
Subject: Re: IDL hilbert() function

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On 3 nov, 20:54, "R.G. Stockwell" <notha...@noemail.com> wrote:

> <ed.schm...@gmail.com> wrote in message

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> On Nov 3, 2:16 am, Wox <s...@nomail.com> wrote:

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>> On Sat, 1 Nov 2008 02:14:54 -0700 (PDT), lecacheux.al...@wanadoo.fr
>> wrote:

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>>> Is this function actually computing the Hilbert transform ?
>>> The Hilbert transform is known to be idempotent, i.e. $H(H(x)) = -x$.
>>> However, by applying the IDL function, one get for instance :
>>> IDL> print, hilbert (hilbert (indgen(8)))
>>> (6.00000, 0.000000)(7.00000, 0.000000)
>>> (4.00000, 0.000000)(5.00000, 0.000000)
>>> (2.00000, 0.000000)(3.00000, 0.000000)
>>> (0.000000, 0.000000)(1.00000, 0.000000)

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>> It works for this:
>> x=findgen(180)/90.*!pi
>> plot,x,hilbert(hilbert(sin(x))),/xs
>> oplot,x,-sin(x),psym=1

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>> Not for this (flips):
>> plot,hilbert(hilbert((indgen(1000))))
>> oplot,indgen(1000),psym=1

>
>> I'm not sure why, but check the hilbert.pro in the IDL-lib directory
>> to see how it's implemented.

>
> Hello Hilbert fans,

>
> Hilbert.pro is not a perfect implementation of the Hilbert function.
> One of its failures is an inability to treat odd numbered arrays
> properly. Try this:

>
> x1=findgen(9)-4 ; Evenly distributed around the origin
> y1=abs(x1) ; An even function of x1
> h1=hilbert(y1) ; This should be an ODD function of x1, i.e. $H(-$
> x)=-H(x)

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> plot,x1,y1
> oplot,x1,h1,psym=-6 ; But it's clearly not exactly anti-symmetric
> about the origin!
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> The problem goes away if you use 10 values instead of 9:
>
> x2=findgen(10)-4.5 ; Again evenly distributed around the origin
> y2=abs(x2) ; An even function of x2
> h2=hilbert(y2) ; This should be an ODD function, i.e., H(-x)=-
> H(x)
> plot,x2,y2
> oplot,x2,h2,psym=-6 ; ... and it is: h2(x2)=-h2(-x2) plus a constant
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> Looking at the source code suggests that an easy fix is possible.
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> Ed Schmahl
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> A very long time ago, I modified the code (it is below), check it out.
> I did run into a number of problems with hilbert in both IDL and MATLAB.
> Matlab was just flat out wrong (it expanded the time series to be a power of
> 2,
> but did not expand the convolving kernel properly). After many arguments
> in email
> with a matlab developer, they finally acquiesced (but simply making the
> wrong behaviour
> a keyword option (rolls eyes)).
>
> Cheers,
> bob
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> Here is the code:
>
> FUNCTION HILBERT,X,D, ANALYTIC = a ; performs the Hilbert transform of
> some data.
>   ON_ERROR,2 ; Return to caller if an error occurs
>   Y=FFT(X,-1) ; go to freq. domain.
>   N=N_ELEMENTS(Y)
>
>   I=COMPLEX(0.0,-1.0)
>
>   IF N_PARAMS(X) EQ 2 THEN I=I*D
>   N2=ceil(N/2.)-1 ; effect of odd and even # of elements
> ; considered here.
>   y(0) = complex(0,0) ; zero the DC value (required for hilbert
> trans.)
>   Y(1)=Y(1:N2)*I ; multiplying by I rotates counter c.w. 90 deg.
>   if (n mod 2) eq 0 then Y(N2+1) = complex(0,0) ; don't need this

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> N2=N-N2
> Y(N2)=Y(N2:N-1)/I
> Y=float(FFT(Y,1)) ; go back to time domain
> if keyword_set(a) then y = complex(x,y)
> RETURN,y
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Thank you all for answering: I was a little bit confused in finding both IDL (6.4)

and Matlab (5.4) in error. But you confirmed that !

Thanks for the code. Using IDL, a simpler one might be :

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function Hilbert, x, DOUBLE=double
  n = N_elements (x)
  m = ((n mod 2) eq 0) ? [0, dblarr(n/2-1) + 1, 0, dblarr(n/2-1) -
1] : [0, dblarr((n-1)/2) + 1, dblarr((n-1)/2) - 1]
  return, fft (fft (x, -1, DOUBLE=double)*m*complex(0,1), 1,
DOUBLE=double)
end

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function Analytic, x, DOUBLE=double
  n = N_elements (x)
  m = ((n mod 2) eq 0) ? [1, dblarr(n/2-1) + 2, 1, dblarr(n/2-1)] :
[1, dblarr((n-1)/2) + 2, dblarr((n-1)/2)]
  return, fft (fft (x, -1, DOUBLE=double)*m, 1, DOUBLE=double)
end

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alx.