
Subject: beginners plotting question

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Hi -

I'm sorry if this is too basic a question, I just can't seem to find the answer anywhere.

I'm plotting a data return timeline. I'm forcing the value of good data to 0 and missing data to 9999, then plotting with a range of +/- 1. I'd like to mark the start and end of the lines with a symbol of some kind, like this:

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bin 1 |-----|   |-----|
bin 2 |-----|
bin 3 |-----|
```

Is there a first-difference function? I could use that if I could find it, although I'd also like to skip gaps of less than a certain size.

Any help will be gratefully accepted!

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