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Subject: Re: Convolve a spectrum (from MODTRAN) with a spectral response function

Posted by [Mat](#) on Mon, 18 Jan 2010 21:51:20 GMT

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On Jan 5, 11:39 am, Paul van Delst <paul.vande...@noaa.gov> wrote:

> Your SRF (spectral response function) seems to only increase (looks like only half an  
> SRF?), and your computed radiances do not span the bit of SRF that you do have.  
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> Also, in that part of the IR spectrum you have some water vapour line absorption  
> contamination so I would be suspect of a convolution at such a coarse resolution - I would  
> think you would have a bias that varies with the column water amount in your MODTRAN calc.  
> Easy enough to determine - just plot the convolved result as a function of TPW for a  
> couple hundred(or thousand) profiles.  
>  
> I would start by doing the radiative transfer calc at a finer resolution and linearly  
> interpolating the results to the same frequency spacing as the SRF. Then it's just a case of  
>  
>  $\text{Convolved\_Radiance} = \text{TOTAL}(\text{Interpolated\_Radiance} * \text{SRF}, / \text{DOUBLE})$   
>  
> You could do a "proper" convolution using INT\_TABULATED or CONVOL, but given the paucity  
> of your dataset, a simple summation is the better option IMO.  
>  
> At least in the case of INT\_TABULATED, I know from experience it does not (cannot) perform  
> well for too few SRF data points as it uses spline interpolation.  
>  
> I reckon the FFT approach is overkill here - and you would have to interpolated the SRF to  
> do it... again, not a good idea due to the lack of data.  
>  
> cheers,  
>  
> paulv  
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> Mat wrote:  
>> On Dec 30, 4:41 pm, Mat <m...@waikato.ac.nz> wrote:  
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>> Sorry I will try again!  
>  
>> Hi all  
>  
>> I would like to convolve a spectrum (output from MODTRAN) with a  
>> spectral response curve (Landsat7 B62) and then integrate the  
>> convoluted result. As you can see from the example below the spectral  
>> resolution does not match.  
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>> Eg. Spectrum:

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>> Wavenumber      Radiance
>> 800.0            7.52E-004
>> 801.0            7.66E-004
>> 802.0            7.58E-004
>> 803.0            7.25E-004
>> 804.0            7.23E-004
>> 805.0            7.62E-004
>
>> Eg. Response
>
>> Wavenuber      Relative Spectral response
>> 800.00000      0.2
>> 800.64051      0.29
>> 801.28205      0.27
>> 801.92462      0.28
>> 802.56822      0.36
>> 803.21285      0.36
>> 803.85852      0.39
>> 804.50523      0.41
>> 805.15298      0.42
>> 805.80177      0.43
>> 806.45161      0.45
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>> Any help would be much appreciated.- Hide quoted text -
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Thanks to all who replied. Yes I did not need convolve, just interpol and simple multiplication as paulv suggested.

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