
Subject: Re: How to calculate the abscissa values for the given vertical values
Posted by duxiyu@gmail.com on Mon, 05 Oct 2009 15:34:39 GMT
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Y is a time series and X is the sampling time.

Both X and Y are discrete.

I don't know the analytical form of the relation between X and Y.

To get the vertical value NY for a given time NX, I can use 'NY = interpol(Y, X NX)'.

Similarly, I want to get the correspondent time CX for a fixed vertical value CY.

But the values of correspondent time are not unique. CX should be not a scalar but an array.

So I cannot use 'CX = interpol(X, Y, CY)' to get these values.

On Oct 5, 4:55 pm, Paolo <pgri...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Oct 5, 9:43 am, "dux...@gmail.com" <dux...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Maybe my statement is not clear.

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>> There is a function $Y=F(X)$, and I want to calculate the correspondent abscissa values X for $Y=0$.

>> It means that there are several intersection points between the line $Y=F(X)$ and the horizontal line $Y=0$,

>> and I want to get the correspondent abscissa values of these points.

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> You should realize that what you *want* and what you can *achieve*

> are two different things. This is a hard problem for general F...

> I believe you should read chapter 9 (on root finding) of the numerical recipes book.

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> But - this problem becomes more easy if you do know something about

> the properties of your function - for instance if you can bracket

> your solutions - so maybe the question is, what do you know about F?

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> Ciao,

> Paolo

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>> On Oct 5, 3:10 pm, Wox <s...@nomail.com> wrote:

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>>> On Mon, 5 Oct 2009 01:56:20 -0700 (PDT), "dux...@gmail.com"

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>>> <dux...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> Hi, all.
>>>> I want to calculate the abscissa values for the given vertical values.
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>>>> For example,
>>>>   x = findgen(1000)/1000*4*pi
>>>>   y = cos(x)
>>>> I want to get the abscissa values for y=0.
>>>> For this example, the results should be [ $\pi/2$ ,  $3\pi/2$ ,  $5\pi/2$ ,  $7\pi/2$ ].
>>>> But how can I get it by IDL codes?
>
>>>> Best wishes,
>>>> jdu
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>>> Just for this function:
>>> print,(indgen(ceil(max(x)/pi))+1)*pi/2
>
>>> What do you need exactly? You can always find the answer analytically
>>> no?
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