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Subject: discrete cosine transform

Posted by [kremasti](#) on Tue, 14 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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hi all !

Im looking for an algorithm for the discrete cosine transform ( and  
for the inverse discrete cosine transform ) ,  
can anybody help ?

I've looked in several pages in the net , but I couldn't found  
anything ,

thanks in advance

eva

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Subject: Re: discrete cosine transform

Posted by [Peter Mason](#) on Fri, 17 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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kremasti@sbox.tu-graz.ac.at (eva) wrote:

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Hi Eva,

Well it's been a couple of days now and no tug on the line; let's see  
if my little arm-waving interlude here will coax out a response from  
someone who knows their stuff :-)

The discrete cosine transform (DCT) of a 1D real function "FUNC" is  
really little more than a discrete fourier transform (DFT) of FUNC  
after it has been rigged to be even (symmetrical about the Y axis).

Because the rigged function is even, the sine terms (the imaginary  
part) of its fourier transform are all zero, leaving only the (real)  
cosine terms. Although there are routines to do a DCT directly, you  
can therefore also get it via a DFT by doubling up the function to make  
it even, doing DFT, tossing out the imaginary part, and doing a bit of  
scaling. Now there's more than one way to double up a 1D real  
function, but I gather that one particular way is accepted in  
practice. I think I have it implemented in my example code below, but  
I'm not entirely certain. Anyway, appended is an impersonation of a  
1D forward and reverse DCT routine. There's a scaling factor of 2  
missing somewhere that I haven't been able to track down (i.e., the  
zeroth term is supposed to be the function's average but it's off by a  
factor of 2), but the transform \*is\* properly reversible.

If you want a 2D DCT of a matrix MAT, you can apply this routine across  
the rows of MAT to get MAT\_1, and then apply it down the columns of

MAT\_1 to get MAT\_DCT (as you could do with a 1D fourier transform routine to get a 2D fourier transform). If you did this, though, you'd probably want to move some of the calculations out of the routine below in order to do them only once.

Cheers  
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;=====
function sad_FCT,arr,direc
;Slow-and-dirty 1D Cosine Transform (but real and reversible)
;Set direc=-1 for a forward transform and direc=1 for reverse.
n=n_elements(arr)
b=reform(arr,n)
even_el=lindgen(long(n-1)/2+1)*2
odd_el=rotate((even_el+1),2)
if ((n mod 2) ne 0) then odd_el=odd_el(1:n_elements(odd_el)-1)
if (direc lt 0) then begin ;FORWARD
    w=2.0*exp((cindgen(n)*complex(0,-1)*!pi)/(2.0*n))
    b=complex(b,[even_el,odd_el])
    b=fft(b,-1,/overwrite)
    return,float(b*w)
endif else begin ;REVERSE
    w=0.5*exp((cindgen(n)*complex(0,1)*!pi)/(2.0*n))
    c=[0.0,b(n-1-lindgen(n-1))]
    b=complex(b,-c)*w
    b=fft(b,1,/overwrite)
    j=fltarr(n)
    j([even_el,odd_el])=float(b)
    return,j
endelse
end
;=====
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