
Subject: Re: Not where

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David Fanning wrote:

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

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> 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.)
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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
;
; 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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```
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
```

```
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
```

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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
```

```
; else a valid indexarray was passed and we can construct the inverse
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```
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

return, newindex
end
```

File Attachments

1) [inv_index.pro](#), downloaded 111 times
