
Subject: Identifying outliers in data
Posted by [siumtesfai](#) on Fri, 26 Jun 2015 02:03:32 GMT
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Thank you in advance

Best regards

Subject: Re: Identifying outliers in data
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 26 Jun 2015 14:02:09 GMT
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It would be a mistake to use a plotting program for an analytical solution to your problem. Open cgBoxPlot up and see if you can learn HOW it identifies outliers. Then, write your own program that does exactly that, saving the non-outliers in whatever way makes sense to you.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Identifying outliers in data

Posted by [siumtesfai](#) on Fri, 26 Jun 2015 18:57:36 GMT

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On Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 10:03:34 PM UTC-4, siumt...@gmail.com wrote:

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 Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Sat, 27 Jun 2015 17:06:10 GMT
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-Jeremy.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 27 Jun 2015 17:16:53 GMT
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Jeremy Bailin writes:

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Right. iMin and iMax **are** the locations of the outliers in the original data, assuming your original data didn't contain "missing" values.

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