
Subject: Re: Low pass filter

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Mike wrote:

>
> Hi,
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> I was wondering if anyone could point me in the direction of a library
> that produces a lowpass filter to filter high frequency data from an
> hourly time series? Any ideas or suggestions are welcomed. Thanks in
> advance
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> Mike
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> --
> "Looking North West out over the Irish sea."

Mike,

you could try out my run_av.pro (attached). I wrote this specifically for something similar, so it handles missing values as well as irregularly spaced time intervals.

Hope it works out,

Martin

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; $Id: run_av.pro,v 1.10 1999/01/22 20:12:17 mgs Stab $  
;+  
; NAME:  
;   RUN_AV (function)  
;   ;  
; PURPOSE:  
;   Compute running average or running total of a  
;   data vector. Compared to the IDL function TS_SMOOTH,  
;   this function takes into account missing values or
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; gaps in an optional x vector, and it allows for
; even bandwidths. It can also be used to compute cumulative
; totals.
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; CATEGORY:
;   math
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; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   result = RUN_AV(Y [,X] [,keywords] )
;
; INPUTS:
;   Y -> the data vector (a 2-D array will be treated as a vector)
;
;   X -> an optional X vector defining e.g. the sample times.
;       This only has an effect when the DELTAX keyword is specified.
;       X must be monotonically increasing and have the same
;       number of elements as Y.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;   WIDTH -> The number of points to use for the average or total
;           Default is 1, i.e. Y is returned unchanged.
;
;   MINWIDTH -> The minimum number of points that must be valid
;               in order to return a average or total for the given point.
;               Default is MINWIDTH=WIDTH, i.e. all points must be valid
;               (and if X and DELTAX are specified, all points must lie
;               within WIDTH*DELTAX).
;
;   MIN_VALID -> The minimum value for valid data. Data with less than
;               MIN_VALID will be considered missing. MIN_VALID is also used
;               to indicate invalid totals or averages (1% is subtracted).
;
;   DELTAX -> The maximum gap between two consecutive x values.
;             Only effective when X is given.
;
;   COUNT -> A named variable will return the number of points used
;            in each average or total.
;
;   /TOTAL -> Set this keyword to compute running totals instead
;            of running averages.
;
; OUTPUTS:
;   The function returns a vector with running averages or totals.
;   The number of elements in the result vector always equals the
;   number of elements in Y (unless an error occurs).
;
; SUBROUTINES:
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; REQUIREMENTS:
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; NOTES:
;   This function can also be used to compute accumulative totals.
;   Simply set WIDTH to n_elements(Y) and MINWIDTH to 1 and use
;   the /TOTAL keyword. However, this is very ineffective for large
;   data vectors!
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; EXAMPLE:
;   y = findgen(20)
;   print,run_av(y,width=4)
;   ; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1.5 2.5 3.5 4.5 ...
;
;   print,run_av(y,width=4,/TOTAL)
;   ; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 6 10 14 18 ...
;
;   ; (cumulative total)
;   print,run_av(y,width=n_elements(y),minwidth=1,/TOTAL)
;   ; IDL prints: 0 1 3 ... 190
;
;   x = [ 0, 2, 4, 6, 16, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33 ]
;   y = fltarr(n_elements(x)) + 1.
;   print,run_av(y,x,width=4,count=c)
;   ; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1 1 1 1 ...
;   print,c
;   ; IDL prints: 1 2 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
;
;   print,run_av(y,x,deltax=2,width=4,count=c)
;   ; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1 -1E31 -1E31 -1E31
;   ;           -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1 1 1 1 1
;   print,c
;   ; IDL prints: 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 4 4 4 4
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;   mgs, 21 Oct 1998: VERSION 1.00
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; with subject "IDL routine run_av"
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function run_av,y,x,width=width,min_valid=min_valid,deltax=deltax, $
    minwidth=minwidth,count=rcount,total=ctotal
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result = 0.
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if (n_elements(y) eq 0) then return,result
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; =====  
; set up result array and temporary storage  
; =====
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average = not keyword_set(ctotal)
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if (n_elements(width) eq 0) then width = 1 $  
else width = fix(abs(width[0]))
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if (n_elements(minwidth) eq 0) then minwidth = width $  
else minwidth = minwidth < width ; no larger than width!
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if (width eq 0) then begin  
    message,'WIDTH must be greater or equal 1!','/Cont  
    return,result  
endif
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accu = fltarr(width)  
count = intarr(width)  
result = fltarr(n_elements(y))  
rcount = intarr(n_elements(y))  
ic = 0
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if (n_elements(min_valid) eq 0) then min_valid = -9.99E30
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; =====  
; VERSION 1: no x array given  
; =====
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if (n_elements(x) eq 0) then begin  
    ; loop through y vector and accumulate  
    for i = 0L,n_elements(y)-1 do begin
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        if ( (i-ic) ge width ) then ic = ic + width
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        ; add current y value to all buffer elements  
        ; if greater min_valid  
        ; and increment counter  
        if (y[i] gt min_valid) then begin  
            accu[*] = accu[*] + y[i]
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    count[*] = count[*] + 1
endif

; read out ith buffer value and reset ith buffer
rcount[i] = count[i-ic]
if (count[i-ic] ge minwidth) then begin
    result[i] = accu[i-ic]
    if (average) then result[i] = result[i]/rcount[i]
endif else begin
    result[i] = min_valid
endelse

accu[i-ic] = 0.
count[i-ic] = 0

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endfor
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return,result
endif
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; =====
; VERSION 2: with x array
; same as above, but needs to take care of min x steps
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if (n_elements(x) ne n_elements(y)) then begin
    message,'X and Y must have same number of elements!','Cont
    return,0.
endif

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if (n_elements(deltax) eq 0) then begin
    xdifff = x - shift(x,1)
    deltax = max(xdifff[1:.*])
endif

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; loop through y vector and accumulate
for i = 0L,n_elements(y)-1 do begin

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    if ( (i-ic) ge width ) then ic = ic + width
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; add current y value to all buffer elements
; if greater min_valid
; and increment counter
if (y[i] gt min_valid and x[i]-x[(i-1)>0] le deltax) then begin
    accu[*] = accu[*] + y[i]
    count[*] = count[*] + 1

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endif

; read out ith buffer value and reset ith buffer
rcount[i] = count[i-ic]
if (count[i-ic] ge minwidth) then begin
  result[i] = accu[i-ic]
  if (average) then result[i] = result[i]/rcount[i]
endif else begin
  result[i] = min_valid
endelse

accu[i-ic] = 0.
count[i-ic] = 0

endifor

return,result
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end

File Attachments

1) [run_av.pro](#), downloaded 153 times
