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Subject: Re: Correlate and NAN

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Mon, 08 Jan 2001 16:55:37 GMT

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How about using just the coincident valid data pairs that you can get using FINITE and GET\_INTERSECTION functions?

```
ind_1 = where(finite(data_set_1))
ind_2 = where(finite(data_set_2))
index = Setintersection(ind_1, ind_2)
result = correlate(data_set_1[index], data_set_2[index])
```

"Setintersection" is posted on David's home page,  
[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/set\\_operations.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/set_operations.html). Although it is called there \*Setintersection\*, although it does not \*set\* anything, it returns what you need :-)

Cheers,  
Pavel

Ben Tupper wrote:

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> I have two datasets that I would like to correlate using the CORRELATE
> function. Each dataset has some members flagged as NANs; the NANs are
> not necessarily coincident. The online documentation makes no mention
> of NAN-handling, but the procedure in the lib directory indicates (see
> modifications history) that it handles NANs (although there is no
> keyword for it). It doesn't really handle NANs the way I expect it
> to. For example, repeated calls to the TOTAL function don't set the
> keyword NAN, so TOTAL doesn't check for NANs.
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> I'm not sure if it is reasonable to involve NANs in a correlation... but
> it seems reasonable to request that the routine ignore NANs in the input
> arguments.
>
> Is there a simple solution to this NAN-jam?
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> Thanks,
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Subject: Re: Correlate and NAN

Posted by [Andy Loughe](#) on Mon, 08 Jan 2001 17:08:59 GMT

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Why not simply perform the correlation on a subset of the larger arrays, that portion with the NaNs removed? Something like:

```
indices = [ where( finite(dataset1) eq 1 ), where( finite(dataset2) eq 2
) ]
```

```
common_indices = indices( UNIQ(indices, sort(indices)) )
```

```
Result = CORRELATE( dataset1(common_indices), dataset2(common_indices)
)
```

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Subject: Re: Correlate and NAN  
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Thanks Pavel and Andy,

I have deNANed the data as you suggested.

Ben

Andy Loughe wrote:

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Subject: Re: Correlate and NAN  
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Hello,

Following the earlier posts, I have one query: How about applying this method for a data matrix with m columns & n rows? Finding common indices for two arrays is easy. How can this be done for a data matrix with m x n dimensions so that CORRELATE function can be used automatically to obtain m x m dimensional correlation matrix.

Any suggestions???

Thanks in advance,  
Madhavan

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