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Subject: Re: IDL 5.5, 2D FFT indexing confusion.  
Posted by [Pitufa](#) on Thu, 21 Jul 2005 17:28:52 GMT  
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Thanks Bob!

I tried what you told me and it seemed to work, although I am not totally sure why..

I agree, everything becomes much simpler if N is odd, since the range of frequencies is symmetric (taking centre as  $(npix - 1)/2.d$  and  $nshift$  as  $(npix - 1)/2 + 1$ ).

I tried to understand how it can work with an even N, and got the following conditions:

1.  $F_{\{m,p\}} = F_{\{N-m,N-p\}}^*$
2.  $F_{\{m,N\}} = F_{\{N-m,N\}}^*$
3.  $F_{\{N,p\}} = F_{\{N,N-p\}}^*$
4.  $F_{\{N,N\}} = F_{\{N/2-1,N/2-1\}}^*$
5.  $F_{\{N,N/2-1\}} = F_{\{N/2-1,N\}}^*$

but then it only works if the fourier array is real, and 2-5 don't make any sense physically! My conclusion from this is that you are better off using an odd N if you are doing this sort of calculation.

Agree? Disagree?

Why the nyquist rows/columns need to be positive?

Thanks alot,

Pitufa.

R.G. Stockwell wrote:

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> "Pitufa" <c.c.calderon@gmail.com> wrote in message
> news:1121772201.952005.96070@g43g2000cwa.googlegroups.com...
>> Hi,
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>> 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.
> ...
>
> Hello Pitufa,
> I shrunk the size of the array and took a look.
> I think your nyquist rows and columns should all be positive (i.e. don't
> flip the signs).
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> (by nyquist rows/columns i mean the  $npix/2+1$  column and the  $npix/2+1$  row)  
>  
> Here is a  $npix=6$  example that i fixed  
>  $f = [$  \$  
> [0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00], \$  
> [0.00, 1.00, 0.80, 0.60, -0.80, -1.00], \$  
> [0.00, 0.80, 1.00, 0.92, -1.00, -0.80], \$  
> [0.00, 0.60, 0.92, 1.00, 0.92, 0.60], \$  
> [0.00, -0.80, -1.00, 0.92, 1.00, 0.80], \$  
> [0.00, -1.00, -0.80, 0.60, 0.80, 1.00] \$  
> ]  
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> Cheers,  
> bob  
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> PS  
> Note that if your "npix" is odd, you have both a positive and negative  
> nyquist points  
> and they are both complex.

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