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Subject: Using 1D FFT to decompose the provided hurricane data in terms of wavenumbers.

Posted by [twiel002](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2015 23:10:54 GMT

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I have 240x240 array of hurricane wind speed.

1) I need to covert to polar coordinates and plot the speed on a contour map with a radius of [-108,108], however what I have doesn't appear to be correct.

My Code:

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;;;---Reading in the data---;;;

```
rows = 240
cols = 240
spd = FltArr(240,240)
OpenR, lun, 'speed.csv', /Get_Lun
ReadF, lun, spd
Free_Lun, lun
print, spd
```

```
rows = 240
cols = 240
X = FltArr(240,240)
OpenR, lun, 'Xdir.csv', /Get_Lun
ReadF, lun, X
Free_Lun, lun
print, X
```

```
rows = 240
cols = 240
Y = FltArr(240,240)
OpenR, lun, 'Ydir.csv', /Get_Lun
ReadF, lun, Y
Free_Lun, lun
print, Y
```

;;;---Interpolate the coordinates---;;;

```
R=sqrt(X^2+Y^2)
Theta=atan(Y/X)*2*!PI
spd1=Polar_Surface(spd, R, Theta)
```

```
unsmooth = CONTOUR(spd1, TITLE='Hurricane Wind Speed', $
```

```
LAYOUT=[2,1,1], RGB_TABLE=13, /FILL, N_LEVELS=12)
```

```
; Draw the outline of the 12 levels
```

```
outline1 = CONTOUR(spd1, N_LEVELS=12, /OVERPLOT)
```

2) I need to then decompose the speed into wavenumbers using a 1D FFT, however I have no idea how to plot these wavenumbers on a similar plot to the polar plot from above. I need wavenumbers 0-3, the sum of those wavenumbers, and wavenumbers 0-9. Any assistance is appreciated.

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Subject: Re: Using 1D FFT to decompose the provided hurricane data in terms of wavenumbers.

Posted by [Burch](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2015 15:32:21 GMT

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On Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 5:11:01 PM UTC-6, twie...@fiu.edu wrote:

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> 1) I need to covert to polar coordinates and plot the speed on a contour map with a radius of [-108,108], however what I have doesn't appear to be correct.

>  $\text{Theta} = \text{atan}(Y/X) * 2 * \text{PI}$

Calculating theta in this way will give you incorrect results. For instance, notice that

```
IDL> y = 1.0/2.0
```

```
IDL> x = -1.0/2.0
```

```
IDL> print, atan(y/x)
```

```
-0.785398
```

and

```
IDL> y = -1.0/2.0
```

```
IDL> x = 1.0/2.0
```

```
IDL> print, atan(y/x)
```

```
-0.785398
```

give the same result even though the locations are in different quadrants! You should use the two argument form of atan()

```
Theta = atan(y, x)
```

This will give you results ranging from -pi to pi. To change to 0 to 2 pi do

```
Theta = (theta + 2.0*!pi) mod (2.0*!pi)
```

-Jeff

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Subject: Re: Using 1D FFT to decompose the provided hurricane data in terms of wavenumbers.

Posted by [Burch](#) on Thu, 05 Mar 2015 15:41:43 GMT

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>  $\text{Theta} = \text{atan}(y, x)$

>

> This will give you results ranging from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$ . To change to 0 to  $2\pi$  do

>

>  $\text{Theta} = (\text{theta} + 2.0 * \pi) \bmod (2.0 * \pi)$

Or, obviously, just combine the two lines

$\text{theta} = (\text{atan}(y,x) + 2.0 * \pi) \bmod (2.0 * \pi)$

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