Subject: newbie MOMENT question Posted by demott on Fri, 12 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Hi,

I want to compute the mean and variance of a set of data points, and I'm using the MOMENT procedure to do it. With some fields, the variance is quite small (i.e., o(e-03)), so I get floating point underflow errors when MOMENT tries to compute the skewness and kurtosis. since i don't really care about the skewness and kurtosis, how can i get IDL to not worry about this, and continue with the rest of the procedure? online help suggests that some combination of ON\_ERROR and/or CATCH would appropriate, but i haven't been able to figure out exactly how to use these two yet. any suggestions?

thanks, charlotte