
Subject: Re: unwrap modulo 2pi

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I wrote:

> graham_wilson@my-deja.com wrote:

>> My appologies for not being explicit enough...

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>> IDL> a=[2,4,6,8,10,12]

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>> IDL> b=2*!PI

>> IDL> c=a mod b

>> IDL> print, c

>> 2.00000 4.00000 6.00000 1.71681 3.71681 5.71681

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>> What I mean by 'unwrapping' is: Given I know 'c' and 'b' how do I

>> explicitly find a?

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> Surely I must be missing something(?):

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> IDL> print, c + fix(a/b)*b

> 2.00000 4.00000 6.00000 8.00000 10.0000 12.0000

And a proverbial ohnosecond later I went - "Oh No!". I guess I better go back to lurking. ;-(

Btw, given that $(a \bmod b) = (a+(n*b) \bmod b)$ do you expect your 'unwrapping' function to give the lowest value of a such that $c = a \bmod b$?

Dave
