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

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Fri, 22 Apr 2005 20:05:44 GMT

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In article <MPG.1cd2fd582e4202939899db@news.frii.com>,
David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Haje Korth writes:

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>> Maybe we should start copying from the manual. So here we go:

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> When I went to graduate school I lived in the Amish
> country near Lancaster, PA. I grew to greatly admire
> the Amish people. They have a practice called "shunning"
> that they use to put pressure on one of the flock that
> has strayed from the straight and narrow. It's used
> as a way of gently nudging the wayward one back into
> accord with the larger community and its norms and
> values.

In modern psychobabble there is a name for the opposite phenomenon:
enabling. ;-)

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