
Subject: Re: Low pass filter

Posted by [Mark D. Williams](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Mike wrote:

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> Hi,
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> I was wondering if anyone could point me in the direction of a library
> that produces a lowpass filter to filter high frequency data from an
> hourly time series?

Have you tried DIGITAL_FILTER? I'm using PV-WAVE, but looking in the .pro source for it, it looks like something common to both IDL and PV-WAVE. It produces a kernel of convolution coefficients, and it is tune-able, allowing you to vary the low and high frequency cutoffs of the filter, as a fraction of the Nyquist frequency.

Once it has spit out the kernel coefficients, you just use them in CONVOL to filter your signal, a la:

```
flow = 0.20 ; low frequency cutoff as fraction of Nyquist frequency
fhigh = 0.85 ; high frequency cutoff as fraction of Nyquist frequency
gibbs = 50 ; approx size in dB of gibbs oscillations (a good guess will
work here)
order = 20 ; number of terms in filter
```

```
kernel = DIGITAL_FILTER(flow, fhigh, gibbs, order)
filtered = CONVOL(signal, kernel)
```

Hope this helps,

M. Williams
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Subject: Re: Low pass filter

Posted by [Mike\[1\]](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Martin

Thanks for the code but we need to be a bit more tunable for the filtering we need done. Thanks for it anyway.

Mike

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"Looking North West out over the Irish sea."

Subject: Re: Low pass filter

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Mike wrote:

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> Hi,
>
> I was wondering if anyone could point me in the direction of a library
> that produces a lowpass filter to filter high frequency data from an
> hourly time series? Any ideas or suggestions are welcomed. Thanks in
> advance
>
> Mike
>
> --
> "Looking North West out over the Irish sea."

Mike,

you could try out my run_av.pro (attached). I wrote this
specifically for
something similar, so it handles missing values as well as irregularly
spaced
time intervals.

Hope it works out,

Martin

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```
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;-----  
; $Id: run_av.pro,v 1.10 1999/01/22 20:12:17 mgs Stab $  
;+  
; NAME:  
; RUN_AV (function)
```

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;
;
; PURPOSE:
;   Compute running average or running total of a
;   data vector. Compared to the IDL function TS_SMOOTH,
;   this function takes into account missing values or
;   gaps in an optional x vector, and it allows for
;   even bandwidths. It can also be used to compute cumulative
;   totals.
;
;
; CATEGORY:
;   math
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   result = RUN_AV(Y [,X] [,keywords] )
;
; INPUTS:
;   Y -> the data vector (a 2-D array will be treated as a vector)
;
;   X -> an optional X vector defining e.g. the sample times.
;       This only has an effect when the DELTAX keyword is specified.
;       X must be monotonically increasing and have the same
;       number of elements as Y.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;   WIDTH -> The number of points to use for the average or total
;           Default is 1, i.e. Y is returned unchanged.
;
;   MINWIDTH -> The minimum number of points that must be valid
;               in order to return a average or total for the given point.
;               Default is MINWIDTH=WIDTH, i.e. all points must be valid
;               (and if X and DELTAX are specified, all points must lie
;               within WIDTH*DELTAX).
;
;   MIN_VALID -> The minimum value for valid data. Data with less than
;               MIN_VALID will be considered missing. MIN_VALID is also used
;               to indicate invalid totals or averages (1% is subtracted).
;
;   DELTAX -> The maximum gap between two consecutive x values.
;             Only effective when X is given.
;
;   COUNT -> A named variable will return the number of points used
;            in each average or total.
;
;   /TOTAL -> Set this keyword to compute running totals instead
;            of running averages.
;
; OUTPUTS:
;   The function returns a vector with running averages or totals.

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; The number of elements in the result vector always equals the
; number of elements in Y (unless an error occurs).
;
; SUBROUTINES:
;
; REQUIREMENTS:
;
; NOTES:
; This function can also be used to compute accumulative totals.
; Simply set WIDTH to n_elements(Y) and MINWIDTH to 1 and use
; the /TOTAL keyword. However, this is very uneffective for large
; data vectors!
;
; EXAMPLE:
; y = findgen(20)
; print,run_av(y,width=4)
; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1.5 2.5 3.5 4.5 ...
;
; print,run_av(y,width=4,/TOTAL)
; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 6 10 14 18 ...
;
; ; (cumulative total)
; print,run_av(y,width=n_elements(y),minwidth=1,/TOTAL)
; IDL prints: 0 1 3 ... 190
;
; x = [ 0, 2, 4, 6, 16, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33 ]
; y = fltarr(n_elements(x)) + 1.
; print,run_av(y,x,width=4,count=c)
; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1 1 1 1 ...
; print,c
; IDL prints: 1 2 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
;
; print,run_av(y,x,deltax=2,width=4,count=c)
; IDL prints: -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1 -1E31 -1E31 -1E31
; ; -1E31 -1E31 -1E31 1 1 1 1 1
; print,c
; IDL prints: 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 4 4 4 4
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; mgs, 21 Oct 1998: VERSION 1.00
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; please contact the author to arrange payment.
; Bugs and comments should be directed to mgs@io.harvard.edu
; with subject "IDL routine run_av"
;-----
```

```
function run_av,y,x,width=width,min_valid=min_valid,deltax=deltax, $
    minwidth=minwidth,count=rcount,total=ctotal
```

```
result = 0.
if (n_elements(y) eq 0) then return,result
```

```
; =====
; set up result array and temporary storage
; =====
```

```
average = not keyword_set(ctotal)
```

```
if (n_elements(width) eq 0) then width = 1 $
else width = fix(abs(width[0]))
```

```
if (n_elements(minwidth) eq 0) then minwidth = width $
else minwidth = minwidth < width ; no larger than width!
```

```
if (width eq 0) then begin
    message,'WIDTH must be greater or equal 1!','/Cont
    return,result
endif
```

```
accu = fltarr(width)
count = intarr(width)
result = fltarr(n_elements(y))
rcount = intarr(n_elements(y))
ic = 0
```

```
if (n_elements(min_valid) eq 0) then min_valid = -9.99E30
```

```
; =====
; VERSION 1: no x array given
; =====
```

```
if (n_elements(x) eq 0) then begin
    ; loop through y vector and accumulate
    for i = 0L,n_elements(y)-1 do begin
```

```
        if ( (i-ic) ge width ) then ic = ic + width
```

```

; add current y value to all buffer elements
; if greater min_valid
; and increment counter
if (y[i] gt min_valid) then begin
    accu[*] = accu[*] + y[i]
    count[*] = count[*] + 1
endif

```

```

; read out ith buffer value and reset ith buffer
rcount[i] = count[i-ic]
if (count[i-ic] ge minwidth) then begin
    result[i] = accu[i-ic]
    if (average) then result[i] = result[i]/rcount[i]
endif else begin
    result[i] = min_valid
endelse

```

```

accu[i-ic] = 0.
count[i-ic] = 0

```

```

endfor

```

```

return,result
endif

```

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; =====
; VERSION 2: with x array
; same as above, but needs to take care of min x steps
; =====

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if (n_elements(x) ne n_elements(y)) then begin
    message,'X and Y must have same number of elements!'/Cont
    return,0.
endif

```

```

if (n_elements(deltax) eq 0) then begin
    xdiff = x - shift(x,1)
    deltax = max(xdiff[1: *])
endif

```

```

; loop through y vector and accumulate
for i = 0L,n_elements(y)-1 do begin

```

```

    if ( (i-ic) ge width ) then ic = ic + width

```

```

    ; add current y value to all buffer elements

```

```
; if greater min_valid
; and increment counter
if (y[i] gt min_valid and x[i]-x[(i-1)]>0] le deltax) then begin
    accu[*] = accu[*] + y[i]
    count[*] = count[*] + 1
endif
```

```
; read out ith buffer value and reset ith buffer
rcount[i] = count[i-ic]
if (count[i-ic] ge minwidth) then begin
    result[i] = accu[i-ic]
    if (average) then result[i] = result[i]/rcount[i]
endif else begin
    result[i] = min_valid
endelse
```

```
accu[i-ic] = 0.
count[i-ic] = 0
```

```
endfor
```

```
return,result
```

```
end
```

File Attachments

1) [run_av.pro](#), downloaded 77 times
