

# VARIF Function

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Generates the variance of values by group in a column that meet a specific condition.

**NOTE:** When added to a transform, this function is applied to the current sample. If you change your sample or run the job, the computed values for this function are updated. Transforms that change the number of rows in subsequent recipe steps do not affect the values computed for this step.

## Relevant terms:

Term	Description
Population	Population statistical functions are computed from all possible values. See <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistical_population">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistical_population</a> .
Sample	Sample-based statistical functions are computed from a subset or sample of all values. See <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sampling_(statistics)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sampling_(statistics)</a> .  These function names include SAMP in their name.  <b>NOTE:</b> Statistical sampling has no relationship to the samples taken within the product. When statistical functions are computed during job execution, they are applied across the entire dataset. Sample method calculations are computed at that time.

- This function is calculated across the entire population.
- For more information on a sampled version of this function, see *VARSAPIF Function*.

**Wrangle vs. SQL:** This function is part of Wrangle , a proprietary data transformation language. Wrangle is not SQL. For more information, see *Wrangle Language*.

## Basic Usage

```
varif(testScores, ((testScores > 0) && (testScores < 90)))
```

**Output:** Returns the variance of the `testScores` column when the `testScores` value is between 0 and 90.

## Syntax and Arguments

```
varif(col_ref, test_expression) [group:group_col_ref] [limit:limit_count]
```

Argument	Required?	Data Type	Description
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col_ref	Y	string	Reference to the column you wish to evaluate.
test_expression	Y	string	Expression that is evaluated. Must resolve to true or false

For more information on syntax standards, see *Language Documentation Syntax Notes*.

For more information on the `group` and `limit` parameters, see *Pivot Transform*.

### col\_ref

Name of the column whose values you wish to use in the calculation. Column must be a numeric (Integer or Decimal) type.

#### Usage Notes:

Required?	Data Type	Example Value
Yes	String that corresponds to the name of the column	myValues

### test\_expression

This parameter contains the expression to evaluate. This expression must resolve to a Boolean (`true` or `false`) value.

#### Usage Notes:

Required?	Data Type	Example Value
Yes	String expression that evaluates to true or false	(LastName == 'Mouse' && FirstName == 'Mickey')

### Examples

**Tip:** For additional examples, see *Common Tasks*.

### Example - Conditional Calculation Functions

This example illustrates how you can use the following conditional calculation functions to analyze weather data:

- **AVERAGEIF** - Average of a set of values by group that meet a specified condition. See *AVERAGEIF Function*.
- **MINIF** - Minimum of a set of values by group that meet a specified condition. See *MINIF Function*.
- **MAXIF** - Maximum of a set of values by group that meet a specified condition. See *MAXIF Function*.
- **VARIF** - Variance of a set of values by group that meet a specified condition. See *VARIF Function*.
- **STDEVIF** - Standard deviation of a set of values by group that meet a specified condition. See *STDEVIF Function*.

#### Source:

Here is some example weather data:

date	city	rain	temp	wind
1/23/17	Valleyville	0.00	12.8	6.7
1/23/17	Center Town	0.31	9.4	5.3

1/23/17	Magic Mountain	0.00	0.0	7.3
1/24/17	Valleyville	0.25	17.2	3.3
1/24/17	Center Town	0.54	1.1	7.6
1/24/17	Magic Mountain	0.32	5.0	8.8
1/25/17	Valleyville	0.02	3.3	6.8
1/25/17	Center Town	0.83	3.3	5.1
1/25/17	Magic Mountain	0.59	-1.7	6.4
1/26/17	Valleyville	1.08	15.0	4.2
1/26/17	Center Town	0.96	6.1	7.6
1/26/17	Magic Mountain	0.77	-3.9	3.0
1/27/17	Valleyville	1.00	7.2	2.8
1/27/17	Center Town	1.32	20.0	0.2
1/27/17	Magic Mountain	0.77	5.6	5.2
1/28/17	Valleyville	0.12	-6.1	5.1
1/28/17	Center Town	0.14	5.0	4.9
1/28/17	Magic Mountain	1.50	1.1	0.4
1/29/17	Valleyville	0.36	13.3	7.3
1/29/17	Center Town	0.75	6.1	9.0
1/29/17	Magic Mountain	0.60	3.3	6.0

**Transformation:**

The following computes average temperature for rainy days by city:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	New formula
<b>Parameter: Formula type</b>	Single row formula
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	AVERAGEIF(temp, rain > 0)
<b>Parameter: Group rows by</b>	city
<b>Parameter: New column name</b>	'avgTempWRain'

The following computes maximum wind for sub-zero days by city:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	New formula
<b>Parameter: Formula type</b>	Single row formula
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	MAXIF(wind,temp < 0)
<b>Parameter: Group rows by</b>	city
<b>Parameter: New column name</b>	'maxWindSubZero'

This step calculates the minimum temp when the wind is less than 5 mph by city:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	New formula
<b>Parameter: Formula type</b>	Single row formula
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	MINIF(temp,wind<5)
<b>Parameter: Group rows by</b>	city
<b>Parameter: New column name</b>	'minTempWind5'

This step computes the variance in temperature for rainy days by city:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	New formula
<b>Parameter: Formula type</b>	Single row formula
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	VARIF(temp,rain >0)
<b>Parameter: Group rows by</b>	city
<b>Parameter: New column name</b>	'varTempWRain'

The following computes the standard deviation in rainfall for Center Town:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	New formula
<b>Parameter: Formula type</b>	Single row formula
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	STDEVIF(rain,city=='Center Town')
<b>Parameter: Group rows by</b>	city
<b>Parameter: New column name</b>	'stDevRainCT'

You can use the following transforms to format the generated output. Note the \$col placeholder value for the multi-column transforms:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	Edit column with formula
<b>Parameter: Columns</b>	stDevRainCenterTown,maxWindSubZero
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	numformat(\$col,'##.##')

Since the following rely on data that has only one significant digit, you should format them differently:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	Edit column with formula
<b>Parameter: Columns</b>	varTempWRain,avgTempWRain,minTempWind5
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	numformat(\$col,'##.#')

### Results:

date	city	rain	temp	wind	avgTempWRain	maxWindSubZero	minTempWind5	varTempWRain	stDevRain
1/23 /17	Valley ville	0.00	12.8	6.7	8.3	5.1	7.2	63.8	0.37

1/23 /17	Center Town	0.31	9.4	5.3	7.3		5	32.6	0.37
1/23 /17	Magic Mountain	0.00	0.0	7.3	1.6	6.43	-3.9	12	0.37
1/24 /17	Valleyville	0.25	17.2	3.3	8.3	5.1	7.2	63.8	0.37
1/24 /17	Center Town	0.54	1.1	7.6	7.3		5	32.6	0.37
1/24 /17	Magic Mountain	0.32	5.0	8.8	1.6	6.43	-3.9	12	0.37
1/25 /17	Valleyville	0.02	3.3	6.8	8.3	5.1	7.2	63.8	0.37
1/25 /17	Center Town	0.83	3.3	5.1	7.3		5	32.6	0.37
1/25 /17	Magic Mountain	0.59	-1.7	6.4	1.6	6.43	-3.9	12	0.37
1/26 /17	Valleyville	1.08	15.0	4.2	8.3	5.1	7.2	63.8	0.37
1/26 /17	Center Town	0.96	6.1	7.6	7.3		5	32.6	0.37
1/26 /17	Magic Mountain	0.77	-3.9	3.0	1.6	6.43	-3.9	12	0.37
1/27 /17	Valleyville	1.00	7.2	2.8	8.3	5.1	7.2	63.8	0.37
1/27 /17	Center Town	1.32	20.0	0.2	7.3		5	32.6	0.37
1/27 /17	Magic Mountain	0.77	5.6	5.2	1.6	6.43	-3.9	12	0.37
1/28 /17	Valleyville	0.12	-6.1	5.1	8.3	5.1	7.2	63.8	0.37
1/28 /17	Center Town	0.14	5.0	4.9	7.3		5	32.6	0.37
1/28 /17	Magic Mountain	1.50	1.1	0.4	1.6	6.43	-3.9	12	0.37
1/29 /17	Valleyville	0.36	13.3	7.3	8.3	5.1	7.2	63.8	0.37
1/29 /17	Center Town	0.75	6.1	9.0	7.3		5	32.6	0.37
1/29 /17	Magic Mountain	0.60	3.3	6.0	1.6	6.43	-3.9	12	0.37