
Subject: Re: How to rebin complex array?

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2004 00:10:39 GMT

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Yunxiang Zhang wrote:

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Extract the real & imaginary parts, rebin each one & recombine them?

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> image eg dist(512,512) k times to get a k-frame "still movie" as a 3d array
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You can use REBIN in this case.

You might want to look at JD's dimension juggling tutorial, on David Fanning's site:

http://www.dfanning.com/tips/rebin_magic.html

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Subject: Re: How to rebin complex array?

Posted by [Peter Mason](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2004 00:47:46 GMT

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Further to what Mark has written, if this *really* is what you want to do and if you can live with REBIN's /SAMPLE option (which is faster than its default bilinear interpolation anyway), then you might try something like the following:

```
d=double( a, 0, na )  
r=rebin( temporary(d), na, k, /SAMPLE )  
b=complex( temporary(r), 0, na, k )
```

Of course, this'll only work for single-precision complex "a". (8 bytes per value, same as "non-complex" double precision.)

Peter Mason

Subject: Re: How to rebin complex array?
Posted by [Timm Weitkamp](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2004 07:39:21 GMT
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On 13.04.04 at 15:57 -0700, Yunxiang Zhang wrote:

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This here is probably what you want:

```
a=complexarr(na) ; create a complex array  
u = 1 + FLTARR(k) ; create unit vector with k elements  
b = a # u ; matrix multiplication of a and u
```

By the way, there is a good reason for REBIN not to work on complex arrays, and that is the fact that there is not really any proper way of interpolating between two complex values. (You could argue that next-neighbor sampling should still be possible.)

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As previous posters have said, there's no reason why REBIN shouldn't work

here, given that DIST yields a real-valued result. But *if* you did have a complex array that you wanted to replicate in the manner described above, or if you want to avoid REBIN for some other reason, and not use loops, then I'd probably do this:

```
s = SIZE(image)
movie = MAKE_ARRAY(s[1], s[2], TYPE=s[3])
movie[*] = image[*] # (1.0 + FLTARR(k))
```

Cheers,

Timm

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Timm Weitkamp <<http://people.web.psi.ch/weitkamp>>

Subject: Re: How to rebin complex array?

Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2004 13:47:31 GMT

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Timm Weitkamp wrote:

...

> $u = 1 + \text{FLTARR}(k)$; create unit vector with k elements

A unit vector is a vector such that $\text{total}(u*u) \text{ eq } 1.0$ (or for complex numbers, $\text{total}(u*\text{conj}(u)) \text{ eq } 1.0$). What you've described is a vector whose elements are all 1, which has no special name.

...

> By the way, there is a good reason for REBIN not to work on complex
> arrays, and that is the fact that there is not really any proper way of
> interpolating between two complex values.

Why in the world not? All of the normal interpolation formulas work perfectly well when applied separately to the real and imaginary components of a table of complex values. The formulas just involve multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction, all of which are perfectly well defined for complex numbers, and they produce reasonable results (well, not quite - in some higher-order interpolation algorithms it's necessary to replace c^2 with $c*\text{conj}(c)$ in some places).

Subject: Re: How to rebin complex array?

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2004 16:31:28 GMT

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"James Kuyper" <kuyper@saicmodis.com> wrote in message
news:407D40F3.F045EC70@saicmodis.com...

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In the 2D complex space, it is ambiguous as how to interpolate.

Breifly, one could interpolate real and imaginary seperately, as
suggested in this thread. Or one could average the lengths of
the vector, and the angle of the vector.

For any rotating vector time series, component-wise interpolation
will almost always underestimate the amplitude of the interpolated value.

Consider two subsequent values, [1,0] and [0,1].

If this is a unit vector rotating, then the "correct" interpolated
value would be $[1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2}] = [.707, .707]$. The componently
interpolated value is [.5,.5].

So it really depends on what the type of time series one has.
It may be that a "norm preserving interpolation" may be required.
(average the lengths of the vector rather than just average components).

Cheers,
bob

Subject: Re: How to rebin complex array?

Posted by [Yunxiang Zhang](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2004 20:01:06 GMT

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Folks,

I did some test to rebin a complex array. Thanks for all you guys' help!:)

speed test result: a for loop is not as worse as I would imagine in
this case.

"#" > "for loop" > "special rebin" > "component rebin"

for loop 0.25066495

```
component rebin    0.53236008
special rebin     0.37491202
#    0.16867399
```

I also found using fltarr is better than using replicate
fltarr > replicate

```
replicate    0.039183140
fltarr      0.027969122
```

```
;here's my testing code
aa=bytsc1(reform(ran2_normal(-738345,dim=5000),2,2500))
a=reform(complex(aa[0,*],aa[1,*]))
```

```
na=n_elements(a) & k=na
```

```
;using for loop
t0=systime(1)
b1=complexarr(na,k)
for i=0,k-1 do begin
b1[*,i]=a
endfor
print, 'for loop', systime(1)-t0
```

```
;using component rebin
t0=systime(1)
ra=real_part(a)
ia=imaginary(a)
rb=rebin(ra,[na,k])
ib=rebin(ia,[na,k])
b2=complex(rb,ib)
print,'component rebin', systime(1)-t0
```

```
;i call it special rebin, please refer to Peter's post
t0=systime(1)
d=double(a,0,k)
r=rebin(temporary(d),na,k,/sample)
b3=complex(temporary(r),0,na,k)
print,'special rebin', systime(1)-t0
```

```
;using #
t0=systime(1)
b4=a#(1+fltarr(k))
print,'#', systime(1)-t0
```

```
t0=systime(1)
for i=0,1000 do aaa=replicate(1.,10000)
```

```
print,'replicate', systime(1)-t0

t0=systime(1)
for i=0,1000 do bbb=1+fltarr(10000)
print,'fltarr', systime(1)-t0

end
```
