
Subject: Re: highpass spatial filtering (lon,lat,time)
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On Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 5:49:49 AM UTC+2, IDL filter novice wrote:

> Gulp, after wrestling with this task for the entire day, I am reduced to admitting my IDL programming deficiencies and am thus seeking help / advice / encouragement / comfort / healing from other more knowledgeable IDL users (which is basically global population - 1).

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> My goal is to compute and plot the 1-10 day frequency (highpass) filtered variance of 250hPa geopotential height (z). I have a time series of 9028 days across the Caribbean at 0.5 deg spatial resolution ([lon,lat,time], z =

> [201,101,9028]).

>

> I know how to compute the highpass filtered time series (inverse FFT) for one grid cell (code below):

>

> PRO FOURIER_FILTER_250Z, type

> n = 9028 ;Number of samples in time signal

> x = INDGEN(9028) ;Compute independent coordinate

> IF (N_ELEMENTS(type) EQ 0) THEN TYPE = 'lowpass' ;Default filter type

> k = [LINDGEN(n/2 + 1), REVERSE(-(1 + LINDGEN(n/2 - 1)))] ;compute wavenumbers

>

> filter = FLTARR(n) ;Define filter array

> CASE STRUPCASE(type) OF

> 'LOWPASS' : q = WHERE(ABS(k) LT 902, count) ;Find low frequencies

> 'HIGHPASS' : q = WHERE(ABS(k) GT 902, count) ;Find high frequencies

> 'BANDPASS' : q = WHERE((ABS(k) GT 902) AND (ABS(k) LT 9028), count) ;bandpass frequencies

> ELSE : MESSAGE, 'Filter type must be specified.' ;Default function

> ENDCASE

>

> ;Create filter

> IF (count gt 0) THEN filter[q] = 1.0

> ;Compute Fourier transform (z is a 1-D 9028 array of 250hPa geo ht)

> g = FFT(z)

> ;Filter the signal

> gg = filter*g

> ;Compute the inverse FFT, which is the time filtered time series at one grid

> ggg = FFT(gg, /INVERSE)

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> ggg is my highpass filtered time series at one grid cell from which I can now compute the
variance. But, I get into all sorts of trouble when I try to loop the above through lon and lat to
calculate the highpass time series at each longitude and latitude grid cell. Does anybody have
experience in using IDL to compute highpass filtering across a spatial domain over many days (as
in 30 years worth)? Basically, I want to compute ggg for all grid cells across my domain. Sounds
simple, right? What am I missing? The below spirals out of control and is filled with errors.
>
> g = dcomplexarr(201,101,9028)
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> IF (count gt 0) THEN filter[q] = 1.0 ;Create filter
>   for i = 0,200 do begin
>     for j = 0,100 do begin
>       for k = 0,9027 do begin
>         g[i,j,k] = FFT(z) ;Compute Fourier transform
>         gg[i,j,k] = filter*g[i,j,k] ;Filter the signal
>         ggg[i,j,k] = FFT(gg, /INVERSE)
>       endfor
>     endfor
>   endfor
>
>
> Fingers (and toes) crossed.
> Thank you,
> teddy

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Hi,
have you looked/tied the dimension keyword of FFT:

http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/FFT.html#F_848155245_37_862

This should do the trick. Try setting dimension=3

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g = fft(z, dimension=3)
gg = filter*g
ggg = fft(gg,/inverse,dimension=3)

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I have not tested this, but should do the work...

Cheers,
Helder