
Subject: Re: time vs longitude FFT

Posted by [Kenneth Bowman](#) on Mon, 29 Oct 2007 17:41:02 GMT

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In article <1193671433.271745.268030@57g2000hsv.googlegroups.com>, knielsen73@gmail.com wrote:

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The main issues with the IDL FFT (or any FFT for that matter) are sorting out the order in which the coefficients are stored and understanding how the sine and cosine components are represented in a complex FFT.

My recommendation is that you create an artificial, low-resolution, input data set that contains some simple combination of sines and cosines and that you understand completely. Then look at the FFT. Or you can buy my book (An Introduction to Programming with IDL), which has a chapter that does exactly that for the 1-D case.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: time vs longitude FFT

Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Mon, 29 Oct 2007 18:41:20 GMT

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ky = 0./ny
```

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```

```
;spectrum in 2d  
spe = fft(a)
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!p.multi=[0,1,2]  
contour,a,/fill,nlevels=14
```

```
; shift to get the normal representation,  
; i.e. (neg kx, 0, pos kx)  
shiftspe = shift(spe,nx/2,ny/2)
```

```
contour,abs(shiftspe),kxvalues,kyvalues,/fill,nlevels=14
```

Note: it is symmetric about the origin.

Cheers,
bob

Subject: Re: time vs longitude FFT
Posted by [knielsen73](#) on Mon, 29 Oct 2007 21:14:29 GMT
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On Oct 29, 2:41 pm, "R.G. Stockwell" <noem...@please.com> wrote:
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Thanks Bob,

I works great with your example. However, when I made a wave with a wavenumber larger than 1, the scale no longer agrees. I can plot it "raw", but again, not sure how to read the values with respect to the real wave number and frequency. Here is the wave I gave as input.

```

;input a wave number two with an amplitude of 10.
;and eastward phase propagation of 1.7 days

```

```
amp = 10.
wave_number = 2
wavelength = float(jmax)/wave_number
period = 6.8333333

for j=0,jmax-1 do begin
  for n=0,nmax-1 do begin
    data_in[j,n] = amp*sin(2.*!pi*j/wavelength - 2.*!pi*n/period) +$
    amp*.5*cos(2.*!pi*j/wavelength - 2.*!pi*n/period)
  endfor
endfor
```

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Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Mon, 29 Oct 2007 21:52:39 GMT
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news:1193692469.369318.51960@50g2000hsm.googlegroups.com...
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Note, in the above, it shows that the sampling interval is 1.
You should divide by your sampling interval there if it is not 1.

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for one thing, you are adding 2 out of phase waves here. Remove the first term (and just use the cos).

Also, do just 1D to ensure that you are calculating the correct period and freq.

f = 12/len
data = amp*cos(2 !pi f t)

Subject: Re: time vs longitude FFT
Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Mon, 29 Oct 2007 21:54:26 GMT
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"R.G. Stockwell" <noemail@please.com> wrote in message
news:47265628\$0\$497\$815e3792@news.qwest.net...

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Posted by [knielsen73](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 00:29:21 GMT
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thanks Bob...got it!
