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Subject: Re: Sort and Where - SOLVED!

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Simon de Vet wrote:

>  
> I've managed to solve my problem.  
>  
> First I defined the array to remove all the negative values:  
>  
> nozero = where( pem1(flight, \*, 6) gt 0.0 and pem1(flight, \*, 9) gt 0.0)  
>  
> Then I sorted the filter array by the size of the y-coordinates, and  
> applied it to the arrays:  
>  
> x-coordinates:  
> pem1(flight, nozero(sort(pem1(flight, nozero, 6))), 9)  
>  
> y-coordinates:  
> pem1(flight, nozero(sort(pem1(flight, nozero, 6))), 6)  
>  
> The problem lay in where I was sorting. I was originally trying to sort the  
> array data itself, instead of trying to sort the index I had already  
> created.  
>  
> Yay!  
>  
> Simon

Simon,

sounds like you may wish to try my ind\_comb routine from my library  
at  
<http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl/> . This allows you to  
combine the results of sequential WHERE operations. In your example:

```
ok1 = where( pem1(flight, *, 6) gt 0.0)  
ok2 = where( pem1(flight, *, 9) gt 0.0)  
nozero = ind_comb(ok1, ok2, "AND")
```

I wrote this when I had to deal with data similar to yours and ran  
into this kind of situation over and over again.

Regards,  
Martin

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