
Subject: Subtracting arrays of same dimension, different size - interpolating one to fit the other

Posted by [polystethylene](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 16:10:17 GMT

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They both have different sizes, and the model's phase points don't match up with those of the data...

I'd like to plot the residual i.e. data - model, but obviously that's not immediately accessible without interpolating the model so that every data phase point has a corresponding model value...

Anyone got any ideas how I can do this?

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Cheers,

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Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 17:17:25 GMT

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Posted by [polystethylene](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 20:41:40 GMT

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I need to interpolate it unfortunately - I just don't understand how I
do it using the various interpolation functions...

Essentially, I one set of phases for the measured data that are
irregularly gridded, and the model points which are regularly
gridded...

How do I get IDL to evaluate the model value through interpolation at
the irregularly (measured) grid points?

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Posted by [polystethylene](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 21:35:05 GMT

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Nevermind! Figured it out: got the INTERPOL function to do the trick...

Subject: Re: Subtracting arrays of same dimension, different size - interpolating one
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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 21:49:58 GMT

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In article

<7c44103e-c422-4011-a714-d765de6fd76a@v20g2000yqb.googlegroups.com>, polystethylene <polystethylene@hotmail.com> wrote:

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You might want to look at this

http://csrp.tamu.edu/pdf/idl/sample_chapter.pdf

Ken Bowman
