
Subject: Re: Distance between two sets of datapoints
Posted by [Maxwell Peck](#) on Thu, 25 Mar 2010 10:46:31 GMT
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That should say I am generating the full set of indices and then
subsetting.

Thanks

On Mar 25, 9:33 pm, Maxwell Peck <maxjp...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi All,  
>  
> I have two sets of data points, inputa and inputb, inputa has many  
> more data points than the other. I need to find the distance between  
> each point in inputa and all the points in inputb (hopefully without  
> loops). At the moment I am using parts of distance_measure.pro to  
> generate the full set of distances and subsetting indexes as required.  
> The code follows. I can't see an easy way of generating the indexes  
> though so that only the pairs i want are calculated (i.e. not  
> calculating between inputb/inputb or inputa/inputa indexes).  
>  
> inputa and inputb can be very very large so I don't think i can use a  
> matrix approach to do it vectorially and looping seems awfully slow.  
>  
> An alternative approach or other suggestions would be appreciated.  
>  
> Regards  
>  
> Max  
>  
> inputa = findgen(2,10)  
> inputb = findgen(2,2)  
>  
> t = [[inputa],[inputb]]  
> m=n_elements(t)/2  
> n = m*(m-1)/2  
>  
> ii = 0L  
> index0 = LINDGEN(m - 1) + 1 ; work array  
> index1 = LONARR(n, /NOZERO)  
> index2 = LONARR(n, /NOZERO)  
>  
> for i=0,m-2 do begin  
>   n1 = m - (i+1)  
>   index1[ii:ii+n1-1] = i  
>   index2[ii] = index0[0:n1-1] + i  
>   ii += n1  
> endfor  
>  
> diff = abs(t[* ,index1] - t[* ,index2])
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> res = sqrt(TOTAL(diff^2, 1))
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