## Module 7 - Summary statistics of a continuous variable

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## **Steps to find summary measures**

This module illustrates the procedure to find summary statistics of a continuous variable in R.

**Step 1.** Select a continuous data column using the methods described in the Modules 1, 2, and 3, and save it in the variable **smv**. In this module, we shall use the data column 'SMV'.

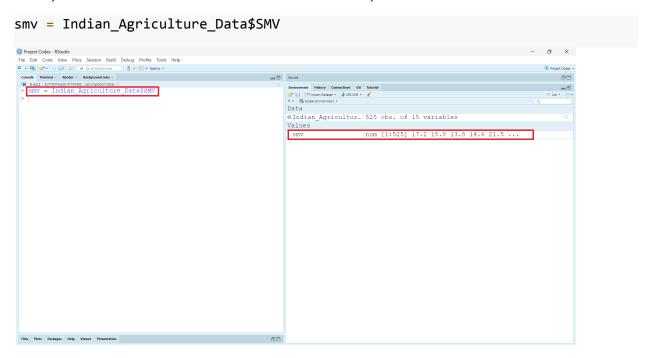


Figure 1: Select and store a continuous data column in the variable **smv**.

**Step 2.** Execute the following command to find the *mean* by using the **mean()** function of R. mean(smv)

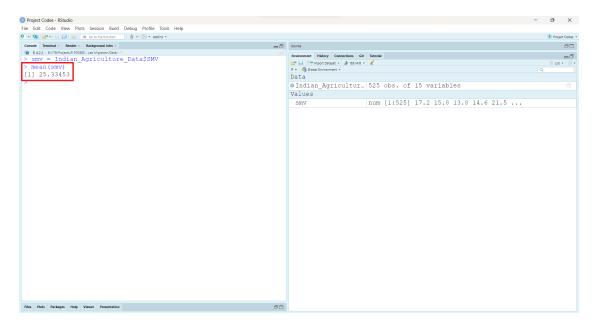


Figure 2: Mean of SMV column data

**Step 3.** Execute the following command to find the *median* by using the **median()** function of R.

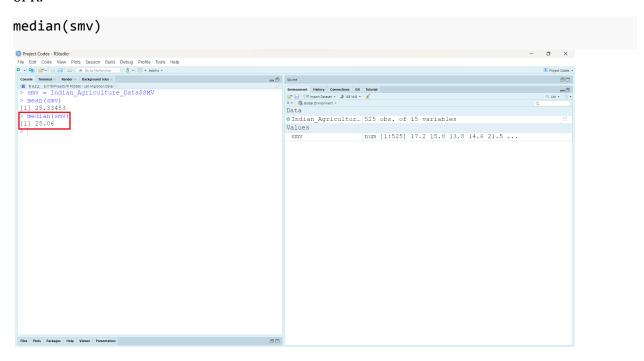


Figure 3: Median of SMV column data

**Step 4.** Execute the following command to find the *minimum* and *maximum* by using the **min()** and **max()** function of R, respectively. There is also a function **range()** to get the *minimum* and *maximum* simultaneously.

Figure 4: Minimum and Maximum of SMV column data

**Step 5.** Execute the following command to find the *variance* by using the **var()** function of R.

Formula of variance: 
$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - x^-)^2$$

var(smv)

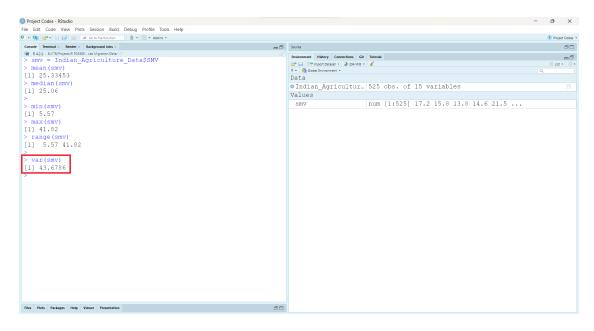


Figure 5: Variance of SMV column data

**Step 6.** Execute the following command to find the *standard deviation* by using the **sd()** function of R. It is the square-root of the variance.

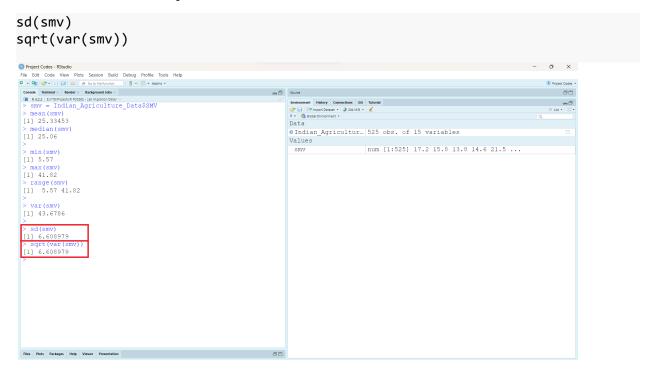


Figure 6: Standard Deviation of SMV column data

**Step 7.** Execute the following command to find the *skewness* and *kurtosis* by using the **Skew()** and **Kurt()** function of the **DescTools** package of R.

## Moment measures of skewness and kurtosis

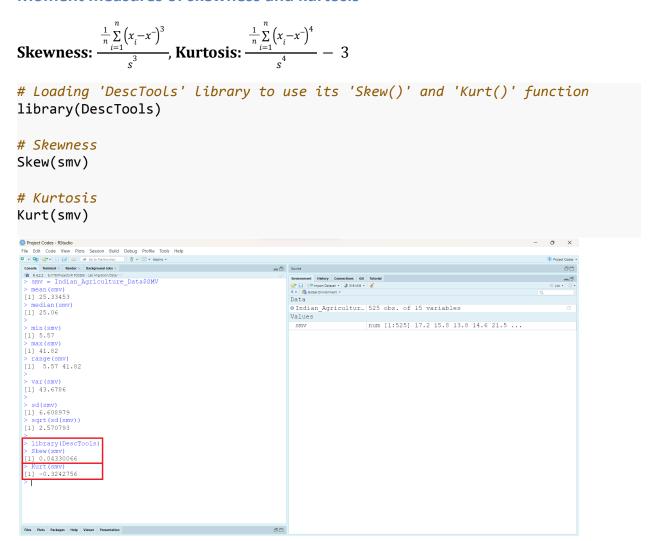


Figure 7: Skewness and Kurtosis of SMV column data

**Step 8.** Execute the following command to find the *summary statistics* by using the **summary()** function of R. It gives the *minimum-maximum*, *three quartiles* and *mean* as output.

summary(smv)

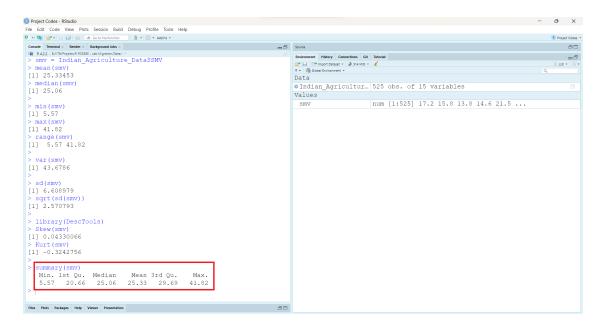


Figure 8: Summary statistics of SMV column data

## **Spoken Tutorials**

For more details, refer to the Plotting Histograms and Pie Chart Spoken Tutorial video.