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scipy.stats.describe

scipy.stats.describe(*a, axis=0, ddof=1, bias=True, nan_policy='propagate'*) [source]
(<https://github.com/scipy/scipy/blob/v1.3.0/scipy/stats/stats.py#L1222-L1297>)

Compute several descriptive statistics of the passed array.

Parameters:

a : *array_like*

Input data.

axis : *int or None, optional*

Axis along which statistics are calculated. Default is 0. If None, compute over the whole array *a*.

ddof : *int, optional*

Delta degrees of freedom (only for variance). Default is 1.

bias : *bool, optional*

If False, then the skewness and kurtosis calculations are corrected for statistical bias.

nan_policy : *{'propagate', 'raise', 'omit'}, optional*

Defines how to handle when input contains nan. 'propagate' returns nan, 'raise' throws an error, 'omit' performs the calculations ignoring nan values. Default is 'propagate'.

Returns:

nobs : *int or ndarray of ints*

Number of observations (length of data along *axis*). When 'omit' is chosen as *nan_policy*, each column is counted separately.

minmax: *tuple of ndarrays or floats*

Minimum and maximum value of data array.

mean : *ndarray or float*

Arithmetic mean of data along axis.

variance : *ndarray or float*

Unbiased variance of the data along axis, denominator is number of observations minus one.

skewness : *ndarray or float*

Skewness, based on moment calculations with denominator equal to the number of observations, i.e. no degrees of

freedom correction.

kurtosis : *ndarray or float*

Kurtosis (Fisher). The kurtosis is normalized so that it is zero for the normal distribution. No degrees of freedom are used.

See also:

skew ([scipy.stats.skew.html#scipy.stats.skew](#)), **kurtosis** ([scipy.stats.kurtosis.html#scipy.stats.kurtosis](#))

Examples

```
>>> from scipy import stats
>>> a = np.arange(10)
>>> stats.describe(a)
DescribeResult(nobs=10, minmax=(0, 9), mean=4.5, variance=9.166666666666666,
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                skewness=0.0, kurtosis=-1.2242424242424244)
>>> b = [[1, 2], [3, 4]]
>>> stats.describe(b)
DescribeResult(nobs=2, minmax=(array([1, 2]), array([3, 4])),
                mean=array([2., 3.]), variance=array([2., 2.]),
                skewness=array([0., 0.]), kurtosis=array([-2., -2.]))
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