
Subject: Re: Weighted correlation

Posted by [Gray](#) on Sun, 10 Jul 2011 13:55:52 GMT

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On Jul 10, 6:29 am, Fermiona Fermiona <fermion...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hello,

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> Is there a function in IDL that calculates the correlation coeff for

> data with weights?

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> Many thanks!

This seems like it would be relatively easy to do:

```
function weighted_correlation, x, y, w
  total_weights = total(w)
  mean_x = total(w*x)/total_weights
  mean_y = total(w*y)/total_weights
  cov_xy = total(w*(x-mean_x)*(y-mean_y))/total_weights
  cov_xx = total(w*(x-mean_x)*(x-mean_x))/total_weights
  cov_yy = total(w*(y-mean_y)*(y-mean_y))/total_weights
  return, cov_xy / sqrt(cov_xx * cov_yy)
end
```

You'd need to add error checking and type checking, and if your arrays are very large you might want to do total(/double), but this should get you there.
