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Posted by [siumtesfai](#) on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 05:12:27 GMT
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Subject: Re: Gradient idl
Posted by [siumtesfai](#) on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 16:00:24 GMT
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On Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 1:12:31 AM UTC-4, siumt...@gmail.com wrote:

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 16:13:29 GMT
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See the CONVOL help page for details about edge options, etc.

-Jeremy.

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Posted by [siumtesfai](#) on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 16:39:03 GMT
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Hello

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right ?

I looked at the following function but it does not handle missing data

```
function gradient, image, vector=vector, norm=norm, $
    forward=forward,central=central,$
    scale=scale
;+
; NAME:
; gradient
; PURPOSE:
; Compute the gradient vector at every pixel of an image using
; neighbor pixels. Default is to return the Euclidean norm of gradient
; (2-D array), or specify keywords for other options.
; CALLING:
; gradim = gradient( image )
; INPUTS:
; image = 2-D array.
; KEYWORDS:
; scale=scale,or [xscale,yscale]; scale means [scale,scale] for a single value,
scale=[xscale,yscale]
; /vector then 2 images are returned (3-D array) with d/dx and d/dy.
; /forward then x & y-partial derivatives computed as forward difference.
; /central, or default cenral difference
; /norm then magnitude of gradient is computed as norm.
; OUTPUTS:
; Function returns gradient norm (2-D array) or gradient vector (3-D).
; HISTORY:
; 10-Feb-2011, by Ding Yuan( Ding.Yuan@warwick.ac.uk)
;
;-
if ~exist(image) then on_error
sz = size( image )
if (sz[0] ne 2) then message,"Please input an 2D image (array)"
nx=sz[1] & ny=sz[2]
option=0
if exist(forward) then option=1
case option of
0: begin
didx = ( shift( image, -1, 0 ) - shift( image, 1, 0 ) ) * 0.5
didx[0,*] = image(1,*) - image(0,*)
didy = ( shift( image, 0, -1 ) - shift( image, 0, 1 ) ) * 0.5
didy[* ,0] = image(*,1) - image(*,0)
end
1: begin
didx = shift( image, -1, 0 ) - image
```

```

    didy = shift( image, 0, -1 ) - image
end
else: on_error,2
endcase
    didx[nx-1,*] = image[nx-1,*] - image[nx-2,*]
    didy[* ,ny-1] = image[* ,ny-1] - image[* ,ny-2]
xscale=1 & yscale=1
case n_elements(scale) of
    0: begin
        xscale=1 & yscale=1
    end
    1:begin
        xscale=scale & yscale=scale
    end
    2:begin
        xscale=scale[0] & yscale=scale[2]
    end
    else: message,'scale should be a scalar or 2 element vector'
endcase
didx = didx * xscale
didy = didy * yscale
if keyword_set(vector ) then return, [ [[didx]], [[didy]] ] else return , sqrt( didx*didx + didy*didy )
end

```

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 11 Mar 2015 15:41:50 GMT

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Yes, that code is effectively doing the same thing. It's probably faster because SHIFT is fast compared to CONVOL. But it's definitely easier to get CONVOL to deal with missing data, so in your case I think it would be better.

-Jeremy.

Subject: Re: Gradient idl

Posted by [siumtesfai](#) on Wed, 26 Aug 2015 16:02:40 GMT

Hello

I used a function called Gradient by Ding Yuan(Ding.Yuan@warwick.ac.uk)

to calculate gradient of geopotential height.

It uses shift and centered finite difference. My question would be what would be the unit of the gradient. Unitless

But I input to the gradient function with climate model output data (i.e. geopotential height (Scalar), which is interpolated to 2.5 by 2.5 degree latitude and longitude). Do I need to convert the units from degree to meters ?

```
result=gradient(data)
```

This would be in units of meter/degree. I would think i need to convert my result to unitless by multiplying the result with $[2.5 * 111000 \text{ degree/meter}]$.

1 degree = 111km

I have data with a resolution of 2.5 by 2.5 degree .

What do you all think ?

Thanks
Best regards
