
Subject: Re: Calculate gradient

Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Fri, 12 Mar 2010 22:40:53 GMT

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Perhaps it would be better to use `Deriv()` or something like that, instead of differences.

cheers,
bob

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> "Paolo" <pgrigis@gmail.com> wrote in message
> news:b7420af6-f104-4e00-968c-28afc378f8ac@g26g2000yqn.google groups.com...
> Hi,
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> the simpler solution would be to use the "shift" function
> to calculate the dx and dy component of the gradient (whose
> norm is $\sqrt{dx^2+dy^2}$) - similarly to the one-dimensional
> case when you can compute the numerical derivative of x
> as $(x-\text{shift}(x,-1))/dx$.
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> However you should be careful doing that with non-smooth
> datasets.
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> Ciao,
> Paolo
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> On Mar 12, 4:41 pm, mslarkin <enhlw...@gmail.com> wrote:
>> Hi IDL experts,
>> I have a 2-D array (2708x4060), containing reflectance data. Is it
>> possible to calculate the reflectance gradient (i.e. the rate of
>> reflectance change over distance or array grid) throughout the array,
>> and then draw lines of equal gradient (note that they're NOT contour
>> lines)?
>> Thank you very much for your help!
>> IDL beginner
