
Subject: Re: Problems on the Savitzky-Golay smoothing filter

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Wed, 20 May 2009 12:03:00 GMT

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Hi Mengran,

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so, print, savgolFilter --> 0.000000-8.04663e-007  
1.00000-8.04663e-007    0.000000
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meaning that the outer points have no effect, the central point has a weight of 1 and the 2 middle points have a weight fairly close to zero... so, from this, we can already suspect the smooth curve to be similar to the original one.

Now, in convol, it is said that the kernel is "converted to the proper type", in function of your input. So, if you are plotting integers, the kernel is first converted to long... so the weights become 0,0,1,0,0 ... and convol returns the same values as in the input!

Moreover, when you play with the degree, you get the following filters:

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IDL> print, SAVGOL(2, 2, 0,3)  
-0.0857143    0.342857    0.485714    0.342857    -0.0857143  
IDL> print, SAVGOL(2, 2, 0,2)  
-0.0857143    0.342857    0.485714    0.342857    -0.0857143
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..once rounded, they are all zero... giving a nice horizontal line at zero!

Therefore, I would bet it is a problem with the input type... try to convert it to float or double before applying the filter

Jean

Subject: Re: Problems on the Savitzky-Golay smoothing filter

Posted by [wita](#) on Wed, 20 May 2009 15:01:40 GMT

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On May 20, 12:59 pm, mengran <mengra...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> rootPath = 'C:\WorkSpace\Default\class'
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> n = 1 & filename = strarr(9)
> for i = 0, 8 do begin
>
> filename[i] = strjoin([rootPath, strtrim(n, 2), '.txt'])
> n++
>
> endfor
> for i = 0,8 do begin
>
> plotTemplate = ASCII_TEMPLATE(filename[1])
> y1 = READ_ASCII(filename[1], TEMPLATE = plotTemplate, COUNT =
> $ count,NUM_RECORDS = 46 )
> x = indgen(46)
> iPlot,x,y1.FIELD1, NAME = 'Original Curve', $
> COLOR=[255, 0, 0], SYM_INDEX = 4, yrange = [0,+8000], VIEW_TITLE =
> strmid(filename[1], 21, 6)
> void = ITGETCURRENT(Tool=oTool)
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> COLOR=[0, 0, 255], THICK=2, $
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A simple method for reconstructing a high-quality NDVI time-series data set based on the Savitzky-Golay filter. Remote Sensing of Environment 91: 332-344

If you are interested I can send you the code.

Allard

Subject: Re: Problems on the Savitzky-Golay smoothing filter
 Posted by [mengran](#) on Thu, 21 May 2009 07:28:54 GMT
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Hi Allard,

Thank you very much! Could you please send me the code that you mentioned above?

Mengran

Subject: Re: Problems on the Savitzky-Golay smoothing filter
Posted by [Marili Mendoza](#) on Mon, 02 May 2016 03:32:12 GMT

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hello,Allard. Can you send me the code please . I am interested in this topic i would like to filter ndvi data (malui2005@live.fr)

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