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Subject: Re: "Correct" Data Philosophy

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 31 Dec 2009 16:10:00 GMT

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Kenneth P. Bowman writes:

- > If I ever find time to work on a second edition, I am hoping to
- > add chapters on other methods such as matrix solutions, EOFs,
- > numerical solution of ODEs, and numerical integration.
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- > I will have to deal with the difficult problem of how much
- > mathematical detail to include in an introductory programming book.
- > But it will be fun!

Well, my first criticism of your book was that here I was loping along with all this beginning IDL information when I ran right smack into that FFT chapter. I was bloody and battered.

But I do find I pick this book up quite often to read those last two chapters. I never understood your FFT example, to tell you the truth, until I compared it with the example you provided the other day. Then, suddenly, it all made sense to me.

I would welcome an introductory to intermediate couple of chapters on the topics above. But, many, many examples, please! I'm pretty dense. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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