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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 22 Apr 2005 14:49:47 GMT

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Florian Meyer writes:

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Visual inspection. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Rob Dimeo](#) on Fri, 22 Apr 2005 17:03:37 GMT

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Posted by [Watchthis_](#) on Wed, 03 Jul 2013 02:20:54 GMT

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Posted by [Rob.Dimeo](#) on Thu, 04 Jul 2013 11:15:00 GMT
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On Tuesday, July 2, 2013 10:20:54 PM UTC-4, 83gre wrote:
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Sorry, no link. But here's the source (apologies for posting the code here).

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;$Id: get_peak_pos.pro,v 1.7 2004/01/23 13:53:12 dimeo Exp $
;+
; NAME:
;   GET_PEAK_POS
;
; PURPOSE:
;
;   Estimates the approximate locations of peaks in a "peaky"
;   data set. The return value of the function is an array of
;   estimates for the peak locations. This function works well
;   for data whose peaks do not overlap significantly.
;
;
; AUTHOR:
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;
; CATEGORY:
;
;   Data analysis, model fitting, mathematics
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;
;   PEAK_LOC = GET_PEAK_POS( X,Y,NPEAKS,          $
;                           INDICES = indices,    $
;                           N_CROSSINGS = n_crossings, $
;                           DEGREE = degree,      $
;                           NLEFT = nleft,        $
;                           NRIGHT = nright,     $
;                           FWHM = fwhm
;
; INPUT PARAMETERS (required)
;
; X:   array of x values (independent variable)
; Y:   array of y values (dependent variable) containing the peaks
; NPEAKS: number (integer) specifying the number of peaks to return
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;
; INPUT KEYWORD PARAMETERS (optional)
;
; DEGREE: Degree of polynomial used in the Savitsky-Golay filter (def: 4)
; NLEFT: Number of points to the left of the filtered point over which
;         the filter extends (default: 5)
; NRIGHT: Number of points to the right of the filtered point over which
;         the filter extends (default: 5)
;
; OUTPUT KEYWORD PARAMETERS (optional)
;
; FWHM: Estimate of the full-width at half maximum for each peak
; INDICES: array of indices specifying the index into the x-array
;          describing the peak position,
;          i.e. XPEAKS = INTERPOLATE(X,INDICES)
; N_CROSSINGS: number of zero crossings of the first derivative of the
;             smoothed function (using a Savitsky-Golay filter).
; COMMON BLOCKS:
;
; NONE
;
; KNOWN LIMITATIONS:
;
; This algorithm can get fooled when peaks are too close together.
;
; REQUIREMENTS:
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; IDL 5.4 or higher
;
; EXAMPLE:
;
; See the code appended to the end of this file.
; IDL> .COMPILE GET_PEAK_POS
; IDL> TEST_PEAK
;
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; unmodified copies is granted, provided this disclaimer
; is included unchanged.
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;
; Written 5/07/03 (RMD)
;
; Removed the main loop over each data point to increase the execution
; speed: RMD (01/05/04)

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.....  
function GET_PEAK_POS, x,y,npeaks,      $  
    indices = indices,      $  
    n_crossings = n_crossings, $  
    degree = degree,      $  
    nleft = nleft,      $  
    nright = nright,      $  
    fwhm = fwhm  
  
n_crossings = 0 & xpeaks = 0 & fwhm = 0  
if n_elements(nleft) eq 0 then nleft = 5  
if n_elements(nright) eq 0 then nright = nleft  
if n_elements(degree) eq 0 then degree = 4  
nx = n_elements(x)  
nright = (nright < (fix(0.5*nx)-1)) > 1  
nleft = nright  
; Create an array containing the the first derivative of the  
; smoothed data using a Savitsky-Golay filter.  
savgol_deriv_filter = savgol(nleft,nright,1,degree)  
yd = convol(y,savgol_deriv_filter,/edge_truncate)  
ny = n_elements(yd)  
;value_sign = 2*(yd gt (machar()).eps) - 1  
value_sign = 2*(yd gt 0d) - 1  
indices = 0  
; Determine the number of zero crossings  
diff_sign = value_sign[1:ny-1]-value_sign[0:ny-2]  
wh_cross = where((diff_sign eq 2) or (diff_sign eq -2),n_crossings)  
  
indices = 0.5*(2*wh_cross-1)  
  
no_width = 0  
if n_crossings gt 0 then begin  
; Ok, now which ones of these are peaks?  
    ymax = interpolate(y,indices)  
    ymin = min(ymax)  
    for i = 0,npeaks-1 do begin  
        this_max = max(ymax,max_index)  
        if i eq 0 then best_index = indices[max_index] else $  
            best_index = [best_index,indices[max_index]]  
        ymax[max_index] = ymin  
    endfor  
    indices = best_index  
    xpeaks = interpolate(x,indices)  
; Now calculate the FWHM of each peak  
    if arg_present(fwhm) then begin  
        for i = 0,npeaks-1 do begin  
            full_height = y[fix(indices[i])]
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half_height = 0.5*full_height
; Descend down the peak until you get lower than the half height
elevation = full_height
increment = 0
while elevation gt half_height do begin
; go down the right side of the peak
elevation = y[fix(indices[i])+increment]
increment = increment+1
no_width = 0
if (fix(indices[i])+increment) gt (ny-1) then begin
no_width = 1
goto, no_width_found
endif
endwhile
no_width_found:
if no_width then width = 2.0*(x[ny-1]-xpeaks[i]) else $
width = 2.0*(x[fix(indices[i])+increment-1]-xpeaks[i])
if i eq 0 then fwhm = width else fwhm = [fwhm,width]
endfor
endif
endif
return,xpeaks
end
.....
;.....BEGIN EXAMPLE/DEMO.....;.....
;.....
function fp_gaussian,x,area,center,fwhm
sig = fwhm/2.354
y = (area/sqrt(2.0!*dpi*sig^2))*exp(-0.5*((x-center)/sig)^2)
return,y
end
.....
pro test_peak
; Synthesize some noisy "peaky" data
!except = 0
nx = 200 & xlo = -10.0 & xhi = 10.0 & dx = (xhi-xlo)/(nx-1.0)
x = xlo+dx*findgen(nx)
area = 1500.0 & center = 0.0 & fwhm = 1.0 & bg = 0.1*area
et = 4.0
ygauss = fp_gaussian(x,area,center,fwhm) + bg + $
fp_gaussian(x,0.15*area,et,fwhm) + $
fp_gaussian(x,0.15*area,-et,fwhm)
ydata = fltarr(nx)
for i = 0,nx-1 do begin
ydata[i] = randomn(s,1,poisson = ygauss[i])
endifor
yerr = sqrt(ydata)

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f = 1.e-3
ydata = ydata*f
yerr = yerr*f

plot,x,ydata,psym = -4;,yrange = [-50.0,1.2*max(ydata+yerr)],/ysty
errplot,x,ydata-yerr,ydata+yerr,width = 0.0
print,'Press a key to find the peaks'
r = get_kbrd(1)

; Find the peaks
npeaks = 3 ; number of peaks (assumed known)
xpeaks = get_peak_pos(x,ydata-min(ydata),npeaks,fwhm = fwhm,indices = indices)
ymax = interpolate(ydata-min(ydata),indices)
print,'Peak location estimates: ',xpeaks
print,'Peak width estimates: ',fwhm
; Put lines on the data indicating where the peak estimates are located
if n_elements(xpeaks) gt 1 then begin
  for i = 0,n_elements(xpeaks)-1 do begin
    plots,[xpeaks[i],xpeaks[i]],!y.crange,/data
    lo = xpeaks[i]-0.5*fwhm[i] & hi = xpeaks[i]+0.5*fwhm[i]
    plots,[lo,hi],0.5*[ymax[i],ymax[i]]+min(ydata),/data
  endfor
endif
end

```
