
Subject: matrix multiplication

Posted by [c1dje](#) on Mon, 22 Mar 1993 22:51:48 GMT

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I am trying to apply a list of rotation matrices to a matching list of vectors, i.e. a vector of three-vectors and a vector of 3x3 matrices. I can correctly apply a rotation matrix between a vector and a matrix, but now the vector is a list of vectors and the matrix is a list of matrices. I could handle all of this with a "for" loop, but that is inefficient in IDL; I would like IDL to loop over all of the indices internally. My problem is creating the rotation matrix with the proper ordering for matrix multiply (#).

Previously I multiplied a 3-vector by a 3x3 matrix:

```
[v1,v2,v3] # [[a1,a2,a3],[a4,a5,a6],[a7,a8,a9]]
```

but now all of the variables are vectors (of matching length) so V is Nx3 and A is Nx3x3. I can transpose V so that it is 3xN but IDL requires the argument of transpose to be 1D or 2D, not 3D as the rotation matrix appears. How do I generate the 3x3xN matrix from nine vectors of length N? Will this collective matrix multiply even work as I expect?

David

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"The Church doesn't have problems with sex; the world does" -- Vatican official

"A good theory should fit on a T-shirt" -- Astronomer at Jan 1992 AAS meeting

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Subject: Re: Matrix multiplication

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Fri, 14 Nov 2003 17:48:11 GMT

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The nice thing about IDL is that it is sooo hands-on. Just try it yourself with a small matrix and check the result by hand:

```
a=indgen(3,3)
```

```
b=[1,2,3]
```

```
print,a#b
```

```
print,a##b
```

It's not that hard and definitely faster than waiting for a newsgroup response.

(Most likely you wanted a##b)

Cheers,

Haje

"jhkim" <planets@dreamwiz.com> wrote in message
news:7652fb5d.0311140809.58ae466@posting.google.com...

- > A and B are matrices
 - > How can I write an IDL expression for $A * B$ (matrix multiplication) in
 - > mathematics (linear algebra). Which is right, $A \# B$ or $A \## B$? I think $A \## B$
 - > is right....
 - >
 - > Thank you.
 - >
 - > Best regards!
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Subject: Re: matrix multiplication

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2008 18:42:04 GMT

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Subject: Re: matrix multiplication
Posted by [Chris\[6\]](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2008 20:59:51 GMT
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chris

Subject: Re: matrix multiplication
Posted by [russ\[1\]](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2008 21:32:46 GMT
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On 28 Oct, 20:59, Chris <beaum...@ifa.hawaii.edu> wrote:

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many thanks to you both

Russ

Subject: Re: matrix multiplication
Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2008 02:17:01 GMT
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Cool - I would have definitely thrown in a TRANSPOSE...
i.e. `a = a * transpose(rebin(b,20,1000))`, but your way has to be
faster - I'm not in front of my IDL machine so I can't check it.

Vince

P.S. what is it with me and speed these days?
