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Subject: 5th & 95th Percentiles

Posted by [chloesharrocks](#) on Wed, 13 Feb 2008 15:58:14 GMT

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Hello

I have an array of data which is not in order and need to find the 5th & 95th percentile of this data. Is there an easy way to do this? I will eventually need it to be extended to a for loop that works through multiple arrays each of which have a different number of data contained within them.

Thanks

Chloé

PS. I'm very inexperienced with IDL so the simpler the better!

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Subject: Re: 5th & 95th Percentiles

Posted by [atmospheric physics](#) on Tue, 07 Apr 2015 13:54:52 GMT

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If 'a' is your data array, then you can compute the 5th and 95th percentile of the data array 'a' as given below:

```
IDL> a = 0.01*FINDGEN(101)
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```
IDL> print, cgPercentiles(a, Percentiles=[0.05,0.95])
```

Hope this helps,

Best wishes,

Madhavan

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