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Description

These functions return the indicated minimums and maximums of X .

`rowmin(X)` returns the minimum of each row of X , `colmin(X)` returns the minimum of each column, and `min(X)` returns the overall minimum. Elements of X that contain missing are ignored.

`rowmax(X)` returns the maximum of each row of X , `colmax(X)` returns the maximum of each column, and `max(X)` returns the overall maximum. Elements of X that contain missing are ignored.

`rowminmax(X)` returns the minimum and maximum of each row of X in an $r \times 2$ matrix; `colminmax(X)` returns the minimum and maximum of each column in a $2 \times c$ matrix; and `minmax(X)` returns the overall minimum and maximum. Elements of X that contain missing are ignored.

The two-argument versions of `rowminmax()`, `colminmax()`, and `minmax()` allow you to specify how missing values are to be treated. Specifying a second argument with value 0 is the same as using the single-argument versions of the functions. In the two-argument versions, if the second argument is not zero, missing values are treated like all other values in determining the minimums and maximums: *nonmissing* < . < .a < .b < ... < .z.

`rowmaxabs(A)` and `colmaxabs(A)` return the same result as `rowmax(abs(A))` and `colmax(abs(A))`. The advantage is that matrix `abs(A)` is never formed or stored, and so these functions use less memory.

Syntax

real colvector `rowmin(real matrix X)`

real rowvector `colmin(real matrix X)`

real scalar `min(real matrix X)`

real colvector `rowmax(real matrix X)`

real rowvector `colmax(real matrix X)`

real scalar `max(real matrix X)`

real matrix `rowminmax(real matrix X)`

real matrix `colminmax(real matrix X)`

real rowvector `minmax(real matrix X)`

real matrix `rowminmax(real matrix X, real scalar usemiss)`

real matrix `colminmax(real matrix X, real scalar usemiss)`

real rowvector `minmax(real matrix X, real scalar usemiss)`

real colvector `rowmaxabs(numeric matrix A)`

real rowvector `colmaxabs(numeric matrix A)`

Conformability

`rowmin(X)`, `rowmax(X)`:

X: $r \times c$
result: $r \times 1$

`colmin(X)`, `colmax(X)`:

X: $r \times c$
result: $1 \times c$

`min(X)`, `max(X)`:

X: $r \times c$
result: 1×1

`rowminmax(X, usemiss)`:

X: $r \times c$
usemiss: 1×1
result: $r \times 2$

`colminmax(X, usemiss)`

X: $r \times c$
usemiss: 1×1
result: $2 \times c$

`minmax(X, usemiss)`

X: $r \times c$
usemiss: 1×1
result: 1×2

`rowmaxabs(A)`:

A: $r \times c$
result: $r \times 1$

`colmaxabs(A)`:

A: $r \times c$
result: $1 \times c$

Diagnostics

`row*()` functions return missing value for the corresponding minimum or maximum when the entire row contains missing.

`col*()` functions return missing value for the corresponding minimum or maximum when the entire column contains missing.

`min()` and `max()` return missing value when the entire matrix contains missing.

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