

An **outlier** is a data value that lies in the tail of the statistical distribution of a set of data values. In the distribution of raw data, outliers are often regarded as more likely to be incorrect.

In contrast, an **inlier** is an erroneous data value which actually lies in the interior of a statistical distribution, making it difficult to distinguish it from good data values.

Further information

- [Handbook on Data Quality - Assessment Methods and Tools](#)

Related concepts

- [In-sample vs. out-of-sample forecasts](#)