
Subject: Re: Recombining Real and Imaginary parts of FT in IDL?
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Tue, 31 Mar 2009 17:55:17 GMT
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In article

<2ac3c5ce-a28d-41a3-bd83-b93a16cef84a@j8g2000yql.googlegroups.com>,
robparker23@googlemail.com wrote:

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You might want to look at the chapter on FFTs in my book,
An Introduction to Programming with IDL. There are examples
to illustrate how the complex FFT works.

Ken Bowman

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I'm not sure what you mean. Do you want the power spectrum from the real and imag parts? just do

for amplitude spectrum:

```
pow = abs(compspe)
```

for power spectrum

```
pow = abs(compspe)^2
```

or if you have two arrays, one for real part and one for imaginary part, then just do

```
pow = abs(complex(real,imag))^2
```

or

```
pow = real^2 + imag^2
```

cheers,

bob
