
Subject: Re: FFT wierdness in WAVE

Posted by [Sergei Senin](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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howie@skeefum.tamu.edu (Matt Howard) wrote:

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>
> Can anyone here enlighten me on why the plots produced with the
> following commands are so different?
>
> Other vector lengths which produce this strange behavior are;
>
> 5788 5788+16 5788+48
> 9848 9848-16 9848-32
> and others
>
>> plot,abs(fft(findgen(8395),-1)) - works!
>> plot,abs(fft(findgen(8396),-1)) - fails! Peaks where none should be.
>
> The contents of the vector do not matter. When the vector length is
> 8396 you get a spike on top of the proper spectrum.
>
> Any ideas?
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>
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Now I'm certain that I missed a couple of lectures on FFT when I was studying at the university :-(

Try this :

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;-----
;weird_fft.pro start line
;-----
pro weird_fft
tek_color
out_old=0
for k=0, 10 do begin
if k eq 0 then plot_io ,abs(fft(findgen(8395),-1)), $
xrange=[-1000, 10000], $
color=1, /nodata
ggg=strcompress(string(8395+k))
xyouts, 0.2, 0.2, out_old, /norm, charsize=1.5, color=0
xyouts, 0.2, 0.2, ggg, /norm, charsize=1.5, color=k+1
oplot,abs(fft(findgen(8395+k),-1)), color=k+1
out_old=ggg
endfor
return
```

end

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;-----  
;weird_fft.pro stop line  
;-----
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