
Subject: Re: Missing Data Programming Contest
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 14:21:17 GMT
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David Fanning schrieb:

> Folks,
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> I don't have time today to think about this, so I've
> decided to get you to do my thinking for me. :-)
>
> Suppose you are expecting a data array and you suspect
> the data has "missing values" in it that you wish to
> exclude from further processing. You write a keyword
> for your routine that allows the user to pass in what
> he is using for the "missing value".
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> PRO Junker, data, MISSING_VALUE=missing_value
>
> How would you write the code to assure that this missing
> value would be excluded from further processing?
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> You should assume:
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> 1. The data can be any data type except complex or string.
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> 2. The missing value *could* be !VALUES.F_NAN.
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> 3. Unsophisticated users might be using your program,
> so, for example, they might pass in a missing value
> such as 594.32.

> 4. Very unsophisticated users don't care on types and passes a
> missing value which can't be found. e.g. 999.9 and the data is
> of type double.

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> No, this is NOT my homework! But I do need it ASAP. ;-)
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> Cheers,
>
> David
