

Calculating the Outliers

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Calculation:

A week is classified as an outlier when the total votes for the week deviate from the average votes per week for the complete dataset by more than 20%. For the avoidance of doubt, *please use the following formula*:

Say the mean votes is given by \bar{x} and this specific week's votes is given by x_i .

We want to know when x_i differs from \bar{x} by more than 20%.

When this is true, then the ratio $\frac{x_i}{\bar{x}}$ must be further from 1 by more than 0.2, i.e.:

$$\left|1 - \frac{x_i}{\bar{x}}\right| > 0.2$$

We want this outlier calculation's output to be stored in the view called `outlier_weeks`. The data should be sorted in the view by year and week number, with the earliest week first.

Test Data

Given the following test data:

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{"Id": "1", "PostId": "1", "VoteTypeId": "2", "CreationDate": "2022-01-02T00:00:00.000"}
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{"Id": "11", "PostId": "1", "VoteTypeId": "2", "CreationDate": "2022-01-30T00:00:00.000"}
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{"Id":"15","PostId":"13","VoteTypeId":"3","CreationDate":"2022-02-20T00:00:00.000"}
{"Id":"16","PostId":"11","VoteTypeId":"2","CreationDate":"2022-02-20T00:00:00.000"}
{"Id":"17","PostId":"3","VoteTypeId":"3","CreationDate":"2022-02-27T00:00:00.000"}

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You should have the following in your outlier_weeks view:

Year	WeekNumber	VoteCount
2022	0	1
2022	1	3
2022	2	3
2022	5	1
2022	6	1
2022	8	1

Note that we strongly encourage you to use this data as a test case to ensure that you have the correct calculation!

