
Subject: Re: Oooh...! It's harder than I thought!! To get average of each line using only meaningful data

Posted by [Conor](#) on Tue, 24 Jul 2007 15:52:27 GMT

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On Jul 24, 11:40 am, "edward.s.mei...@aero.org" <mei...@aero.org> wrote:

> On Jul 24, 8:47 am, Conor <cmanc...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> totals = total(data_arr,1)/total(data_arr<1,1)

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>> total(data_arr,1) returns a row vector where each element is the total

>> of a single line of data. total(data_arr<1,1) does essentially the

>> same thing, but first it imposes a ceiling on the array, so that no

>> value is greater than 1. Then, when you total across a line, what you

>> get is the total number of non-zero elements.

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> Very clever, Conor! It just needs one small change: You have assumed

> that the total number of non-zero elements is, well, non-zero. If

> there are no non-zero elements, it will choke, so just do,

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> totals = total(data_arr,1)/(total(data_arr<1,1) > 1)

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> I use the */(* > 1) trick quite frequently.

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> Ed

Good call. I always forget to check for things like that :) On a related note, I've also assumed that the data is integer data. This would fail for floats (or, at least for any values between 0 and 1)
