
Subject: Re: Recombining Real and Imaginary parts of FT in IDL?

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<robarker23@googlemail.com> wrote in message

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> Hi all,

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> I think this may be quite simple but I just can't figure it out.

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> I have some fourier transform spectral data which contains both the

> real and imaginary parts of the spectra and want to recombine them to

> get the final spectra.

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> Is there a simple way to do this in IDL? All of the spectral data I've

> examined in IDL before has been the final recombined spectra and not

> separated in this way.

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> Cheers

I'm not sure what you mean. Do you want the power spectrum from
the real and imag parts? just do

for amplitude spectrum:

pow = abs(compspe)

for power spectrum

pow = abs(compspe)^2

or if you have two arrays, one for real part and one for imaginary part,

then just do

pow = abs(complex(real,imag))^2

or

pow = real^2 + imag^2

cheers,

bob
