

# Statistics Toolbox Release Notes

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## New Features

This section summarizes the new features and enhancements introduced in the Statistics Toolbox 4.1.

If you are upgrading from a release earlier than Release 13, then you should also see “New Features” on page 2-2 in the Statistics Toolbox 4.0 Release Notes.

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 includes the following new features and enhancements:

- “Improved N-way Analysis of Variance” on page 1-6
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- “New Functions for Weibull Distributions” on page 1-7
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- “New Stepwise Regression Tools and Improved GUIs” on page 1-8

### Improved N-way Analysis of Variance

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 includes enhancements to the function `anovan`, which performs N-way analysis of variance. You can now specify that grouping variables in an ANOVA model are random effects, using the syntax

```
p = anovan(x, group, 'random', rand_effects)
```

where `rand_effects` is a vector specifying which grouping variables are random effects. See “ANOVA with Random Effects” for an example of this feature.

`anovan` also uses a new property name/property value syntax for several of its input arguments. For example, if you want the function to use an interaction model, you can now enter

```
p = anovan(x, group, 'model', 'interaction')
```

The Version 4.0 syntax for this command,

```
p = anovan(x, group, 2)
```

still works, but we recommend that you now use the new syntax.

See the reference page for `anovan` for details.

## Hidden Markov Model Functions

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 contains five new functions for analyzing hidden Markov models. Hidden Markov models are flexible probabilistic models that have applications in areas such as speech recognition, machine vision and bio-informatics. The new functions are

- `hmmdecode` — Calculates the posterior state probabilities of a sequence.
- `hmmgenerate` — Generates a sequence for a hidden Markov model.
- `hmmestimate` — Estimates the parameters for a hidden Markov model.
- `hmmtrain` — Calculates the maximum likelihood estimate of hidden Markov model parameters.
- `hmmviterbi` — Calculates the most probable state path for a hidden Markov model sequence.

See `Hidden Markov Models` for descriptions of these functions.

## New Functions for Weibull Distributions

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 contains the following new functions for analyzing Weibull distributions:

- `wblcdf` — Compute the cdf of a Weibull distribution.
- `wblfit` — Compute parameter estimates and confidence intervals for Weibull data.
- `wblinv` — Compute the inverse of the Weibull distribution.
- `wbllike` — Compute the negative log-likelihood for Weibull data.
- `wblpdf` — Compute the pdf of a Weibull distribution.
- `wblplot` — Create Weibull probability plot.
- `wblrnd` — Generate random numbers from a Weibull distribution.
- `wblstat` — Compute the mean and variance of a Weibull distribution.

These functions replace the Version 4.0 Weibull distribution functions, whose names began with `weib` instead of `wbl`. While code containing the Version 4.0

Weibull functions will continue to function correctly, we recommend that you use the new functions in Version 4.1.

## **New Functions for Extreme Value Distributions**

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 contains the following new functions for analyzing extreme value distributions:

- `evcdf` — Compute the cdf of a extreme value distribution.
- `evfit` — Compute parameter estimates and confidence intervals for extreme value data.
- `evinv` — Compute the inverse of the extreme value distribution.
- `evlike` — Compute the negative log-likelihood for extreme value data.
- `evpdf` — Compute the pdf of a extreme value distribution.
- `evrnd` — Generate random numbers from a extreme value distribution.
- `evstat` — Compute the mean and variance of a extreme value distribution.

See “Extreme Value Distribution” for more information.

## **Distribution Functions that Now Accept Censored Data**

The following distribution functions now accept an input argument for censored data, which enables you to analyze survival data:

- `evfit` and `evlike`
- `expfit` and `explike`
- `lognfit` and `lognlike`
- `normfit` and `normlike`
- `wblfit` and `wbllike`

## **New Stepwise Regression Tools and Improved GUIs**

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 includes the following additions and enhancements to its stepwise regression tools:

- The new function `stepwisefit` enables you to perform stepwise regression from the command line.

- The new function `addedvarplot` enables you to create added-variable plots for stepwise regression.
- Enhancements to the GUIs for the following functions make them easier to use:
  - `stepwise`
  - `disttool`
  - `randtool`
  - `regstats`
  - `robustdemo`

See “Stepwise Regression Demo” for an example.

## **New Utility Functions for Statistics Options**

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 contains two new utility functions for creating and editing the options structure that several of the distribution fitting functions use to compute maximum likelihood estimates.

- `statget` — Get parameter values from a statistics options structure
- `statset` — Create or edit a statistics options structure

## **Major Bug Fixes**

The Statistics Toolbox 4.1 includes several bug fixes made since Version 4.0. This section describes the particularly important Version 4.1 bug fixes.

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If you are upgrading from a release earlier than Release 13, then you should also see “Major Bug Fixes” on page 2-9 in the Statistics Toolbox 4.0 Release Notes.

## Upgrading from an Earlier Release

This section describes the upgrade issues involved in moving to the Statistics Toolbox 4.1 from Version 4.0.

### **New Format of Terms Output for anovan Might Cause Errors in Existing Code**

In the Statistics Toolbox 4.1, the function `anovan` returns the output argument `terms` as a matrix. In Version 4.0, `anovan` returned `terms` as a vector. If you have existing code that does the following three , it will no longer work in Version 4.1:

- 1 Calls `anovan` with the output `terms`.
- 2 Modifies `terms` by adding or removing entries.
- 3 Subsequently uses `terms` as the input for the `model` argument of `anovan`, using the Version 4.0 syntax.

For example, the following code no longer works in Version 4.1.

```
load carbig
[p, t, stats, terms] = anovan(MPG, {Cylinders Origin Model_Year});
terms = terms(1:2) % Remove last entry of vector terms
anovan(MPG, {Cylinders Origin Model_Year}, terms);
```

To fix this code, change lines 3 and 4 as follows:

```
terms = terms(1:2, :) % Remove last row of matrix terms
anovan(MPG, {Cylinders Origin Model_Year}, 'model', terms);
```

If you are upgrading from a release earlier than Release 13, then you should also see “Known Software and Documentation Problems” on page 2-11 in the Statistics Toolbox 4.0 Release Notes.



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## New Features

This section summarizes the new features and enhancements introduced in the Statistics Toolbox 4.0.

If you are upgrading from a release earlier than Release 12.0, then you should also see “New Features” on page 3-2 in the Statistics Toolbox 3.0 Release Notes.

### Multivariate Analysis

#### Cluster Analysis

The new `kmeans` function performs K-means clustering and supports five different distance measures. The new function `silhouette` plots silhouettes of clusters created using either K-means or hierarchical clustering methods. The `pdist` function now allows several new distance measures and is more efficient for large datasets.

#### Factor Analysis

The new `factoran` function fits a Common Factor Analysis model using maximum likelihood, including rotation of the estimated factor loadings and estimation of factor scores.

#### Multidimensional Scaling and Procrustes Analysis

The new `cmdscale` function performs classical (metric) Multidimensional Scaling, to create a configuration of points in Euclidean space solely from distance data. The new function `procrustes` performs orthogonal Procrustes rotations to match one set of points onto another.

#### Canonical Correlation Analysis

The new function `canoncorr` performs Canonical Correlation Analysis, to find the subsets of variables in two datasets that best correlate with each other.

#### Discriminant Analysis

The `classify` function now supports three types of discrimination (linear, quadratic, and Mahalanobis) and allows specification of prior probabilities.

'linear' is now the default, and you must specify 'mahalanobis' to duplicate the behavior of the previous version.

## **Nonlinear Regression Models**

### **Classification and Regression Trees**

A collection of new functions (`treefit`, `treeprune`, `treedisp`, `treetest`, `treeval`) performs classification and regression using decision trees. These functions fit trees to data, display them, prune them, compute error rates for them using test data or cross-validation, and apply them to new data.

### **Probability Distributions**

Several new functions support the generation of random samples from multivariate distributions. There are functions for generating random matrices from the Wishart (`wishrnd`) or inverse Wishart (`iwishrnd`) distributions. Other functions (`lhsdesign`, `lhsnorm`) use latin hypercube sampling methods to generate samples from the multivariate uniform and normal distributions. In addition there have been improvements in other probability functions, particularly those for the negative binomial distribution. Finally, a new function (`mvnpdf`) computes the probability density function for the multivariate Normal distribution.

## **Descriptive Statistics**

### **Density Estimation**

The new `ksdensity` function produces a nonparametric density estimate using a kernel smoothing technique.

### **Empirical Cumulative Distribution**

The new `ecdf` function computes the empirical cumulative distribution function (cdf) and confidence bounds for it. For censored data (common in survival analysis), it computes the Kaplan-Meier estimate of the cdf.

## Design of Experiments

### Response Surface Designs

New functions support two commonly used designs: central composite designs (`ccdesign`) and Box-Behnken designs (`bbdesign`). Central composite designs fit a full quadratic model and can have three or five levels of each factor. `ccdesign` supports the three types, circumscribed, inscribed and faced.

Box-Behnken designs are rotatable designs that also fit a full quadratic model but use just three levels of each factor.

### D-Optimal Designs

The D-optimal design generation functions are faster than in the past. In addition, the two new functions `candgen` and `candexch` provide more control over the row-exchange algorithm for design generation.

## Function Summary

Version 4.0 of the Statistics Toolbox provides the following:

- New functions
- Functions with new or changed capabilities

### New Functions

Function	Purpose
<code>bbdesign</code>	Generate Box-Behnken design
<code>candexch</code>	D-optimal design from candidate set using row exchanges
<code>candgen</code>	Generate candidate set for D-optimal design
<code>canoncorr</code>	Canonical correlation analysis
<code>ccdesign</code>	Generate central composite design
<code>cmdsca</code>	Classical multidimensional scaling
<code>ecdf</code>	Empirical (Kaplan-Meier) cumulative distribution function

<b>Function</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
factoran	Perform Factor Analysis by maximum likelihood
iwishrnd	Generate inverse Wishart random matrix
kmeans	K-means clustering
ksdensity	Compute a probability density estimate using a kernel smoothing method
lhsdesign	Generate a latin hypercube sample
lhsnorm	Generate a multivariate normal random matrix using latin hypercube sampling
mvnpdf	Multivariate normal probability density function (pdf)
nbinfit	Parameter estimates and confidence intervals for negative binomial data
procrustes	Procrustes Analysis
silhouette	Silhouette plot for clustered data
treefit	Fit a tree-based model for classification or regression.
treeprune	Produce a sequence of subtrees by pruning.
treedisp	Show classification or regression tree graphically
treetest	Compute error rate for tree
treeval	Compute fitted value for decision tree applied to data
wishrnd	Generate Wishart random matrix

## Statistics Functions with New or Changed Capabilities

Function	Enhancement or Change	
classify	<p>A new syntax lets you specify the type of discriminant function as 'linear' (default), 'quadratic', or 'mahalanobis'. Specify 'mahalanobis' to duplicate the behavior of the previous version.</p> <p>Another new syntax enables you to specify prior probabilities for the groups.</p> <p>A new output returns an estimate of the misclassification error rate.</p>	
cluster	<p>Now also allows clustering based on distance measures. A new syntax also enables you to specify values for these parameters:</p>	
	'cutoff'	Cutoff for inconsistent and distance measure
	'maxclust'	Maximum number of clusters to form
	'criterion'	Either 'inconsistent' or 'distance'
	'depth'	Depth for computing inconsistent values
The old syntax still works but is undocumented.		

Function	Enhancement or Change	
clusterdata	clusterdata(Z, 'param1', val1, 'param2', val2, ...) now enables you to specify parameters that clusterdata uses in calling pdist, linkage, and cluster:	
	'distance'	Any of the distance metric names allowed by pdist
	'linkage'	Any of the linkage methods allowed by linkage
	'cutoff'	Cutoff for inconsistent and distance measure
	'maxclust'	Maximum number of clusters to form
	'criterion'	Either 'inconsistent' or 'distance'
	'depth'	Depth for computing inconsistent values
cordexch daugment dcovary rowexch	A new syntax provides more control over design generation through a set of parameter-value pairs. <i>function</i> (..., 'param1', value1, 'param2', value2, ...) Valid parameters are:	
	'display'	Controls display of iteration counter.
	'init'	Specifies an initial design. The default is a randomly selected set of points.
	'maxiter'	Specifies the maximum number of iterations. The default is 10.

Function	Enhancement or Change
<p><code>corrcoef</code> (MATLAB)</p>	<p>Provides three new syntaxes:</p> <p><code>[R,P] = corrcoef(...)</code> returns P, a matrix of p-values for testing the hypothesis of no correlation.</p> <p><code>[R,P,RLO,RUP] = corrcoef(...)</code> returns matrices RLO and RUP which contain lower and upper bounds for a 95% confidence interval for each coefficient.</p> <p><code>[...]=corrcoef(...,'param1',val1,'param2',val2,...)</code> accepts parameter-value pairs that enable you to override the default confidence interval, and specify how to treat rows of X that contain NaNs.</p>
<p><code>nbincdf</code>, <code>nbininv</code>, <code>nbinpdf</code>, <code>nbinrnd</code>, <code>nbinstat</code></p>	<p>Consistent with a more general interpretation of the negative binomial, these functions now accept any positive value, including nonintegers, for the size parameter R.</p>
<p><code>pdist</code></p>	<p>Provides four new metrics for calculating the pairwise distance between observations: 'cosine', 'correlation', 'hamming', and 'jaccard'. It now also accepts a function handle to a user-defined distance function.</p>
<p><code>regstats</code></p>	<p>A new syntax <code>stats = regstats(responses,DATA,model,whichstats)</code> creates an output structure stats containing the statistics listed in whichstats. whichstats can be a single name or a cell array of names. The list of available statistics remains the same.</p>

## Major Bug Fixes

The Statistics Toolbox 4.0 includes several bug fixes made since Version 3.0. This section describes the particularly important Version 4.0 bug fixes.

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## Upgrading from an Earlier Release

This section describes the upgrade issues involved in moving from the Statistics Toolbox 3.0 to Version 4.0.

### **Linear and Quadratic Discriminant Analysis Added to classify**

The algorithm that was previously implemented in `classify` used the Mahalanobis distance between sample points and training groups, with stratified estimates of covariance. The new implementation adds the standard algorithms for linear (default) and quadratic discriminant analysis. Set 'type' to 'mahalanobis' in Version 4.0 (R13) to duplicate the behavior of the previous version.

### **Use playshow Command to Run glmdemo**

Starting in Release 13, to run slideshow style demos such as `glmdemo` from the command line, you must use the `playshow` command. For example,

```
playshow glmdemo
```

You can continue to run other styles of demos from the command line by typing just the demo name. `glmdemo` is the only slideshow style demo in the Statistics Toolbox Version 4.0.

## Known Software and Documentation Problems

There is a known software problem in Version 4.0.

### **Spurious Warning Message from factoran**

The first time factoran is called (or the first time it is called after a clear functions command), you will see the warning message

```
Warning: File: MATLAB\toolbox\stats\factoran.m Line: 333 Column: 1  
Variable 'lower' has been previously used as a function name.
```

This warning does not indicate a problem with the results, and can safely be ignored.



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## New Features

This section introduces the new features and enhancements added in the Statistics Toolbox 3.0 since the Statistics Toolbox 2.2 (Release 11.0).

### Summary of Enhancements

#### Expanded Support for Linear Models

Version 3.0 expands the Statistics Toolbox support for linear models in general, and analysis of variance in particular. The following are the major changes for the Statistics Toolbox 3.0:

- Improvements in one-way analysis of variance (`anova1`)
- Higher-way analysis of variance (`anovan`)
- Analysis of covariance (`aoctool`)
- Multiple comparisons of means or other estimates (`multcompare`)
- Multivariate analysis of variance (`manova1`, `manovacluster`)
- Graphics functions useful for examining data used for multivariate analysis of variance (`gscatter`, `gplotmatrix`, `gname`)
- Response surface fitting with multiple responses (`rstool`)
- Nonparametric analysis of variance (`friedman`, `kruskalwallis`)
- More flexible calculation of confidence bounds (`polytool`, `nlintool`, `nlpredci`)

#### Other Enhancements

In addition, the following changes do not involve linear models:

- Generalized linear models (`glmfit`, `glmval`)
- Robust regression (`robustfit`, `polytool`)
- Distribution testing and plotting (`cdfplot`, `lillietest`, `kstest`, `kstest2`)
- Fractional factorial design generation (`fracfact`)
- Importing numeric and text data from tab-delimited files (`tdfread`)
- More flexible handling of grouping variables (`boxplot`, `grpstats`)
- Multivariate t random number generation (`mvtrnd`) and improvements to other t distribution functions

Numerous other functions received enhancements, as described in the following sections:

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- “New Sample Data Files” on page 3-5
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- “Other Updated Functions” on page 3-6

## New Functions

The following functions have been added to the Statistics Toolbox 3.0.

<b>Function</b>	<b>Description</b>
anovan	N-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)
aoctool	Interactive plot for fitting and predicting analysis of covariance models
cdfplot	Plot of empirical cumulative distribution function
fracfact	Generate fractional factorial design from generators
friedman	Friedman’s nonparametric two-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)
glmfit	Generalized linear model fitting
glmval	Compute predictions for generalized linear model
gplotmatrix	Plot matrix of scatter plots by group
gscatter	Scatter plot by group
jbttest	Jarque-Bera test for goodness-of-fit to a normal distribution
kruskalwallis	Kruskal-Wallis nonparametric one-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

<b>Function</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>kstest</code>	Kolmogorov-Smirnov test of the distribution of one sample
<code>kstest2</code>	Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to compare the distribution of two samples
<code>lillietest</code>	Lilliefors test for goodness-of-fit to a normal distribution
<code>manova1</code>	One-way Multivariate Analysis of Variance (MANOVA)
<code>manovacluster</code>	Plot dendrogram showing group mean clusters after MANOVA
<code>multcompare</code>	Multiple comparison test of means or other estimates
<code>mvtrnd</code>	Random matrices from the multivariate t distribution
<code>robustfit</code>	Robust regression
<code>tdfread</code>	Read file containing tab-delimited numeric and text values

## **New Demos**

### **gldemo**

The `gldemo` function is a slideshow-style demo of generalized linear model fitting.

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**Note** To run `gldemo` from the command line in Version 4.0, Release 13, you must type `playshow gldemo`. In Version 3.0, Release 12, you need only type `gldemo`.)

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### **robustdemo**

The `robustdemo` function demonstrates robust fitting. The function graphs  $(x,y)$  data with an outlier, and shows how the least squares and robust fits differ. You can move points with the mouse, and see how the two fits change. You can also display the least squares leverage and the robust weight for each point. You can also provide input data instead of using the built-in example.

## **New Sample Data Files**

### **carbig**

The `carbig` data file is a large dataset on cars from the 70s and 80s.

### **carsmall**

The `carsmall` data file is a subset of `carbig`, containing cars from just three model years.

## **Updated Functions for ANOVA-Type Tables**

Several functions display tables, such as ANOVA tables, in a figure window. These figure windows now have a new **Copy Text** option on the **Edit** menu. You can use this option to copy the table as tab-delimited text into Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, or other applications. These two functions that produce such tables have been updated:

- `anova1`
- `anova2`

The changes to each of these functions are described below.

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**Note** The `aoctool`, `friedman`, and `kruskalwallis` functions are new functions added in the Statistics Toolbox 3.0; these functions also display ANOVA-type tables.

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**anova1**

```
[p,table,stats] = anova1(x,group,'displayopt')
```

- New output table is a cell array of the ANOVA table values, including row and column labels.
- Now returns a stats output structure useful for performing multiple comparisons (see `multcompare` for more information).
- New input 'displayopt' is 'off' to omit the table and boxplot display, or 'on' (the default) to display the table and boxplot.
- If `x` is a matrix, `group` can now be a character array or cell array of strings with one row for each column of `x`. The boxes in the boxplot are then labeled using the rows of `group`.
- If `x` is a vector, `group` can be a vector of integers or a character array or cell array of strings with one row for each element of `x`. The boxes in the boxplot are labeled with values from `group`.
- P-value added to both table and to the table display.
- Now accepts group numbers that are not of the form 1, ...,  $g$ .

**anova2**

```
[p,table,stats] = anova2(x,reps,'displayopt')
```

- Now returns table as a second output.
- The additional input 'displayopt' can be used to suppress the ANOVA table display.
- The additional output stats can be used as input to `multcompare` to perform multiple comparisons of row or column means.

**Other Updated Functions****Linear Model Functions**

Linear model functions (e.g., `anova1`, `polyval`, etc.) ignore observations with NaN value in the X or Y input.

## betafit

```
[phat,pci] = betafit(x,alpha)
```

The `betafit` function now:

- Removes NaN data before fitting
- Issues an error message if there are any 0 or 1 values
- Issues an error message if `x` is constant

## boxplot

```
boxplot(x,notch,sym,vert,whis)  
boxplot(x,g,notch,sym,vert,whis)
```

The second syntax for `boxplot` above is new. The first syntax displays a box for each column of the `x` matrix. The second syntax displays a box for each level of the grouping variable `g`. In addition, `g` can be a cell array of grouping variables to produce a separate box for each unique combination of grouping variable levels. See `grpstats`.

## cluster

```
T = cluster(Z,cutoff,depth,flag)
```

The `cluster` function adds a `flag` argument which overrides the default meaning of the `cutoff` argument. If `flag` is 'inconsistent', then `cutoff` is interpreted as a threshold for the inconsistency coefficient. If `flag` is 'clusters', then `cutoff` is the maximum number of clusters.

## crosstab

```
[table,chi2,p,labels] = crosstab(col1,col2,...)
```

The `crosstab` function now accepts any number of inputs, not just two. Each input can be a numeric vector, a string array, or a cell array of strings. (In the previous release each input had to be a vector of positive integers taking values 1, ...,  $g$  for some  $g$ .) If there are  $v$  input variables, the output `table` is a  $v$ -dimensional array, with `table(i,j,k,...)` counting the number of times that the first argument takes its  $i$ th value, that the second argument takes its  $j$ th value, that the third argument takes its  $k$ th value, and so on.

For the case of two positive integer input arguments, the function yields the same results as the previous release unless there are missing integers (i.e., not

all of 1, ...,  $g$  appear in the input). In that case, the previous release would have produced a divide-by-zero warning and would have generated a row or column of zeros in `table`. The new version simply does not consider that category, so it does not reserve zeros for it.

As in the previous release, `chi2` is a chi-square statistic for testing independence, and `p` is its p-value. In this release, `table` can be other than a two-dimensional table, and the test is that all dimensions are independent.

The `labels` output is a cell array with one column for each input argument. The column lists the values of that input. Revisiting the example above, `table(i,j,k,...)` counts the number of times that the first argument takes the value `labels{i,1}`, that the second argument takes the value `labels{j,2}`, that the third argument takes the value `labels{k,3}`, and so on.

### **ewmplot**

```
h = ewmplot(data,lambda,alpha,specs)
```

The `ewmplot` default for `alpha` changed to 0.27% to conform to the standard `ewma` chart definition.

### **grpstats**

```
[means,sem,counts,gname] = grpstats(x,group)
```

The `grpstats` argument `group` is no longer restricted to be a vector of integers. It can be a grouping variable that is a numeric vector, a string matrix, or a cell array of strings. In addition it can be a cell array containing multiple group vectors. The function computes statistics on groups defined by unique combinations of levels of the grouping variables. The new output `gname` is a cell array with one row per group and one column per grouping variable. Elements of `means`, `sem`, and `counts` are statistics calculated for the group defined by values in the corresponding row of `gname`. Examples include

```
[m,s,c] = grpstats(x,g1);  
[m,s,c,gnames] = grpstats(x,{g1 g2});
```

### **nlinfit**

```
[beta,r,J] = nlinfit(X,y,fun,beta0)
```

The `nlinfit` function now accepts inline functions and function handles (@FF) in addition to the text strings ('FF') accepted in the past for input `fun`.

## **nlintool**

```
nlintool(x,y,fun,beta0,alpha,'xname','yname')
```

The interface invoked with the `nlintool` function now:

- Adds a new menu option to compute different types of confidence intervals. Intervals can be simultaneous (provide a specified confidence level over all  $x$  values simultaneously) or nonsimultaneous (provide that level for a single predetermined  $x$  value). They can apply to the estimated regression function only (not taking account any variability from a new observation) or to a prediction for a new observation (taking its variability into account).
- Accepts inline functions and function handles (@FF) in addition to the text strings ('FF') accepted in the past for input `fun`.

## **nlpredci**

```
ypred = nlpredci(fun,inputs,beta,r,J,alpha,'simopt','predopt')
```

The `nlpredci` function has new arguments that allow the same types of confidence intervals produced by `nlintool`.

## **norminv**

```
x = norminv(p,mu,sigma)
```

The `norminv` function now returns NaN for each element of  $p$  that is NaN.

## **normplot**

```
h = normplot(x)
```

The `normplot` function now strips NaN values individually from each column of  $x$ .

## **normrnd**

```
r = normrnd(mu,sigma,m,n)
```

The `normrnd` function now returns the mean if  $\sigma$  is 0.

## **polytool**

```
h = polytool(x,y,n,alpha,xname,yname)
```

The interface invoked by the `polytool` function has the following enhancements:

- Removes `x(j)` and `y(j)` if either is NaN, and display a warning when doing so.
- The **Method** menu provides the option of using robust (bisquare) fitting in place of least squares.
- The new **Bounds** menu option computes different types of confidence intervals. Intervals can be simultaneous (provide a specified confidence level over all `x` values simultaneously) or nonsimultaneous (provide that level for a single predetermined `x` value). They can apply to the estimated regression function only (not taking account any variability from a new observation) or to a prediction for a new observation (taking its variability into account).

### **prctile**

```
y = prctile(x,p)
```

The `prctile` function now strips NaN values individually from each column of `x`.

### **qqplot**

```
h = qqplot(x,y,pvec)
```

The `qqplot` function now:

- Strips NaN values individually from each column of `x` and `y`.
- If `y` is omitted, uses standard normal quantiles.

### **ranksum**

```
[p,h,stats] = ranksum(x,y,alpha)
```

New `ranksum` output `stats` is a structure that always contains a field named `ranksum` whose value is the value of the rank sum statistic, and that for large samples contains a field named `zval` that is the value of the normal ( $Z$ ) statistic used to compute the p-value `p`.

### **schart**

```
[outliers,h] = schart(data,conf,specs)
```

The `schart` default for `conf` changed to 99.73% to conform to the standard s-chart definition.

## signrank

```
[p,h] = signrank(x,y,alpha)
```

The `signrank` function has the following enhancements:

- If `y` is a scalar, extend it to the same length as `x`. This facilitates comparison of the median of one sample to a constant value.
- If `x` and `y` are the same, return `p=1` and `h=0`.
- If `p=alpha`, now `h=1` rather than `h=0` (rejects hypothesis).
- New return value `stats` is a structure that always contains a field named `signed_rank` whose value is the value of the signed rank statistic, and that for large samples contains a field named `zval` that is the value of the normal ( $Z$ ) statistic used to compute the p-value `p`.

## signtest

```
[p,h,stats] = signtest(x,y,alpha)
```

The `signtest` function has the following enhancements:

- If `p=alpha`, now `h=1` rather than `h=0` (rejects hypothesis)
- New return value `stats` is a structure that always contains a field named `sign` whose value is the value of the sign statistic, and that for large samples contains a field named `zval` that is the value of the normal ( $Z$ ) statistic used to compute the p-value `p`.  $Z$  is signed, not an absolute value.

## tcdf, tin, tpdf, trnd, tstat

The `tcdf`, `tin`, `tpdf`, `trnd`, and `tstat` functions now accept noninteger degrees of freedom.

## ttest

```
[h,sig,ci,stats] = ttest(x,m,alpha,tail)
```

The `ttest` function has these enhancements:

- Added new output `stats`, the value of the  $t$  statistic and its degrees of freedom.
- Removes NaN from `x` before starting test.

**ttest2**

```
[h,sig,ci,stats] = ttest2(x,y,alpha,tail)
```

The `ttest2` function has these enhancements:

- Adds new output `stats`, the value of the  $t$  statistic and its degrees of freedom.
- If `tail` is 1 or -1, now `ci` has one endpoint set to `Inf` or `-Inf`.
- Removes NaN from `x` and `y` before starting test.

**weibplot**

```
h = weibplot(x)
```

The `weibplot` function strips NaN values individually from each column of `x`.

**xbarplot**

```
[outliers,h] = xbarplot(data,conf,specs,'sigmaest')
```

The `xbarplot` function has these enhancements:

- Changed default `conf` to 99.73%, to conform to the standard x-bar chart definition.
- Corrected calculation of control limits. With the new default `conf` the control limits are three-sigma limits.
- New input `sigmaest` specifies how to estimate sigma in the control limit calculation. The default is `'std'`, meaning estimate using the average of the subgroup standard deviations. The value `'variance'` uses a pooled variance estimate; this was the value used in previous releases. The value `'range'` uses the average of the subgroup ranges, and requires subgroups with no more than 25 observations.

**ztest**

```
[h,sig,ci,zval] = ztest(x,m,sigma,alpha,tail)
```

The `ztest` function has these enhancements:

- Adds new output `zval`, the value of the test statistic.
- If `tail` is 1 or -1, now `ci` has one endpoint set to `Inf` or `-Inf`.
- Removes NaN from `x` before starting test.