Subject: embedded formatting hell: x-bar meaning "mean of x"
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ideally, something I can use in STRING() to then deliver as input to
XYOUTS.

This comes close:

meanstring=STRING(mean,$
            format='("!sx!r!u-!n= ",i," is the mean")')

I think it would be correct, if I could just get an em-dash instead of
an en-dash.

Unicode should be my friend here, but I can't get syntax:

format='("!sx!r!u!Z('2014'x)!n= ",i," is the mean")')

gives a Syntax Error, presumably a quotes problem.

I thought maybe I could put it in like this:

emdash=string(XXXb)
meanstring=STRING(emdash,mean,$
            format='("!sx!r!u",a,"!n= ",i," is the mean")')

But I cannot for the life of me figure out how to assign EMDASH so
that I get an EMDASH. Ideally, I'd like to use a TrueType font for
this job.

Please Help,

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