
Subject: Re: Nearest neighbors

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On Oct 8, 2:08 pm, "N. Johnson" <evilish...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Oct 7, 7:00 pm, Chris <beaum...@ifa.hawaii.edu> wrote:

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>> On Oct 7, 2:01 pm, "N. Johnson" <evilish...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> I have a set of latitude/longitude pairs and I need to find the n

>>> closest neighbors for all of them. I'm trying to use the

>>> nearest_neighbors() function found on this

page:http://www.dfanning.com/code_tips/slowloops.html

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>>> However, when I attempt to run the function, I get an error on the

>>> line:

>>> p=c[c[point]:c[point+1]-1] ;start with this point's DT neighbors

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>>> because c[point] is equal to c[point+1]. Since I don't know exactly

>>> what the function is doing, I don't know how to fix it. If it matters,

>>> I have a lot of lat/lon pairs (~1e6) and there may be duplicates.

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>>> Any suggestions?

>>> Nathan Johnson

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>> I have an alternative nearest neighbors routine that doesn't use

>> triangulation - it may be useful (it assumes a euclidian space, so it

>> won't work if your points are very spread out or near a pole)

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>> Documentation:<http://www.ifa.hawaii.edu/~beaumont/code/nearestn.html>(look at

>> nearestn, not nearestn_findneighbors)

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>> Library:http://www.ifa.hawaii.edu/~beaumont/code/beaumont_library.tar

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>> Chris

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> Chris,

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> Thanks that works well. Is there a way to get the nth nearest points

> by calling that function just once? Or do I have to call it n times?

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> Thanks,

> Nathan

Yes, if you set the /all keyword, it will return a 2d array of the nth nearest neighbors for each point. Note that it starts counting from

zero, so if you set $n = 3$, the resulting array will be $(4, n_points)$

chris
