
Subject: Re: All day FFT....

Posted by [Robert Stockwell](#) on Wed, 06 Feb 2002 23:30:04 GMT

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Paul van Delst wrote:

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> Hey there,
>
> I've had this process running for about, oh, 4-5 hours now where I'm reducing the resolution of
> an input spectrum of about 500K points (i.e. a lot, but not terribly so.). Earlier I did the
> same for a spectrum of about 700K points. Something has apparently gone haywire in the
second
> one - is there anything I can do to interrupt the process, check out some numbers to see if
> everything is o.k. and if it is, start it up where it left off? I think that's what a ^C does
> but I thought I better consult the idl wizards out there...
>
> thanks for any info.
>
> paulv
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I'm betting that ^C will interrupt the process as soon as it finishes with the FFT. LOL! I'd just kill IDL.

My guess, regarding slowness, is "Prime Number" (number of points in your time series). Try zeropadding up to, or truncating down to, a nice factorable number.

I've attached my hackware factors.pro which will return the factors of a number. (and its recursive, COOL!)

FYI, 500K should take seconds: Here is a quicky example:

```
IDL> a = lindgen(1025L^2)
IDL> help,a
A      LONG      = Array[1050625]
IDL> tic & b = fft(a) & toc
% Compiled module: TIC.
% Compiled module: TOC.
Elapsed time:      3.9645100 Seconds.
IDL> print,factors(n_elements(a))
% Compiled module: FACTORS.
  5.00000  5.00000  5.00000  5.00000  41.0000  41.0000
```

Cheers,
bob stockwell

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; do factoring of a function
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; development interrupted when i realized I didn't need it  
; drops the last number
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function factors, n, prevfactors=prevfactors
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maxfactor = fix(sqrt(n))  
if maxfactor le 1 then begin  
  if keyword_set(prevfactors) then begin  
    prevfactors = [prevfactors, n]  
    return, n  
  endif else begin  
    return, n  
  endelse  
endif
```

```
fac = findgen(maxfactor-1)+2 ; 2 -- sqrt(n)
```

```
doloop = 1  
factorflag = 0  
counter = 0
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```
while doloop do begin  
  if n mod fac(counter) eq 0 then begin  
    factorflag = 1  
    newfactor = fac(counter)  
    if keyword_set(prevfactors) then prevfactors = [prevfactors, newfactor] $  
    else prevfactors = newfactor  
    newnumber = n/newfactor  
    ; to iterate is human, to recurse is divine  
    r = factors(newnumber, prevfactors=prevfactors)  
    doloop = 0  
  endif  
  counter = counter+1  
  if counter ge maxfactor-1 then doloop = 0  
endwhile
```

```
if n_elements(prevfactors) eq 0 then prevfactors = n else begin
; only if n is prime do we add it here
if not(factorflag) then prevfactors = [prevfactors,n]
endelse
```

```
return,prevfactors
```

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end
```

```
;;;_____ test code here _____
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```
n = 5001
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```
r = factors(n)
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```
print
print
print,'Finished calculating factors_____'
print,'Number: ',n
print,'Factors:'
print,r
```

```
end
```

File Attachments

1) [factors.pro](#), downloaded 109 times

Subject: Re: All day FFT....

Posted by [Martin Downing](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2002 09:15:45 GMT

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"Robert Stockwell" <rgs1967@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:3C61BC7C.4030904@hotmail.com...

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Hi Bob,
Inspired, I wrote a more compact version of your function which will work on
long64 too
cheers

Martin
ps: probably is already in the jpl/cm/df library anyway!

```
function ifactors, num, factor_start = factor_start
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; Returns the prime factors of an integer
; inspired by Bob Stockwell
; MRD 7/2/2002
;-
maxfac = sqrt(abs(num))
if n_elements(factor_start) eq 0 then begin
  if maxfac gt 1073741824 then factor_start = long64(2) else factor_start =
2L
endif
; find the lowest factor and return that plus the result of factoring the
remainder
;stop
for f = factor_start, maxfac do begin
  if num mod f eq 0 then begin
    return, [f, ifactors(num/f, factor_start = f)]
  endif
endfor

; or return if prime
return, [num,1]
end
```

Subject: prime factors (was Re: All day FFT....)
Posted by [Brian Jackel](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2002 20:47:36 GMT
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Hi Bob, Martin

Here's my contribution to the prime number wars.
Not recursive, I'm afraid.

A single benchmark shows it as being 10% faster
than Martin's code. Your mileage may vary.

```
IDL> num= 124123L*7L*3L*5L & st= systime(1) & for indx=0,9999 do dummy=
ifactors(num) & print,systime(1)-st
```

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6.6720001
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```
IDL> num= 124123L*7L*3L*5L & st= systime(1) & for indx=0,9999 do dummy=
prime_factors(num) & print,systime(1)-st
```

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5.5940000
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;All bug reports cheerfully accepted
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;Brian Jackel
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;bjackel@phys.ucalgary.ca
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; NAME: Prime_Factors
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; PURPOSE: This function accepts a single (scalar) value, and returns a
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; vector containing all the prime factors of that value. This  
is
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; useful for seeing if FFT's will be fast, or reducing  
fractions.
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; CATEGORY: Math
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; CALLING SEQUENCE: Result= PRIME_FACTORS(Value)
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; INPUTS: Value a scalar byte, integer, or long integer value.
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; KEYWORDS: SORT if set, then the result will be sorted in increasing
;           order. Otherwise, factors may be scattered in no
;           particular order.
;
;           UNIQUE if set, then the result will only contain one of each
;           factor ie. multiple occurances will be removed. This
;           is done using the library function UNIQ. Note that
;           this requires SORTing.
;
; OUTPUTS: The result of this function will be a vector containing all
;           prime factors of the input value. If the input value is
;           prime, then the result will have only one element, equal
;           to the input.
;
; RESTRICTIONS: Fastest if no prime factor is greater than 97, quite
slow
;           after that, approximately  $\text{order}(\sqrt{N})$ , where N is the
;           largest prime factor.
;
;           Only works for positive numbers.
;
; PROCEDURE: Do a fast search for all primes up to 97, then slowly loop
;           through the rest (if any).
;
; EXAMPLES:
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;
;IDL> test=PRIME_FACTORS(1L) & PRINT,test
;    1
;
;IDL> test=PRIME_FACTORS(5414145L) & PRINT,test
;    3    5    11    19    11    157
;
;IDL> test=PRIME_FACTORS(5414147L) & PRINT,test
;    5414147
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; Written February 14 1995, Brian Jackel, University of Western Ontario
; September 3 1995 Bjj Increased the list of primes to 97, improved
the dumb
;           loop considerably: O(n) to O(sqrt(n)/2)
;           Screened input better, added /SORT and /UNIQUE
;-

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FUNCTION PRIME_FACTORS,value,SORT=sort,UNIQUE=unique

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IF (N_PARAMS() LT 1) THEN MESSAGE,"Error- this function requires a
scalar input parameter"

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IF (N_ELEMENTS(value) GT 1) THEN MESSAGE,"Error- this function only
accepts scalar input"

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```
IF (value EQ 0) THEN BEGIN
    MESSAGE,'Warning- input value was zero ',/INFORMATIONAL
    RETURN,[0L]
ENDIF
```

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IF (value LT 0) THEN MESSAGE,'Warning- input value was
negative',/INFORMATIONAL
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IF ((value - LONG(value)) NE 0) THEN BEGIN
    MESSAGE,"Warning- Value should be an integer, but is
"+STRING(value),/INFORMATIONAL
    RETURN,[1L]
ENDIF
```

```
work= ABS(value) ;make a working copy
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factors= value/work ;1 (or maybe -1) is always a factor, albeit a
trivial one
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;  
;For this first bit we just have a list of prime numbers (up to 97),
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;  
;and check if "work" is divisible by any of them. If so, make a note
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;  
;of it, and divide "work" by the appropriate factors. Repeat until
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;  
;"work" is no longer divisible by anything in the list. This either
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;  
;means that we've got all the factors, or the remaining ones are
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;  
;larger than 97.
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some_primes=
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[2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73, 79,83,89,97]

REPEAT BEGIN

w= WHERE((work MOD some_primes) EQ 0 ,nw) ;see if any
thing in the list matches

IF (nw GT 0) THEN BEGIN

some_primes= some_primes(w) ;throw away
everything but the prime factors

factors= [factors,some_primes]

temp= some_primes(0)

FOR indx=1,nw-1 DO temp=temp*some_primes(indx)

work= work/temp ;divide the
working value by all prime factors

ENDIF

ENDREP UNTIL (nw EQ 0)

;

;At this point we've found all the prime factors up til 97.

;Not having any better idea, I'll just keep trying to divide "work"

;by larger and larger numbers, until I've removed all the factors,

;or the Universe ends.

;

;Really, we should only be trying to divide by prime numbers, but if

;I had a quick way to test the primeness of numbers I'd be rich and

;famous by now.

;

;Note, however, that even numbers aren't prime, so we can halve the
;search space by concentrating only on odd numbers. We really should
;also ignore anything that ends in 5, but that actually slows things
;down a bit. Ideally we would use a base 6 number system, which would
;allow us to ignore 2/3 of the numbers instead of 1/2 or 6/10.

;

;Also, we can only have to search up to $\text{SQRT}(\text{work})$, which changes the
;time from $O(n)$ to $O(\text{sqrt}(n))$, a significant improvement.

upper_limit= FIX(SQRT(work) + 1) ;highest number to check, about
 $\text{SQRT}(2^{31})=45000$, so worst case should still be pretty fast

current_try= 101L

WHILE (current_try LT upper_limit) DO BEGIN

IF ((work MOD current_try) EQ 0) THEN BEGIN

nfactors= 0

REPEAT BEGIN

work= work / current_try

nfactors= nfactors+1

ENDREP UNTIL (work MOD current_try) NE 0

factors= [factors, REPLICATE(current_try,nfactors)]

upper_limit= FIX(SQRT(work) + 1)

ENDIF

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current_try= current_try + 2L
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ENDWHILE
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;At this point, if "work" isn't 1, then it must be prime.
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;Also, throw away the first element in "factors" (was a
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; dummy 1) unless the input value was simply 1.
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```
IF (work NE 1) THEN factors= [factors,work] ;anything left at this  
point must be a prime
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IF (value NE 1) THEN factors= factors(1:*)
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IF KEYWORD_SET(SORT) OR KEYWORD_SET(UNIQUE) THEN factors= factors(  
SORT(factors) )
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IF KEYWORD_SET(UNIQUE) THEN factors= factors( UNIQ(factors) )
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RETURN,factors
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END
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