
Subject: IDL 5.5, 2D FFT indexing confusion.

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Hi,

I have been trying to generate an real even function in fourier space that I can INVERSE FFT in order to get a function which has no imaginary part. I have no problems when the function is a vector, but I get an imaginary part when it is a two dimensional array.

Below is the test program that shows my problem. Am I defining wrong the variables 'centre' or 'nshift'?

I would be really grateful if someone could let me know what I am doing wrong.

Thanks!

Pitufa.

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pro test_index
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npix = 100  
centre = npix/2.d - 1.d  
nshift = npix/2 + 1
```

;1d example:

```
f = abs(findgen(npix) - centre)  
ifft = fft(shift(f,nshift),1,/double)  
  
print,'1D: Imaginary maximum:', Max(Abs(Imaginary(ifft)))  
print,'1D: Real maximum :', Max(Abs(Double(ifft)))
```

;2d example:

;angle of position vector w.r.t x axis:

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phi = dblarr(NPIX,NPIX)  
FOR X = 0, NPIX-1 DO FOR Y = 0, NPIX-1 DO $  
PHI[X,Y] = ATAN(Y*1.D - centre,X*1.D - centre)  
  
TEST = sin(2.d*phi)  
IFFTTEST = FFT SHIFT(TEST,nshift,nshift),1,/DOUBLE  
  
print,'2D: Imaginary maximum: ', $  
MAX(ABS(imaginary(IFFTTEST))),mean(ABS(imaginary(IFFTTEST)))
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print,'2D: Real maximum : ',MAX(ABS(double(IFFTTEST)))
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end
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