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Subject: Re: Box-Whisker plots in IDL

Posted by [teich](#) on Mon, 20 Aug 2007 19:18:35 GMT

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On Aug 20, 3:01 pm, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:

> When you solve this problem if you wouldn't mind posting the function/  
> procedure you come up with I would love to have a copy as I sometimes  
> do those and haven't had the time/patience to implement them in idl  
> yet.

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> Cheers,

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> Brian

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> Brian Larsen  
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Well, I am looking into the histogram procedure, but I am not getting what I think the 25th and 75th quartiles should be. It seems histogram is not so easy to master. What I am looking into is doing the following:

```
data=randomu(sd,100)*100
```

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

```
min(data)  
max(data)  
median(data,/even)
```

For the quartiles I am trying:

```
lower_ind=where(data lt median(data,/even))  
upper_ind=where(data gt median(data,/even))  
qtr_25th=median(data[lower_ind(0):lower_ind(n_elements(lower _ind)-1)],/  
even)  
qtr_75th=median(data[upper_ind(0):upper_ind(n_elements(upper _ind)-1)],/  
even)
```

However, I think this would work only for a monotonically increasing array. I am not sure how to get 'data' like that. If anyone wants to add to this, feel free.

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