

- Mutual independence by testing if all three variables are independent of each other.
- Partial dependence (rows) by testing if rows independent of columns and layers.
- Partial dependence (columns) by testing if columns independent of rows and layers.
- Partial dependence (layers) by testing if layers independent of rows and columns.

In each case you should compare the statistic with the critical value and reject  $H_0$  if the statistic exceeds or equals the critical value.

You should examine the table entries to determine if the Chi-square statistic is appropriate (if the frequency is smaller than 6 for  $\alpha=0.05$  you should consider computing the Fisher exact test).

V\_flag will be set to -1 for any error and to zero otherwise.

#### See Also

Chapter III-12, **Statistics** for a function and operation overview; **StatsInvChiCDF**.

## StatsCorrelation

**StatsCorrelation(waveA [ , waveB])**

The StatsCorrelation function computes Pearson's correlation coefficient between two real valued arrays of data of the same length. Pearson r is give by:

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (waveA[i] - A)(waveB[i] - B)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (waveA[i] - A)^2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (waveB[i] - B)^2}}$$

Here  $A$  is the average of the elements in *waveA*,  $B$  is the average of the elements of *waveB* and the sum is over all wave elements.

#### Details

If you use both *waveA* and *waveB* then the two waves must have the same number of points but they could be of different number type. If you use only the *waveA* parameter then *waveA* must be a 2D wave. In this case StatsCorrelation will return 0 and create a 2D wave M\_Pearson where the  $(i,j)$  element is Pearson's r corresponding to columns  $i$  and  $j$ .

Fisher's z transformation converts Person's r above to a normally distributed variable z:

$$z = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+r}{1-r} \right),$$

with a standard error

$$\sigma_z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n-3}}.$$

You can convert between the two representations using the following functions:

```
Function pearsonToFisher(inr)
  Variable inr
  return 0.5*(ln(1+inr)-ln(1-inr))
End

Function fisherToPearson(inz)
  Variable inz
  return tanh(inz)
End
```

#### See Also

**Correlate**, **StatsLinearCorrelationTest**, and **StatsCircularCorrelationTest**.