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Subject: Re: Distance between two sets of datapoints

Posted by [Gray](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 13:16:53 GMT

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On Mar 25, 3:38 pm, Maxwell Peck <maxjp...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Thanks Ken, I'll give it a shot. I had tried a similar loop (I  
> thought) but it seemed to be very slow that is why i was looking at  
> vectorising it similar to distance\_measure.

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> Thanks

> Max

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> On Mar 26, 6:04 am, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

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>> In article <k-bowman-EEB2FB.09554725032...@news.tamu.edu>,

>> "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

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>>> FOR i = 0, nb-1 DO BEGIN

>>> d = SQRT((xb[i] - xa)^2 + (yb[i] - ya)^2)

>>> dist[0,i] = d

>>> ENDFOR

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>> I just realized this could be simplified to

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>> FOR i = 0, nb-1 DO dist[0,i] = SQRT((xb[i] - xa)^2 + (yb[i] - ya)^2)

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>> which removes some unneeded memory access.

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>> Ken

Take a look at JD Smith's match\_2d ([http://tir.astro.utoledo.edu/idl/match\\_2d.pro](http://tir.astro.utoledo.edu/idl/match_2d.pro)), which uses histogram to quickly find distances between lists of coordinates (and then matches them, which you don't need).

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