
Subject: Re: what is the dist function's mean?

Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Sat, 23 Apr 2005 18:55:39 GMT

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lixiaoyao wrote:

- > yes,this is what I wanted,thank you! I am in the process to study IDL,I
- > want to be an expert in IDL. I have order David Fanning's book,but it
- > still does not reach! Thank you for youe help!
- > except the book,any suggestions about the how to study IDL?

www.dfanning.com

Look at the "tips and tricks" page. Download his full program library. Skim through it, plus the "tips" page, every once in a while. As you learn IDL, each time you'll understand more and find another useful helper program. Other IDL websites with tips and more program libraries are linked from David's.

Go to the help directory of your IDL installation, open each of the PDF files and skim the table of contents. And remember, the first place to look at is the help index. Type in a few keywords which are related to your problem.

If you ask questions on this newsgroup, people are happy to help if they see you showed some effort to read the available documentation and if the problem is described well. Remember, they all do it voluntarily in their free time!

Benjamin
