Subject: Re: generating symmetric array from function? Posted by Nick Bower on Mon, 11 Dec 2000 16:02:03 GMT

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"Liam E. Gumley" wrote:

ahh. my mind was stuck on generating a 2D array instead using 1D Z/X/Y arrays and letting IDL do the messy stuff.

this solves the plotting problem of course, but just to be pedantic, how do you generate the 2D version of Z? Is it possible?

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> Nick Bower wrote:
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>> how do I generate symmetric 2D array from a function of one variable?
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>> eg. say i want the sinc function in 3 dimensions - how do i generate
>> this symmetrically in both x and y dimensions?
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>> presumably, the last step would be a shift by N/2 in both x and y
>> directions to move the origin to the centre of the array, but i'm just
>> not sure what comes before this and how to do it without nested loops
>> over the array elements.
> v = findgen(41) * 0.5 - 10.0
> x = rebin(v, 41, 41, /sample)
> y = rebin(reform(v, 1, 41), 41, 41, /sample)
> r = sqrt(x^2 + y^2) + 1.0e-6
> z = \sin(r) / r
> surface, z, x, y
>
> Cheers.
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> Liam.