

Subject: Re: Euclidean distance
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Imanol Echave wrote:

<BLOCKQUOTE TYPE=CITE>Hi:

[illegible]

m vectors respectively (a matrix of size $p \times n$ and another of size $p \times m$),

I want to

obtain a matrix of size $n \times m$ where the element (i,j) is the euclidean distance

from first set's vector i to second set's vector j. I know the solution using

loops, but exists it a different way without loops?</BLOCKQUOTE>

Here's my (quick and dirty) solution for two vectors.

<P> function edist, a, b

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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;& ; print, na, nb
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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; aa = a
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 bb = b

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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;  aa[*] = 1
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 bb[*] = 1

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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;  c1 = a^2#bb
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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;  c2 = aa#b^2
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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; c = c1+c2
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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; c = sqrt(c)
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[illegible]

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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; ;d=dblarr(na,nb)
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[illegible][illegible]
$$d[j,k] = \sqrt{a[j]^2 + b[k]^2}$$

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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;& ;endfor
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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;;endfor
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[illegible]

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<BR>&nbsp&nbsp&nbsp ;print,c-d
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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;  return, c
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<BR>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;  end
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You can easily generalize to matrices by inserting code, before

the second line, that checks dimensions of a and b, and transforming

a and/or b to one-dimensional array via reform function.

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