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Subject: Re: Not where

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David Fanning wrote:

> Kenneth P. Bowman (bowman@null.edu) writes:

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>> I often find myself using WHERE to divide an array into two parts. I do

>> one operation on the first part and a different operation on the second

>> part.

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>> It would be nice to have an auxiliary array containing all the indices

>> that are \*not\* returned by WHERE in i. For example, it would be nice to

>> do

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>> a = FLTARR(...)

>> i = WHERE((a...), count, NOT\_WHERE = j, NOT\_COUNT = not\_count)

>> IF (count GT 0L) THEN a[i] = ...

>> IF (not\_count GT 0L) THEN a[j] = ...

>>

>> Lacking the above changes to WHERE, can anyone suggest a fast and easy

>> way to get j=NOT(i) ?

i = where( a gt something )

j = where( a le something )

Easy, yes, maybe not too fast, and not very elegant. Martin Schulz wrote  
(and probably posted) the routine INV\_INDEX, which I attached.

> Now \*here\* is a place where Alex's matrix operations will

> really pay off!

>

> I'll leave it to Alex to handle this question. :-)

Hmm, now here I would rather use INV\_INDEX instead...

mask = where( a gt something)

a = (a+1) \* mask + (a-5) \* (1B-mask)

This would add 1 to a[i] and subtract 5 from a[NOT(i)], for example. But

I admit that

j = inv\_index( i )

a[i] = a[i] + 1

a[j] = a[j] - 5

looks better. (Not cooler, but better.)

Alex

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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:  
;    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:  
;  
; REQUIREMENTS:  
;  
; 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))
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; print,invers
;
; IDL prints numbers 0 through 24
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; 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
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newindex = -1 ; default: nothing left
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; check for errors:
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if (N_Params() ne 2) then begin
  print,'INV_INDEX: wrong number of arguments'
  return,newindex
endif
```

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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
```

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if (totaln le 1) then return,newindex ; no data there
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; and handle the two situations:
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if (max(index) lt 0) then begin ; no valid index passed
  newindex = indgen(totaln) ; create an integer array
  return,newindex ; with totaln elements
endif
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; else a valid indexarray was passed and we can construct the inverse
newindex = indgen(totaln)
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newindex(index) = -1
i = where(newindex ge 0,count)
if (count gt 0) then newindex = newindex(i) $
else newindex = -1
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return, newindex
end
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## File Attachments

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1) [inv\\_index.pro](#), downloaded 129 times

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