
Subject: Re: segment vector with missing data
Posted by [Chad](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 21:17:18 GMT
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shoot, sent before I was finished...sorry.

```
>  
> good=FINITE(data)  
> i=0L  
> WHILE i LT N_ELEMENTS(data) DO BEGIN  
>   IF good[i] EQ 0 THEN i++ ELSE BEGIN  
    i1=i  
    WHILE good[i] EQ 1 THEN i++  
    i2=i-1  
    seg1=data[i1:i2]  
  ENDELSE  
ENDWHILE
```

Subject: Re: segment vector with missing data
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 21:28:57 GMT
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Chad Bender writes:

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> out without using a bunch of loops. I've got a vector with N-elements  
> (typically N~1000, but could be any number), with some NaNs  
> interspersed. Typically, there will be a block of NaNs together, but  
> a single NaN by itself is also possible. I want to extract the short  
> segments of good data, and their corresponding indices from the  
> original vector.
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How about this:

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goodIndices = Where(Finite(array) EQ 0, COMPLEMENT=badIndices)
```

The goodIndices finds all the good data, the badIndices
finds all the NaNs.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: segment vector with missing data
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 21:30:07 GMT
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> a single NaN by itself is also possible. I want to extract the short
> segments of good data, and their corresponding indices from the
> original vector.
>
> I can do something like this, but there has to be a better way
>
> good=FINITE(data)
> i=0L
> WHILE i LT N_ELEMENTS(data) DO BEGIN
>   IF i EQ 0 THEN i++ ELSE BEGIN
>
>
> ind= where(finite(data),count)
> then, values = data[ind]
```

Jean

Subject: Re: segment vector with missing data
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 21:30:10 GMT
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David Fanning writes:

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>
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Whooops, I probably have my indices reversed. I'm
trying to eat lunch. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: segment vector with missing data
Posted by [Chad](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 21:37:10 GMT
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On Nov 4, 4:28 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Chad Bender writes:

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>> out without using a bunch of loops. I've got a vector with N-elements
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>

Yes, that is part of the answer. But then I still need to loop
through the the 'goodIndices' or 'badIndices' vectors to find
continuous segements.

My original posts were too brief because hitting enter seems to
correspond to hitting send in google (which is what I get for not
using a real newsgroup reader). Let me try and describe the problem
better.

These vectors are spectra with missing data. I want to extract each
good segement one at a time so I can perform FFT operations on it. So
I need to parse the index arrays to find continuous segments, get the
beginning and end indices, and store the resulting sub-segment. There
are probably 10 or so continuous sub-segments per spectrum.

It seems to me that there should be some application of HISTOGRAM that
gets me the indices of all of the continuous segments at once, but I
haven't been able to figure it out.

Subject: Re: segment vector with missing data
Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 21:47:42 GMT
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While David is on the right track this might not be quite what you want... This could be a label_regions problem if I understand correctly.

you have something like
[1,2,3,NaN,4,3,4,3,NaN,NaN,NaN,4]
and you want
[1,2,3]
[4,3,4,3]
Do I have this right?

If so one solution is:
IDL> NaN=!values.f_nan
IDL> a=[1,2,3,NaN,4,3,4,3,NaN,NaN,NaN,4]
IDL> mask=finite(a)
IDL> mask=[0,mask,0] ; stupid edges in label_region
IDL> roi=label_region(mask)
IDL> roi=roi[1:n_elements(roi)-2]
IDL> print, roi
1 1 1 0 2 2 2 2
0 0
0 3

then use histogram and reverse_indices to pull out the different bins.
IDL> hist=histogram(roi, reverse_indices=ri)

read http://www.dfanning.com/tips/histogram_tutorial.html to figure this out, I have to each time.

Brian

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Subject: Re: segment vector with missing data

Posted by [Chad](#) on Tue, 04 Nov 2008 21:51:58 GMT

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On Nov 4, 4:47 pm, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> want... This could be a label_regions problem if I understand
> correctly.
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Yep, LABEL_REGIONS is exactly what I'm looking for (and independently stumbled into on David's website before checking back here). What a useful function!
