
Subject: Re: Algorithm for PCA transform in ENVI

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Wed, 09 May 2012 15:01:54 GMT

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In article <0de35e20-3a9c-4593-8f06-ed3e6461fe60@p21g2000vby.googlegroups.com>, eva.ivits-wasser@ext.jrc.ec.europa.eu wrote:

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Posted by [ivitseva](#) on Thu, 10 May 2012 09:17:40 GMT

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On May 9, 5:01 pm, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Algorithm for PCA transform in ENVI
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Thu, 10 May 2012 12:12:06 GMT
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On 10 mai, 11:17, ivitseva <eva.ivits-was...@jrc.ec.europa.eu> wrote:

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Posted by [ivitseva](#) on Thu, 10 May 2012 14:39:45 GMT
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Hi Alain,

I understand when you are saying that ENVI and IDL are just doing
 different arbitrary choices. However, if I look at the second EOF mode
 I will have negative values in ENVI reporting, using precipitation

anomalies as input, drought whereas I'll have positive values in IDL's output reporting wetter than average conditions. Over the same pixels! I still do not understand how the outcomes can be so different, I mean COMPLETELY different up to the level of reporting a contradictory meteorological phenomena! Sorry for being difficult....

Cheers,
Eva
