
Subject: Re: transforming an array where some values can't

Posted by [S Penzes](#) on Thu, 05 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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How about

```
function xform, input
temp = alog(input)
temp(where(finite(temp) EQ 0))=1e-7
return, temp
end
```

Works for me.

bowler@eisner.decus.org wrote:

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> I'm trying to write a function that will transform an arbitrary array by taking
> the natural log of every element in the array.
>
> What I have is
>
>     function xform, input
>     temp = alog(input) ; I realize I could combine these 2 statements
>     return, temp      ; but it makes debugging easier
>     end
>
> Unfortunately, I can't guarantee that there won't be some elements that are
> zero and thus invalid arguments to alog.  what's the "most efficient" way to
> take the alog of any element that's greater than 0 and set the value of any
> that are less than or equal to 0 to some small value (1e-7 for example)?
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> TIA,
> Bruce
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