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Subject: Re: calculating long term statistics on ALBEDO data  
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I just noticed that calculating the variance is a bit more tricky than calculating the mean:

1. Calculate the mean

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mean=total(array, 3)
```

2. Subtract the mean from each sample, take the square and sum it up. Maybe there is a faster way, but the only way which comes to my mind is replicating the mean array and then do the subtraction

```
dev=total((array-replicate(mean, 360))^2,3)
```

3. divide dev by n-1

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variance=total(array, 3)/(total(finite(array),3)-1)
```

and of course if you have to deal with missing data don't forget the /NaN keyword in the call to total

Klaus

"Klaus Scipal" <[ks@ipf.tuwien.ac.at](mailto:ks@ipf.tuwien.ac.at)> wrote in message  
news:425297e0\$0\$8024\$3b214f66@tunews.univie.ac.at...

> Hi Allard

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> Calculating the mean can simply be done on the entire array using the  
> total function

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> mean=total(array, 3)/360.

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> This however assumes that there are no missing values in your array. In  
> case of missing values your divisor should not be 360 but something  
> smaller. You can deal with missing values by setting all the missing  
> values to !values.nan and applying following formula:

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> mean=total(array, 3)/total(finite(array),3)

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> the total & finite function in the divisor gives you the number of "valid"  
> samples for each point.

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> For the standard deviation the code should look similiar!

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> cheers
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> Klaus
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> "wita" <allard.dewit@wur.nl> wrote in message
> news:1112701185.279975.281940@o13g2000cwo.googlegroups.com...
>> Dear all,
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>> I have a dataset of Meteosat derived albedo values over the period
>> 1994-2003 with a temporal frequency of 10 days (36 observations per
>> year). Now I want to calculate some long term
>> statistics on this data such as long term mean and st. deviation per
>> pixel and per 10-days.
>> I am using the ENVI tiling mechanism to read in data as
>> interleaved-by-line. The data has
>> dimensions 1300x825x360 and I am getting chunks of data of size
>> 1300x360 with each call
>> for a new tile.
>>
>> The code I am using to calculate the statistics is this:
>> -----
>> ;Main processing loop
>> FOR i=0L, num_tiles-1 DO BEGIN
>>   envi_report_stat,base, i, num_tiles
>>   data = envi_get_tile(tile_id1, i)
>>   mask = envi_get_tile(tile_id2, i)
>>   ;Only execute at first iterations to get the data dimensions
>>   IF i EQ 0 THEN BEGIN
>>     ds = SIZE(data, /DIMENSIONS)
>>     means = FLTARR(ds[0],36)
>>     stdev = means
>>     decades = LINDGEN(ds[1]) MOD 36
>>     index = WHERE(decades EQ 0)
>>     tmpmeans = FLTARR(36)
>>     tmpstdevs = FLTARR(36)
>>   ENDIF
>>   ;Loop over X direction
>>   FOR j=0, ds[0]-1 DO BEGIN
>>     ;If mask = Land surface then loop over Z dimension
>>     IF mask[j] EQ 1 THEN BEGIN
>>       tmpdata = REFORM(data[j,*])
>>       FOR k=0, 35 DO BEGIN
>>         tmpindex = index+k
>>         tmpmeans[k] = MEAN(tmpdata[tmpindex], /NAN)
>>         tmpstdev[k] = STDDEV(tmpdata[tmpindex], /NAN)
>>       ENDFOR

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>>   ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
>>     tmpmeans = FLTARR(36)
>>     tmpstdev = FLTARR(36)
>>   ENDELSE
>>     means[j,*] = tmpmeans
>>     stdev[j,*] = tmpstdev
>>   ENDFOR
>>   WRITEU, unit1, means
>>   WRITEU, unit2, stdev
>> ENDFOR
>> -----
>> This is not particularly fast because of the three nested FOR loops.
>> Note that I am using a mask image to determine what is land/sea and I
>> only execute the inner loop over land. I've been trying to speed this
>> up but no success so far. One idea was to use the HIST_ND() function
>> to assemble all data into histograms in order to calculate statistics:
>> -----
>>   IF i EQ 0 THEN BEGIN
>>     ds = SIZE(data, /DIMENSIONS)
>>     decades = LINDGEN(ds[1]) MOD 36L
>>     decades = REFORM(decades,1,ds[1])
>>     decades2d = REBIN(decades, ds[0], ds[1])
>>     decades2d = REFORM(decades2d, 1, ds[0], ds[1])
>>     pixels2d = REBIN(LINDGEN(ds[0]),ds[0], ds[1])
>>     pixels2d = REFORM(pixels2d, 1, ds[0], ds[1])
>>   ENDIF
>>
>> ; Add extra data dimension
>>   data = REFORM(data, 1, ds[0], ds[1])
>> ; Concatenate everything to 1 array and reform it in order to have
>> NxP points
>> ; with the ALBEDO data on n=0, the image pixel nr in N=1 and the
>> decade in N=2
>>   tmp = [data, decades2d, pixels2d]
>>   tmp = REFORM(tmp, 3, ds[0]*ds[1])
>>   r = HIST_ND(tmp, 1)
>> -----
>>
>> But this doesn't solve anything because r becomes a
>> 1300x36x<nrofalbedoclasses> array
>> and I still need to loop 1300x36 times.
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>> Has anyone some idea how to vectorise this particular problem?
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>> Thanks in advance,
>>
>> Allard
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