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Subject: Re: Definition of skewness

Posted by [mchinand](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2005 15:52:03 GMT

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In article <k-bowman-6A23C8.09010712082005@news.tamu.edu>,  
Kenneth Bowman <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> wrote:

>  
> The documentation is incorrect. Skewness is related to the third moment about  
> the mean.  
>  
> It would be extremely helpful if the IDL manuals included the mathematical  
> expressions for quantities such as this, but unless they receive many requests,  
> RSI is unlikely to update the docs.  
>

While the SKEWNESS page does have the incorrect description, it does at least mention that it calls the MOMENT function and its help page does give the mathematical expression for skewness (3rd moment about mean as Ken stated above). That's still no excuse for having the wrong description of skewness, however.

--Mike

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