
Subject: wavelet spectra help

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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:

1. I call `cwt.m` to get the wavelet coefficients.
2. I then form a new matrix of `abs(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./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!

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