

---

Subject: Fast way to calculate sum of discrete poisson distribution

Posted by [bk1](#) on Sat, 24 Feb 2007 21:10:41 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

I have been struggeling with this for a while. Basically I need to calculate the quadratic sum of the discrete poisson distribution:

$k = \text{INDGEN}(8)$

$\text{sum} = \text{TOTAL}( p^k / \text{FACTORIAL}(k) * \text{EXP}(-p) * k^2 )$

This workes fine for a scalar p. Is there a way to calculate the quadratic sum for every element of an array p without using a loop?

Thanks for your help!

Bernd

---