = 940 - (-3.66)^2 = 926.6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3 &= \mu_3' - 3\mu_1'\mu_2' + 2(\mu_1')^3 \\ &= -5466.66 - 3(-3.66)(940) + 2(-3.66)^3 \\ &= 4,756.49 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4 &= \mu_4' - 4\mu_1'\mu_3' + 6(\mu_1')^2\mu_2' - 3(\mu_1')^4 \\ &= 22,00,000 - 4(-3.66)(-5,466.66) + 6(-3.66)^2(940) \\ &\quad - 3(-3.66)^4 \\ &= 21,13,789.78 \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_1 = \sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{\mu_2^3}} = \frac{4,756.49}{\sqrt{(926.6)^3}} = \frac{4,756.49}{28,205.80} = 0.169$$

$\Rightarrow$  The distribution is positively skewed.

$$\mu_2 = \beta_2 - 3 = \frac{\mu_4 - 3\mu_2^2}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{21,13,789.78}{8,58,587.56} = 3$$

$$= -0.54$$

$$\therefore \beta_2 < 0.$$

The distribution is platykurtic  $\because$  this value is  $-ve$ .

1) Given the following information:

$$N = 100, \quad \sum(x-98) = 50, \quad \sum(x-98)^2 = 1970,$$

$$\sum(x-98)^3 = 2948, \quad \sum(x-98)^4 = 86752.$$

Do you think that the distribution is platykurtic?

Solution:

$$\mu_1' = \frac{\sum d}{N} = \frac{50}{100} = 0.5$$

$$\therefore d = x - A$$

where  $A = 98$ .

$$\mu_2' = \frac{\sum d^2}{N} = \frac{1970}{100} = 19.7$$

$$\mu_3' = \frac{\sum d^3}{N} = \frac{2948}{100} = 29.48$$

$$\mu_4' = \frac{\sum d^4}{N} = \frac{86752}{100} = 867.52$$

$$\mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2 = 19.70 - (0.5)^2 = 19.45$$

$$\mu_3 = \mu_3' - 3\mu_1'\mu_2' + 2(\mu_1')^3$$

$$= 29.48 - 3(0.5)(19.45) + 2(0.5)^3$$

$$= 29.48 - 29.175 + 0.25 = 0.555$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4 &= \mu_4' - 4\mu_1'\mu_3' + 6(\mu_1')^2\mu_2' - 3(\mu_1')^4 \\ &= 867.52 - 4(29.48)(0.8) + 6(19.7)(0.8)^2 - 3(0.8)^4 \\ &= 867.52 - 58.96 + 29.55 - 0.1875 \\ &= 837.9225 \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{837.9225}{(19.45)^2} = \frac{837.9225}{378.3025} = 2.21$$

$\therefore \beta_2 < 3$ , the distribution is platykurtic.

12) The first 4 moments of a distribution about  $x=4$  are 1, 4, 10 & 45. obtain the various characteristics of the distribution on the basis of information given. comment on the nature of the distribution.

Solution:

Given  $A=4, \mu_1'=1, \mu_2'=4, \mu_3'=10, \mu_4'=45$

$$\mu_1 = \mu_1' - A = 1 - 4 = -3$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3 &= \mu_3' - 3\mu_1'\mu_2' + 2(\mu_1')^3 = 10 - 3(1)(4) + 2(1)^3 \\ &= 10 - 12 + 2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4 &= \mu_4' - 4\mu_1'\mu_3' + 6(\mu_1')^2\mu_2' - 3(\mu_1')^4 \\ &= 45 - 4(1)(10) + 6(1)^2(4) - 3(1)^4 = 26 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mean } \mu = \mu_1 = A + \mu_1' = 4 + 1 = 5$$

$$\mu_2 = \sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \sqrt{\mu_2} = \sqrt{3} = 1.73$$

$$\text{Coefficient of variation} = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{1.73}{5} \times 100 = 34.6\%$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\mu_3^2}{\mu_2^3} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \gamma_1 = \sqrt{\beta_1} = 0$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{26}{(3)^2} = 2.89$$

$$\therefore \beta_2 < 3$$

$\therefore$  The distribution is platykurtic.

$\therefore \gamma_1 = 0$ , the distribution is symmetrical.

13) For a distribution, the mean is 10, variance is 16,  $\gamma_1$  is 1 &  $\beta_2$  is 4. Obtain the first 4 moments about the origin, i.e. zero. Comment upon the nature of distribution.

Solution :- Given  $\mu_1 = 10 = \text{Mean}$

$$\mu_2 = \sigma^2 = 16$$

$$\gamma_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 4$$

$$\gamma_1 = \sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\sqrt{\mu_2^3}}$$

$$\mu_3 = \gamma_1 \times \sqrt{\mu_2^3} = 1 \times \sqrt{(16)^3} = 64$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} \Rightarrow 4 = \frac{\mu_4}{16 \times 16} \Rightarrow \mu_4 = 1024$$

Moments about origin

$$\mu_1 = \text{Mean} = 10$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_2 + (\mu_1)^2 = 16 + 100 = 116$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_3 &= \mu_3 + 3\mu_1\mu_2 - 2(\mu_1)^3 \\ &= 64 + 3(10)(116) - 2(1000) \\ &= 1544\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_4 &= \mu_4 + 4\mu_1\mu_3 - 6(\mu_1)^2\mu_2 + 3(\mu_1)^4 \\ &= 1024 + 4(10)(1544) - 6(100)(116) + 3(10000) \\ &= 1024 + 61,760 - 69,600 + 30,000 \\ &= 23,184\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \beta_1 = 1$ , the distribution is very skewed.

$\therefore \beta_2 = 4$  i.e.  $\beta_2 > 3$   $\therefore$  the distribution is leptokurtic.

4) For the two distributions the following moments about mean are given:

For the first distribution:  $\mu_2 = 25$ ,  $\mu_3 = -10$ ,  $\mu_4 = 1560$

For the second " :  $\mu_2 = 36$ ,  $\mu_3 = -28.8$ ,  $\mu_4 = 4000$

i) which of the two distributions is more skewed to the left?

ii) From the point of view of peakedness which distribution is more nearly approximates normal distribution?

Solution:

i) Moment coefficient of skewness

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^3}$$

For the first distribution

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^3} = \frac{-10}{\sqrt{(25)^3}} = \frac{-10}{125} = -0.08$$

For the second distribution.

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^3} = \frac{-28.8}{\sqrt{(36)^3}} = \frac{-28.8}{216} = -0.133$$

⇒ The second distribution is more skewed to the left.

ii) For the first distribution.

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{1960}{(25)^2} = 3.136$$

For the second distribution

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{4000}{(36)^2} = 3.086$$

∴ The second distribution approximates normal distribution.

15) There are nine machines in a job shop. In a particular week, work was done on these machines for the hours specified against them. Calculate Bowley's & Kelly's skewness & coefficient of skewness of the hours worked on these machines.

| Machine No.    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
|----------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Hours worked : | 3 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 23 | 24 | 30 |

Solution:

$$Q_1 = \left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 2.5^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 7 + 0.5(8-7) = 7.5.$$

$$Q_3 = 3\left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 7.5^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 23 + 0.5(24-23) = 23.5$$

$$\text{Median} = \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 5^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 14.$$

Bowley's coefficient of skewness

$$= \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2 \text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$\text{Bowley's skewness} = Q_3 + Q_1 - 2 \text{Median}.$$

$$= 23.5 + 7.5 - 28 = 3.$$

$$\text{Bowley's coefficient of skewness} = \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2\text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{3}{16} = 0.19.$$

$$P_{90} = 90\left(\frac{n+1}{100}\right)\text{th item} = 9^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 30.$$

$$P_{10} = 10\left(\frac{n+1}{100}\right)\text{th item} = 2^{\text{th}} \text{ item} = 3$$

$$\text{Kelley's skewness} = P_{90} + P_{10} - 2\text{Median}$$

$$= 30 + 3 - 2(14) = 5.$$

$$\text{Kelley's coefficient of skewness}$$

$$= \frac{P_{90} + P_{10} - 2\text{Median}}{P_{90} - P_{10}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{27} = 0.19.$$

16) The storekeeper of a firm furnished the following details of inventory. Calculate Bowley's & Kelly's coefficient of skewness from these inventory data.

|                     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Inventory Balance : | 5   | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 |
| (RS. LAKHS)         |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| No. of days :       | 120 | 38 | 30 | 25 | 16 | 12 | 8  |

Solution:-

| $x$ | $f$ | c.f |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 5   | 120 | 120 |
| 10  | 38  | 158 |
| 15  | 30  | 188 |
| 20  | 25  | 213 |
| 25  | 16  | 229 |
| 30  | 12  | 241 |
| 35  | 8   | 249 |

$$N = \sum f = 249 = n$$

$$\text{Median} = \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = \left(\frac{249+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 125^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 10$$

$$Q_1 = \left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = \left(\frac{249+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 62.5^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 5$$

$$Q_3 = 3\left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 3\left(\frac{249+1}{4}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 187.5^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 15$$

$$P_{10} = 10\left(\frac{n+1}{100}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 10\left(\frac{249+1}{100}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 25^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 5$$

$$P_{90} = 90\left(\frac{n+1}{100}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 90\left(\frac{249+1}{100}\right)^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 225^{\text{th}} \text{ value} = 25$$

$$\text{Bowley's coefficient of skewness} = \frac{Q_3 + Q_1 - 2\text{Median}}{Q_3 - Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{15 + 5 - 2 \times 10}{15 - 5} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Kelly's coefficient of skewness} &= \frac{P_{90} + P_{10} - 2\text{Median}}{P_{90} - P_{10}} \\ &= \frac{25 + 5 - 2(10)}{25 - 5} = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

17) From a moderately skewed distribution of retail prices for men's shaving kits, it is found that the mean price is Rs. 300 & the median price is Rs. 255, if the coefficient of variation is 20%. Find the Pearsonian coefficient of skewness of the distribution.

Solution:-

$$\text{Coefficient of variation} = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$$

$$20 = \frac{\sigma}{300} \times 100$$

$$\sigma = 60$$

$$\text{Coefficient of skewness} = \frac{3(\bar{x} - \text{Median})}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{3(300 - 255)}{60}$$

$$= 2.25$$