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Subject: Re: P-value, DF, Variance

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On Monday, March 6, 2017 at 10:59:03 PM UTC-5, Cheryl wrote:

> Hello programmers,

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> I am having difficulties calculating p-value, degrees of freedom, variance and F-stat in IDL.

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> I have tried several build-in functions such as:

> `t_pdf`

> `chisqr_pdf`

> `fv_test`

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> I don't think they are the function I need for P,DF, V,F-stat. I would appreciate some guidance on which functions to use.

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> I used other functions on my data such as `m_correlate` to find R2, and `correlate` to compute pearsons linear coeff, and `regress` function to compute constant, multiple coeff, and standard error.

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> I want to keep working on some more statistical analysis but not sure how to find df, v, p-value. any ideas?

DF - degrees of freedom - there is not really a function for this. You need to define this based on the nature of the problem you are trying to solve.

V - variance - use `VARIANCE()` or `STDDEV()` functions.

F-test - the standard library `FV_TEST()` function may work for you, or search for `MPFTEST()`.

P-value - depends on what statistic you are using, but probably `GAUSS_PDF()` or `CHISQR_PDF()`.

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