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Subject: Re: Discrete sine transform

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"Dominik Paul" <dpaul@ukl.uni-freiburg.de> wrote in message  
news:<aar135\$hqg\$1@n.ruf.uni-freiburg.de>...

> I am not 100% sure about it, but I think the sin transform is just the  
> imaginary part of the Fourier Transformation.

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> Dom

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> "Matthew Angling" <mjangling@QinetiQ.com> schrieb im Newsbeitrag

> news:aaqvkg\$85k\$1@hamble.qinetiq.com...

>> Hello all,

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>> I'm another lurker drawn out to ask for help. I think this is more of  
>> a maths question rather than IDL, but as I'm working with IDL and this  
>> seems to be the most friendly newsgroup I know of, I thought I'd try  
>> here!

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>> Does anybody have the algorithm for the discrete sine transform coded  
>> in IDL. If I understand correctly it can be done (with some  
>> redundancy) by using the FFT - but I'm not sure how!

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>> Thanks in advance for your help,

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>> Matt

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nope! Funny, I was just leafing Numerical Recipes on that topic  
yesterday. By way of explanation (and probably quoting the Book and  
other authorities), the sine transform is a "complete" transform of  
the data, i.e., you can get the data back by doing an inverse  
transform. If you were just to take the imaginary part of your FFT,  
you would lose half the information, and could not recover it when  
doing the inverse.

The Book does provide an algorithm to do it using the FFT. You have  
to make an anti-symmetric series out of your data by extending the  
data series. The first N samples stay the same. The other N samples

are anti-symmetric about  $N+1$  where the  $N+1$  sample must be zero. I've never done it, and advise going to the Book itself to make sure you got everything right. The topic is covered in Ch. 12 of the second edition.

Mirko

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