
Subject: Re: Legenders polynomial
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May be I am missing something but if you mean the Legendre polynomial, `idlhelp` states that the corresponding function exists in IDL since version 5.4. So was this a kind of exercise?

Regards, Bringfried

gutewaqi wrote:

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> Dear All,  
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> I was trying to compute the legender function. I wrote the code as shown  
> below. But it is not working right. could you help. Thank you in advance  
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>  
> PRO legenders_function,theta,lmax  
>  
> ;Give the IDL compiler information that changes some of the default rules  
> COMPILE_OPT idl2, HIDDEN  
>  
> ; Error handling. ;          CATCH, theError ;          IF  
> theError NE 0 THEN BEGIN ;          Catch, /CANCEL ;  
> void = ERROR_MESSAGE() ;          RETURN ;          ENDIF  
>  
> ;declare global variables COMMON MYGLOBAL,alm,blm ;set maximum degree,i.e  
> lmax lmax = 60 ;initialization legenders function factors m = fltarr(lmax+1)  
> l = fltarr(lmax+1) X = replicate(0.0,lmax+1, lmax+1) alm =  
> replicate(0.0,lmax+1, lmax+1) blm = replicate(0.0,lmax+1, lmax+1) alm[2,2] =  
> sqrt(3) ;compute the legenders function factors IF  
> size(alm[*],0)/dimensions)LT lmax+1 THEN BEGIN FOR l=2,lmax-1 DO BEGIN  
> alm[l+1,l+1] = sqrt((2.0*l+1.0)/(2.0*l)) ENDFOR FOR m=0,lmax-1 DO BEGIN FOR  
> l=m+1,lmax-1 DO BEGIN X=(2.0*l+1.0)/((l+m)*(l-m)) alm = sqrt(X*(2.0*l-1.0))  
> blm = sqrt(X*(l-m-1.0)*(l+m-1.0)/(2.0*l-3.0)) ENDFOR ENDFOR ENDFIF  
>  
> ; set the values of theta in radian cosTheta = cos(3) sinTheta = sin(3)  
> ;initialization of legenders function Plm = replicate(0.0,lmax+1, lmax+1)  
> Plm[1,1] = 1.0 ;compute the legenders function values FOR l=0,lmax-1 DO BEGIN  
> Plm[l+1,l+1] = alm[l+1,l+1]*sinTheta*Plm[l,l] ENDFOR  
>  
> FOR m=0,lmax-1 DO BEGIN Plm[m+2,m+1] = alm[m+2,m+1]*cosTheta*Plm[m+1,m+1]  
> ENDFOR  
>  
> FOR m=0,lmax-1 DO BEGIN FOR l=m+2,lmax DO BEGIN Plm[l+1,m+1] =  
> alm[l+1,m+1]*cosTheta*Plm[l,m+1]-blm[l+1,m+1]*Plm[l-1,m+1] ENDFOR ENDFOR  
> print,'program completed' END  
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> --http://compgroups.net/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/
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