
Subject: Re: Point Spread Function Simulation
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On Sep 24, 11:35 am, Paolo <pgri...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Sep 24, 11:23 am, Jacob Mendez <jake.men...@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> Hello, I'm trying to generate a simulated 2D point spread function to
>> test a program that I am writing and I am wondering what might be a
>> good way to do this.
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> It's pretty easy:
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> nx=512;dimensions of images
> ny=512
> sigma=10;width of psf
>
> x=findgen(nx)-nx/2;x axis of image
> y=findgen(ny)-ny/2
>
> xx=x#(x*0+1);create 2D coordinates
> yy=(y*0+1)#y
>
> zz=exp(-0.5*(xx^2+yy^2)/sigma^2);compute PSF
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> Ciao,
> Paolo
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>> My program will take 2D point spread functions and generate 1D line
>> spread functions at incremental rotations of the 2D PSF.
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Jacob,

It depends what you are trying to do. Are you trying to simulate a real point spread function, for example as you might find through a high numerical aperture objective? Do you want to look at low signal to noise diffraction limited spots? Or do you just need a 2D-Gaussian?

Here is some code I use to generate point spread functions to simulate

data that might be collected in a fluorescence microscope. The diffraction limited spots have shot noise (Poisson distributed) and background noise (Gaussian distributed).

/Dan

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FUNCTION psf, N, psf_width, bn_width, black_level, x_dim, y_dim, x0,
y0, Show=show
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; psf generates a photon spot with background noise and poisson
noise. psf_width is the stddev of the
; gaussian spot in units of pixels. bn_width is the stddev of the
gaussian distributed background noise.
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;
;
; Dan larson
; 5/22/00
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;*****define the index arrays*****
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x_dim = long(x_dim)
y_dim = long(y_dim)
array=lindgen(x_dim, y_dim)
xarr=array mod x_dim
yarr=array/x_dim
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;*****define some parameters for the point spread
function*****
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F=1.0/(sqrt(2.0)*psf_width) ;This factor shows up repeatedly in the
error function calculation
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a = 0.0
b = 0.0      ; a,b,c,d are transformed integration limits for the
error function
c = 0.0
d = 0.0
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spot=dblarr(x_dim, y_dim)
poisson_noise=dblarr(x_dim, y_dim)
background_noise=bn_width*randomn(seed, x_dim, y_dim) ; gaussian
distributed background noise with a black level
a=F*(yarr - 0.5 - y0)
b=F*(yarr + 0.5 - y0)
c=F*(xarr - 0.5 - x0)
d=F*(xarr + 0.5 - x0)
spot =N*0.25*(errorf(a)-errorf(b))*(errorf(c)-errorf(d))
index=where(spot GT 0, count)
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;handle the case of no photons
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if count gt 0 then begin
    location=array_indices(spot, index)
    for i=0, count-1 do begin
        poisson_noise(location[0, i], location[1, i])=randomn(seed,
poisson=spot[location[0, i], location[1, i]])
        ;if (photon GT 0.0) then poisson_noise(i-1, j-1)= randomn(seed,
poisson=photon) else poisson_noise(i-1, j-1) = 0.0; poissson
distributed shot noise
    endfor
endif else begin
    poisson_noise=spot
endelse
ideal_spot= black_level+spot
poisson_spot= black_level+poisson_noise
background_spot=black_level+background_noise

;*****this is the important spot*****
noisy_spot= black_level+background_noise + poisson_noise

if keyword_set(show) then tvscl, noisy_spot
;print, total(spot), total(poisson_noise)
A={ideal_spot:ideal_spot, poisson_spot:poisson_spot,
noisy_spot:noisy_spot, background_spot:background_spot, $
spot_photons:total(spot), noisy_spot_photons:total(poisson_noise),
max_noisy_spot:max(noisy_spot)}
return, A
end

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