

WEIGHTED AVERAGES

There are a number of cases where you might want to weight averages. The ability to do so is useful, and in my opinion all computer programs for scaling, inventory plots or other applications should have a “weight” included. In normal circumstances, the weights would be the same, but the ability to mix data and examine it by different weights is often very handy.

One example is looking at the exclusion of a plot to find out how much difference it would make. Just how critical is the answer from that plot? How else can you tell except to rerun the data – and that would be much easier if you could just change the weight to zero, especially in spreadsheets. The same is true of an individual tree. We often hear that some issue is “very important”, but there are very few examples to be found.

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