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Subject: Re: wavelet spectra help

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Rick McDaniel wrote:

> The matlab wavelet toolbox documentation and examples do not describe  
> how to form wavelet spectra from a time series. The way I do spectra  
> using the wavelet toolbox is as follows:  
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> 1. I call cwt.m to get the wavelet coefficients.  
>  
> 2. I then form a new matrix of  $\text{abs}(\text{coefs})^2$  to get the wavelet energy  
> density at a given location in wavelet space.  
>  
> 3. I use the morlet wavelet, so i can find the frequency =  $1./\text{scale}$ .  
> Where scale is returned by cwt.m.  
>  
> 4. If a contour plot is made of the wavelet energy density, where the x  
> axis is time and the y axis is frequency, the plot indicates wavelet  
> energy density as a function of freq and time.  
>  
> 5. If I take a vertical cut through the plot in part 4, and plot wavelet  
> energy density (y axis) versus frequency (x axis) does this represent a  
> local spectra?  
>  
> Is the above procedure esentially correct? Does anyone have any IDL code  
> to check these results? Any suggestions greatly appreciated.  
> Thanks!  
>  
> Rick McDaniel

Rick,

I 'm not so familiar with the Matlab waveleb package.

Best and shortest tip I can give you is to download the latest (a bit old)  
version of

the wavelet workbench for IDL available at RSI  
([ftp://ftp.rsinc.com/pub/user\\_contrib/wwb](ftp://ftp.rsinc.com/pub/user_contrib/wwb))

If you need more information, have also a look at [www.wavelet.org](http://www.wavelet.org) and  
contact us

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Regards,  
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