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Subject: Re: confidence level

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 19 Jan 2012 23:43:54 GMT

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kiss writes:

- > I am searching how to calculate the confidence level for contours. I
- > have the data sets like this
- > amp=(172,51)
- > days=172
- > ht=51
- > I am able to draw a contour, but how to estimate the 90% confidence
- > levels for above data sets.
- > I am looking for any simple idl code for confidence level

This is just what I remember from a long-ago statistics class...

But, if you have a large enough sample size (say, more than 30 samples), then a 90% confidence interval can be calculated as 1.697 times the standard deviation of the values in the sample. 95% confidence would be 2.042 times the standard deviation. This will depend on how many samples you have, obviously. The more samples you have, the more confidence you can have in the numbers. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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

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