
Subject: Phase Unwrapping algorithm in IDL
Posted by [Richard Tyc](#) on Thu, 22 Jun 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Would anyone have a 2D phase image unwrapping algorithm they would be willing to share ? (an algorithm which corrects for phase spillover on images which may only contain data between 0 and 2PI but in fact the data has a larger range which gets wrapped into the 0 -> 2PI range)

If not in IDL, one in C or Fortran would also help.

Thanks in Advance

Richard Tyc

Subject: Re: phase unwrapping
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Fri, 14 Sep 2001 18:37:45 GMT
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Alexander Rauscher <e9121161@stud4.tuwien.ac.at> writes:

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> matter what type of data it is. does anyone have experience with
> this? it turned out to be quite a tough problem...
> alex

Hi Alexander--

Answers to these questions have been discussed by "R. G. S.", Robert Weiss, and Nando Ivarone in the past year and a half. The first two posters provided actual code. I have provided some message id's below.

For some reason Google Groups has discarded the actual code from these posts, but you can still find it at my newsgroup archive, using this search query:

[http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/msearch?keyall=phase+unw rapping](http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/msearch?keyall=phase+unw+rapping)

Craig

Message-Id: fL4F4.16761\$1g1.495467@den-news1.rmi.net
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Subject: Re: phase unwrapping
Posted by [Clay Kirkendall](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2001 18:36:35 GMT
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Alex,

Here is a routine that I have been using for several years without problems.

It defaults to 2pi phase resets but by using thresh and step it will correct for any step size. Depending on your data you may need to manually set thresh and step.

Good luck,
Clay

Function unwrap, x, thresh, step

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;  
;  
; This routine removes resets from data vectors that have a  
; modulus reset of size step. The data record is scanned for  
; |resets| > |thresh| and adjusts the x by multiples of step  
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;  
;  
;  
; MODIFICATIONS: 2/99 - added defaults for thresh and step  
; 000831 - let x be an array  
;  
;
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if n_params() eq 1 then $  
  Begin  
    thresh = !pi * 1.5
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    step = 2 * !pi
EndIf

sx=size(x)
if sx(0) EQ 0 then $
    BEGIN
        print, 'X must be a vector for this routine'
        return, NaN
    ENDIF

if sx[0] EQ 2 then $ ;Input is a two dimensional array
    Begin
        lx = length(x)

        ;get the derivative
        dt=x(*, 0:lx-2) - x(*, 1:lx-1)

        ;search for steps greater then thresh
        ddt=float(dt ge thresh) - (dt le (-thresh))

        iddt=[ [replicate(0.0, sx[1])], [total(ddt, 2,
/CUMULATIVE)] ] * step

        return, x + iddt

    EndIf Else $
        Begin
            lx = max(sx(1:sx(0)), dim)

            ;get the derivative
            dt=x(0:lx-2) - x(1:lx-1)

            ;search for steps greater then thresh
            ddt=(dt ge thresh)*1. - (dt le (-thresh))

            iddt=[0, total(ddt, /CUMULATIVE)] * step

            return, x + iddt

        EndElse

END

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