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BOX-WHISKER PLOTS

(OR BOX PLOT)



INTRODUCTION

4 The Boxplot is also known as Box-Whisker Plot.

The Basic form of the boxplot shows the median value, the quartiles and the maximum and minimum value.

4 In general it displays differences between samples.

- The boxplot is also useful to visualize a single sample because we can show or remove outliers if we want.
- It is a useful way to visualize simple or quite complex data.
- "boxplot()" command is used to create box-whisker plots.
- We make boxplots for single as well as multiple data sets either in the form of numeric vectors or numeric columns of a data frame respectively.



BASIC BOXPLOTS

EXAMPLE- Form a data frame "fruits" from the following data:

apple: 3 12 45 2 78 23 12 pineapple: 4 34 67 34 12 19 6

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> apple<-c(3,12,45,2,78,23,12)
> pineapple<-c(4,34,67,34,12,19,6)</pre>
> fruits<-data.frame(apple,pineapple)</pre>
> print(fruits)
  apple pineapple
1
        3
                     4
2
      12
                    34
3
      45
                    67
4
       2
                    34
5
      78
                    12
6
      23
                    19
7
      12
                      6
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To make boxplot the data apple:

boxplot(fruits\$apple) #to visualize one variable "apple"



to visualize both variables boxplot(fruits\$apple,fruits\$pineapple)



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#to make horizontal plots
boxplot(fruits\$apple,fruits\$pineapple,horizontal=TRUE)



CUSTOMIZING BOXPLOTS

#to give label to the axes, we use xlab=' ' and ylab=' '
#names=c(' ',' ') is used to set the labels of boxplot
#main=' ' is used to give title of boxplot
#col=' ' is used to give colour to the box
#range=0 is used to extend the whiskers to maximum and minimum value
boxplot(fruits\$apple,fruits\$pineapple,col='red4',xlab='variable',ylab='Value',names=c('Apple','Pineapple'),range=0,main='Fruits')



EXAMPLE:-

Draw horizontal boxplot of Solar.R and Wind in airquality data set. Customize suitably.



