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**Subject:** Daily to monthly

Posted by [manikbali](#) on Tue, 16 Dec 2014 04:10:15 GMT

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What is the best way to do it.

-GlanPlon

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**Subject:** Re: Daily to monthly

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 16 Dec 2014 17:49:27 GMT

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On Monday, December 15, 2014 11:10:17 PM UTC-5, mani...@gmail.com wrote:

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Decimation, averaging, and taking the median are all viable methods. What do you need?

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**Subject:** Re: Daily to monthly

Posted by [manikbali](#) on Tue, 16 Dec 2014 18:21:44 GMT

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Hi Craig,

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**Subject:** Re: Daily to monthly

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 17 Dec 2014 20:54:15 GMT

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On Tuesday, December 16, 2014 1:21:46 PM UTC-5, mani...@gmail.com wrote:

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The only trick is that n\_points could be different depending on missing data. So if I had an array of values DATA[\*,\*] where DATA[i,j] is the ith position on the jth day, and missing value is -999, I could sum them like this,

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npt = 0 ;; cumulative sum of number of good data values
for j = 0, NDAYS-1 do begin
    mask = data[*,j] NE -999 ;; mask of good values only, 1=good
    npt = npt + mask ;; add to number of good values
    tot = tot + (data[*,j]*mask) ;; add good vals to cumulative data sum
endfor

;; Compute average
av = tot / npt
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Craig

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Subject: Re: Daily to monthly

Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Fri, 19 Dec 2014 09:31:59 GMT

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Hi Craig,

Note that you might simply do:

mask = data ne -999

av = Total(data\*mask, 2)/Total(mask, 2); daily average

av = Total(data\*mask)/Total(mask); overall average

etc...

alx.

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