
Subject: Re: Degree of Polarization

Posted by [Nicola](#) on Fri, 03 Oct 2008 07:45:48 GMT

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On Oct 3, 2:37 am, RussellGrew <russell.g...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi Nicola,

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> Firstly, John Samson's polarization papers generally scare me.

> However, in this instance the DOP doesn't look too hard to code.

> Assuming you are talking about eqn (17) you just make the spectral

> matrix S from your signals and find the trace of it etc.

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> Which aspect of it is giving you grief?

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> Assuming you have a 3 component signal with components, x, y and z,

> take FFT of each component then calculate spectral matrix terms, eg:

> $S_{xy} = X(w) * \text{conjugate}(Y(w))$. Obviously there is a bit more to it in

> terms of windowing (& window compensation) and time averaging of data

> and/or smoothing.

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> There are other less mathematical approaches to polarization (eg:

> equation 5 in Fowler et al., JGR 1967) that might be useful. Also

> Section 10.8 in Born & Wolf, Principles of Optics gives good

> background on the spectral matrix and details on using the Stokes

> parameters for the polarization analysis (as opposed to the Spectral
> matrix).

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> Good luck!

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> Russell.

Thank you very much for the further bibliographic references. Actually my question arises much more because laziness than difficulties. In any case I found another good paper (according to my opinion) from Zanandrea (Computer & Geoscience 2004) based on SVD and multitaper. But here I found another lack of IDL, i.e. there is any built in routine for multitaper spectral analysis. I made a search on the usenet group but didn't find anything and so I'm trying to translate from Matlab code where this analysis exists on the signal processing toolbox.

I will give a look to you suggestion

thank you very much

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