
Subject: Re: Box-Whisker plots in IDL

Posted by [teich](#) on Mon, 20 Aug 2007 21:03:52 GMT

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On Aug 20, 4:56 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> te...@atmsci.msrc.sunysb.edu writes:

>> Hi, Suppose data is something simple like:

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>> data=[2,3,5,7,7,10,11,11,12,15,16,17,17]

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>> I get a 75th quartile of 11.0. Shouldn't I get around 15?

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> JD will have to explain the difference between BINSIZE

> and NBINS to us again. (And I think he is in China for

> a couple of weeks.) But I got strange results with my

> HISTOGRAM method, too. Here is a slightly revised program:

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> data=[2,3,5,7,7,10,11,11,12,15,16,17,17]

> ;box plot needs min, max, median which are straight forward:

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> minVal = min(data)

> maxVal = max(data)

> medianVal = median(data,/even)

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> ; Find the quartiles.

> h = Histogram(data, NBINS=4, REVERSE_INDICES=ri, \$

> MIN=minVal, MAX=maxVal)

> qtr_25th = Median(data[ri[ri[0]:ri[2]-1]])

> qtr_75th = Median(data[ri[ri[2]:ri[4]-1]])

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> Print, minVal, maxVal, medianVal, qtr_25th, qtr_75th

> END

>

> And the result I get with the new data:

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> 2 17 11.0000 7.00000 16.0000

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> --

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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Thanks,

I think I will go with yours!

Howie
