
Subject: Re: mean() function

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"Maarten" <maarten.sneep@knmi.nl> writes:

> And the reason you need that page, is in part because IDL uses the
> moment routine described in Numerical Recipes (take total first, divide
> later), instead of a proper running average, like the GNU scientific
> library does.
>
> However, since looping is slow in IDL, you don't want to implement that
> in IDL, so the next best thing is to have that page.

Maarten,

Would you mind explaining this a bit for me? What's a proper running average? And why is it better in general?

Thanks

Matt

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