
Subject: Re: How to average every nth data?

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Fri, 05 Nov 2010 13:54:52 GMT

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On Nov 4, 4:55 pm, Michael Galloy <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 11/4/10 2:31 PM, go cats wrote:

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>> On Nov 4, 1:14 pm, Chris W<cwood1...@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> On Nov 4, 12:53 pm, go cats<beardown...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> Dear Gurus,

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>>>> Hope someone will help me how to figure this out.

>>>> I've been keep trying to do some spectral resampling (just simple
>>>> average) with ASD data.

>>>> ASD data is a two dimensional array;

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>>>> wavelength data

>>>> 350 0.001146

>>>> 351 0.001176

>>>> 352 0.001147

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>>>> 2500 0.0004311

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>>>> What I've been trying to do is averaging every nth data values and
>>>> rewrite into a new array.

>>>> For example, if I want to average every 3rd data values, the resulting
>>>> array will be

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>>>> 350 0.001150

>>>> 353 0.001147

>>>> and so on.

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>>>> MS excel seems to be able to handle it, but it wouldn't be a good idea
>>>> for processing several hundres files.

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>>>> I really appreciate if someone could give me tip(s).

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>>>> Thanks,
>>>> Kim
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>>> put the data into separate arrays
>>> then reform them
>
>>> rw = reform(w, 3, n_elements(w)/3) ; make sure w has a multiple of 3
>>> length
>>> rd = reform(d, 3, n_elements(d)/3)
>
>>> get the mean across the 1st dimension for the average
>>> result_d = mean(rd,dimension = 1)
>>> get the minimum across the wavelengths
>>> result_w = min(rw, dimension = 1)
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>>> Chris- Hide quoted text -
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>>> - Show quoted text -
>
>> Hi Chris,
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>> The "dimension" flag may not be used in the "mean" function.
>> wavelength sorting was successful, but only one (total) mean value was
>> calculated.
>> I am digging out what I did wrong.
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>> Thanks,
>> Kim
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> IDL 8.0 added the DIMENSION keyword for MEAN.
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If you're on pre-8, you can use the modifications of the intrinsic routines here:

<http://web.astroconst.org/jbiu/#MOMENTDIMEN>

-Jeremy.
