
Subject: Re: "Correct" Data Philosophy

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Thu, 31 Dec 2009 15:18:02 GMT

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In article <MPG.25a57eb349d570149896c4@news.giganews.com>,
David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Kenneth P. Bowman writes:

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>> You can download the interpolation chapter from my book here

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>> http://csrp.tamu.edu/pdf/idl/sample_chapter.pdf

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>> I also made a sample program that shows how to fit sines and

>> cosines using least-squares (REGRESS in this case).

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>> http://csrp.tamu.edu/downloads/fft_vs_least_squares.pro.zip

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>> Most of the program is concerned with printing and plotting. The

>> actual calculations don't take much space.

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> Ken, I have been studying this example and the last two

> chapters in your book much of the day. I have to say, this

> is probably the first time in my life that I have a practical

> understanding of what the FFT actually does! And from your

> examples, it even seems obvious to me what FFT filtering

> is all about.

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> Thanks very much for providing this information. :-)

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> Have a Happy New Year!

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> David

Hi David,

Glad that I could help. :-)

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.

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!

Cheers, Ken
