
Subject: Re: Complementary set.

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Imanol Echave wrote:

>
> Hi people:
>
> I want to eliminate certain elements from an array. I've the index of the
> elements to be erased, and I want to obtain the "complementary" index (with the
> elements to maintain) to do `new_array=array[index]`. I can do this with a FOR
> loop, but... is it a better way?

Try out the attached INV_INDEX function. It is meant to serve exactly
your needs.

Regards,
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;+  
; NAME:  
;   INV_INDEX  
;   :  
; PURPOSE:  
;   find the indices that do NOT match a WHERE condition  
;   :  
; CATEGORY:  
;   array index handling  
;   :  
; CALLING SEQUENCE:  
;   RESULT = INV_INDEX(INDEX,TOTALN)  
;   :  
; INPUTS:
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; INDEX : an index array, e.g. previously generated by a
; WHERE command (may be -1)
; TOTALN : the number of elements in the reference data
; set, i.e. totaln = n_elements(index)+n_elements(result)
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
;
; OUTPUTS:
; an integer array with all indices that were NOT in index
; or -1 if index was complete
;
; SUBROUTINES:
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; REQUIREMENTS:
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; NOTES:
; The function returns -1 if one of the following errors occurs:
; - invalid number of arguments
; - index variable is undefined
; - totaln is less than n_elements(index)
; - totaln less or equal 1, i.e. no associated data
; The last error does not produce an error message, since this
; feature was found to be very useful (in EXPLORE, the widget based
; interactive data explorer)
;
; EXAMPLE:
; data = findgen(50)
; index = where(data ge 25)
; invers = inv_index(index,n_elements(data))
; print,invers
;
; IDL prints numbers 0 through 24
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; mgs, 10 May 1997: VERSION 1.00
; mgs, 18 Aug 1997: added template and check if n_elements(index) eq 0
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; with subject "IDL routine inv_index"
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function inv_index,index,totaln

newindex = -1 ; default: nothing left

; check for errors:
if (N_Params() ne 2) then begin
  print,'INV_INDEX: wrong number of arguments'
  return,newindex
endif
if (n_elements(index) eq 0) then begin
  print,'INV_INDEX: no valid index passed'
  return,newindex
endif
if (totaln lt n_elements(index)) then begin
  print,'INV_INDEX: totaln lt n_elements(index)'
  return,newindex
endif
if (totaln le 1) then return,newindex ; no data there

; and handle the two situations:
if (max(index) lt 0) then begin ; no valid index passed
  newindex = indgen(totaln) ; create an integer array
  return,newindex ; with totaln elements
endif

; else a valid indexarray was passed and we can construct the inverse
newindex = indgen(totaln)
newindex(index) = -1
i = where(newindex ge 0,count)
if (count gt 0) then newindex = newindex(i) $
else newindex = -1

return, newindex
end

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File Attachments

1) [inv_index.pro](#), downloaded 99 times
