Subject: Re: 5th & 95th Percentiles
Posted by Vince Hradil on Wed, 13 Feb 2008 16:10:41 GMT

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On Feb 13, 9:58 am, chloesharro...@gmail.com wrote:
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I use this:
 http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-1/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl _lib/MartinSchultz3/percentiles.pro

Subject: Re: 5th & 95th Percentiles
Posted by chloesharrocks on Wed, 13 Feb 2008 16:19:22 GMT

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Thanks very much :)

Subject: Re: 5th & 95th Percentiles
Posted by Spon on Wed, 13 Feb 2008 17:04:55 GMT

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pc95 = Data((SORT(Data)) (95 * N_ELEMENTS(Data) / 100))

This is blatant thievery on my part from an old newsgroup thread.
Try searching the old posts for Stein Vidar to whom all credit should
go! :-)

Good luck!
Chris

Subject: Re: 5th & 95th Percentiles
Posted by Maarten[1] on Thu, 14 Feb 2008 09:04:19 GMT
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On Feb 13, 5:04 pm, Spon <christoph.b...@gmail.com> wrote:

> pc5 = Data((SORT(Data)) (5 * N_ELEMENTS(Data) / 100))
> pc95 = Data((SORT(Data)) (95 * N_ELEMENTS(Data) / 100))

Please use

compile_opt defint32, strictarr

or

compile_opt idl2

at the beginning of each function (and in your IDL startup script) and
square braces for readability. For me at least it makes my head spin.
Consider the following instead:

pc5 = Data[(SORT(Data))[5 * N_ELEMENTS(Data) / 100]]

At least now it is clear which is which (array indexing vs. function
calling).

If you need both pc5 and pc95, be sure to store the sorted index:

sidx = sort(data)
ndata = n_elements(data)
pc5 = data[sixd[5*ndata / 100]]
pc66 = data[sixd[66*ndata / 100]]

Maarten