

Built-In Routines

Each of Igor's built-in routines is categorized as a function or as an operation.

A built-in function is an Igor routine, such as `sin`, `exp` or `ln`, that directly returns a result. A built-in operation is a routine, such as `Display`, `FFT` or `Integrate`, that acts on an object and may create new objects but does not directly return a result.

A good way to get a sense of the scope of Igor's built-in routines is to scan the sections **Built-In Operations by Category** on page V-1 and **Built-In Functions by Category** on page V-7 in the reference volume of this manual.

For getting reference information on a particular routine it is usually most convenient to choose **Help**→**Command Help** and use the Igor Help Browser.

User-Defined Procedures

A user-defined procedure is a routine written in Igor's built-in programming language by entering text in a procedure window. It can call upon built-in or external functions and operations as well as other user-defined procedures to manipulate Igor objects. Sets of procedures are stored in procedure files.

You can create Igor procedures by entering text in a procedure window.

Each procedure has a name which you use to invoke it.

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0  #pragma TextEncoding = "UTF-8"
1  #pragma rtGlobals=3      // Use modern global access method and strict wav
2
3  // RemoveOutliersXY(xWave, yWave, minVal, maxVal)
4  // Removes each point in an XY pair whose Y value is below minVal or above
5  // Returns the number of points removed.
6  Function RemoveOutliersXY(xWave, yWave, minVal, maxVal)
7      Wave xWave
8      Wave yWave
9      Variable minVal, maxVal
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11     Variable index, numPoints, numOutliers
12     Variable val
13
14     numOutliers = 0
15     index = 0          // The loop index
16     numPoints = numpts(yWave) // Number of times to loop
17
18     do
19         val = yWave[index]
20         if ((val < minVal) %I (val > maxVal)) // Is this an outlier

```

Procedures can call operations, functions or other procedures. They can also perform waveform arithmetic.

Igor Extensions

An extension is a “plug-in” - a piece of external C or C++ code that adds functionality to Igor. For historical reasons, we use the term “XOP” to refer to an Igor extension. “XOP” is a contraction of “external operation”. The terms “XOP” and “Igor extension” are synonymous.