
Subject: spherical harmonics

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Hallo!

I want to analyze data on a sphere, representing them by spherical harmonic coefficients.

This is somehow like a Fourier transform, but based on Legendre polynoms, which are defined on the surface of a sphere.

Unlike wavelets, this transform is global.

My data are given in the form [longitude, latitude, data_value], where longitude, latitude

and data_value are vectors of the same length.

Data points are randomly scattered over the sphere with a resolution of approx. 100km on the Earth's surface.

Does somebody know, how to do this transform with idl?

Klaus
