
Subject: Re: algorithm question. Can I get rid of the for loop?

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What about using the fact that Median neglects NaNs?

Stick a NaN in 'Y' for every 'X' you are missing... then median it straight up?

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On Thursday, March 21, 2013 4:32:15 PM UTC-5, Søren Frimann wrote:

> Hi All.

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> I have an implementation of a hampel filter (see e.g.

<http://exploringdatablog.blogspot.dk/2012/01/moving-window-filters-and-pracma.html>) in IDL.

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> My implementation looks like this:

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> FUNCTION hampel, x, y, dx, THRESHOLD=threshold

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> Compile_Opt idl2

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> IF N_Elements(threshold) EQ 0 THEN \$

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> threshold = 3

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>

> ;initialize arrays

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> s0 = FltArr(N_Elements(y))

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> y0 = FltArr(N_Elements(y))

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> yy = y

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>
> FOR i=0,N_Elements(y)-1 DO BEGIN
>
>   index = Where((x GE x[i] - dx) AND (x LE x[i] + dx))
>
>   y0[i] = Median(y[index]) ; Median filtering
>
>   s0[i] = 1.4826*Median(Abs(y[index] - y0[i])) ;estimating uncertainty
>
> ENDFOR
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>
> ol = Where(Abs(y - y0) GE threshold*s0) ;Index of outliers
>
> yy[ol] = y0[ol]
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>
> result = Create_Struct('y',yy, $
>
>   'sigma',s0)
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>
> RETURN, result
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>
> END
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> #####
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>
> the filter runs a moving window of width 2*dx measured in the same units as x.
>
> x is generally not uniformly spaced (so there's not a constant number of points inside the
window as it moves).
>
> x and y can be quite long vectors so the filter takes a long time to run.
>
> Can anyone see any method for speeding the code up?
>
> Any help would be much appreciated!
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> Cheers,
>
> Søren
