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Subject: Re: moment functions with dimen keyword  
Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2008 14:45:56 GMT  
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On Thu, 20 Nov 2008, Paolo wrote:

> I have done the same last year with moment....  
> and I am sure many others did! (to save execution  
> time, I added a keyword maxmoment, such that it  
> does not compute the kurtosis if I only need the average).

IDL 6.4's MOMENT has a MAXMOMENT keyword. Use the source, Luke!  
(not the documentation :-)

regards,  
lajos

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; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   Result = Moment(X)
;
; INPUTS:
;   X:   An N-element vector of type integer, float or double.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;   DOUBLE: IF set to a non-zero value, computations are done in
;           double precision arithmetic.
;
;   MDEV:  Use this keyword to specify a named variable which returns
;           the mean absolute deviation of X.
;
;   SDEV:  Use this keyword to specify a named variable which returns
;           the standard deviation of X.
;
;   MAXMOMENT:
;           Use this keyword to limit the number of moments:
;           Maxmoment = 1  Calculate only the mean.
;           Maxmoment = 2  Calculate the mean and variance.
;           Maxmoment = 3  Calculate the mean, variance, and skewness.
;           Maxmoment = 4  Calculate the mean, variance, skewness,
;                           and kurtosis (the default).
;
;   NAN:   Treat NaN elements as missing data.
;           (Due to problems with IEEE support on some platforms,
;           infinite data will be treated as missing as well. )
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