
Subject: Re: All day FFT....

Posted by [Robert Stockwell](#) on Wed, 06 Feb 2002 23:30:04 GMT

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Paul van Delst wrote:

> Hey there,
>
> I've had this process running for about, oh, 4-5 hours now where I'm reducing the resolution of
> an input spectrum of about 500K points (i.e. a lot, but not terribly so.). Earlier I did the
> same for a spectrum of about 700K points. Something has apparently gone haywire in the
> second
> one - is there anything I can do to interrupt the process, check out some numbers to see if
> everything is o.k. and if it is, start it up where it left off? I think that's what a ^C does
> but I thought I better consult the idl wizards out there...
>
> thanks for any info.
>
> paulv

I'm betting that ^C will interrupt the process as soon as it finishes with the FFT. LOL! I'd just kill IDL.

My guess, regarding slowness, is "Prime Number" (number of points in your time series). Try zeropadding up to, or truncating down to, a nice factorable number.

I've attached my hackware factors.pro which will return the factors of a number. (and its recursive, COOL!)

FYI, 500K should take seconds: Here is a quicky example:

```
IDL> a = lindgen(1025L^2)
IDL> help,a
A      LONG      = Array[1050625]
IDL> tic & b = fft(a) & toc
% Compiled module: TIC.
% Compiled module: TOC.
Elapsed time:      3.9645100 Seconds.
IDL> print,factors(n_elements(a))
% Compiled module: FACTORS.
  5.00000  5.00000  5.00000  5.00000  41.0000  41.0000
```

Cheers,
bob stockwell

```
; do factoring of a function
```

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; development interrupted when i realized I didn't need it  
; drops the last number
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```
function factors, n, prevfactors=prevfactors
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```
maxfactor = fix(sqrt(n))  
if maxfactor le 1 then begin  
  if keyword_set(prevfactors) then begin  
    prevfactors = [prevfactors, n]  
    return, n  
  endif else begin  
    return, n  
  endelse  
endif
```

```
fac = findgen(maxfactor-1)+2 ; 2 -- sqrt(n)
```

```
doloop = 1  
factorflag = 0  
counter = 0
```

```
while doloop do begin  
  if n mod fac(counter) eq 0 then begin  
    factorflag = 1  
    newfactor = fac(counter)  
    if keyword_set(prevfactors) then prevfactors = [prevfactors, newfactor] $  
    else prevfactors = newfactor  
    newnumber = n/newfactor  
    ; to iterate is human, to recurse is divine  
    r = factors(newnumber, prevfactors=prevfactors)  
    doloop = 0  
  endif  
  counter = counter+1  
  if counter ge maxfactor-1 then doloop = 0  
endwhile
```

```
if n_elements(prevfactors) eq 0 then prevfactors = n else begin
; only if n is prime do we add it here
if not(factorflag) then prevfactors = [prevfactors,n]
endelse
```

```
return,prevfactors
```

```
end
```

```
;;;_____ test code here _____
```

```
n = 5001
```

```
r = factors(n)
```

```
print
print
print,'Finished calculating factors_____'
print,'Number: ',n
print,'Factors:'
print,r
```

```
end
```

File Attachments

1) [factors.pro](#), downloaded 118 times
