

## Re: Google Group scistatmath

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Richard Ulrich wrote:

On 4 Nov 2006 21:23:58 -0800, "Reef Fish"  
<[large\\_nassua\\_grouper@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:large_nassua_grouper@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

[snip]

When I did a search of the STATISTICS about the two groups at present, I found that there are not 18 subscribers to scistatmath, while there are 1926 subscribers to sci.stat.math.

Where do you find those?

The same place you found your figures. The 1926 was a typo. A reversal of the middle two digits.

In my NEXT TWO posts, it had been corrected to 1296, and then to 1295 — which I suspected might have been Jack Tomsky dropping his subscription.

I learned a couple of days ago that Google-groups makes available the number of its subscribers, so I did some browsing.

I saw 1292 for sci.stat.math and 13 for scistatmath. Today, I see 1296 for sci.stat.math and 15 for scistatmath. Typos, or some other source?

It dropped LAST NIGHT, from 1296 to 1295, and today it went back up to 1296. During the same period, the scistatmath subscription number went from 18 to 14 and now back to 15.

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That 1292 suggests that there \*are\* still 100 lurkers who never post, for every poster in a month, since it reflects only the minority who read through Google-groups.

The former is a faulty inference and conclusion, the latter is correct for the same reason the former is false.

In subscription numbers, there are such long-known phenomenon of Cyber-debris. Some (and even many -- if a group or list has been around a LONG time) accumulated many "dead email addresses" for subscribers, who either forgot to unsubscribe, or the email address became inactive and could not be unsubbed, and they remain there as cyber-debris until someone manually delete them.

That happened in the LIST I was in when any subscriber can LIST all of the other subscribers, and I can recognize from the subscription list the number of DUPLICATE, triplecat, and multi-subscription of email addresses, as well as dead addresses.

No different here, except I can't see the list of subscribers.

But I would guess the number of active READERS of the sci.stat.math group is no more than 10% of the number of subscribers.

Here is a question for anyone -- Is "scistatmath" from Google going to be a Google-only group? My Usenet provider lists over 100,000 groups, including a variety of mis-spellings, but it did not include scistatmath when I last checked.

Google only keeps track of USENET groups, such as LISTSERV lists and Newsgroups.

scistatmath is a Google-only group. ANY psychopath can create a Google-only group anytime he wants. It will never be a legitimate newsgroup. For one thing, it lacks the usual democratic process of establishing such a group, with charter, and other NG standard requirements.

That's why belivsky can arbitrary create that group, use the contracted name (removing the dots) to plagiarise sci.stat.math while making himself the dictator of the group.

You can do it yourself, Richard! Start your own Google-only group and call it Ulrichsays group, and you make the rules and you can post as much quackery and malpractice to your heart's

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content, and NOBODY will be able to correct or challenge you.

You may actually attract MANY MORE subscribers than belivsky.

— Reef Fish Bob.

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