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Subject: Re: What are the errors in the FFT?

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Thu, 08 Feb 2007 18:37:45 GMT

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Monty,

Congratulations, you have just discovered your machine's precision in doing floating point mathematics. :-)

BTW: I have uploaded an FFTW3 implementation to the ITTVIS codebank. Should be ready for grabs there in a few days. You can double check just for grins.

Cheers,

Haje

<monty@lanl.gov> wrote in message  
news:1170953635.505681.59040@v33g2000cwv.googlegroups.com...

> For a given function  $f(t)$  I am finding:  
>  
>  $\text{FFT}(\text{FFT}(f(t), -1), 1) - f(t)$  varies between about  $10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-8}$  for  
> floating point  
> and about  $10^{-14}$  to  $10^{-16}$  for double precision

>  
> (I.e. the inverse transform of the transform deviates from the  
> original function)

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> Is this a problem with the IDL implementation of the FFT, or is this a  
> more fundamental issue with the algorithm itself?

>  
> -Monty Wood

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