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Subject: Re: Vectorization question

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Pavel Romashkin <promashkin@cmdl.noaa.gov> writes:

> Hi Liam,  
> I came up with a different approach. For short arrays in a loop, it is 3  
> times slower than your method, Liam. However, with A being 1,000,000 and  
> both X and B 100,000 elements long, your method could not allocate  
> memory on my machine, while mine ran in 0.07 s. Check out the code  
> below. The loops were put in to get runtime estimates.  
> I run 5.3 on PowerMac G4, 192 MB total RAM, 64 MB allocated to IDL.  
> Cheers,  
> Pavel

Here is my belated entry. Getting the repeats right is the trick. My technique does use HISTOGRAM, but is thinking outside the box a little bit by iterating over the number of hits in the histogram rather than the reverse index array.

I use this technique some in my own work and it's fairly fast. I use it to place values known at semi-regularly spaced times onto a regular grid. Unfortunately I can't use these new-fangled VALUE\_LOCATE() or TOTAL(...,/CUMULATIVE) functions since I am staying compatible with earlier versions of IDL. We don't even have IDL 5.3 yet, so I can't even test against any others. Pavel, can you compare? :-)

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n = n_elements(a)
hh = histogram(x, min=0, max=n-1, reverse=rr)
wh = where(hh GT 0) & mx = max(hh(wh), min=mn)
for i = mn, mx do begin
    wh = wh(where(hh(wh) GE i, ct)) ;; Get X cells with GE i entries
    a(wh) = a(wh) + b(rr(rr(wh)+i-1)) ;; Add into the total
endfor
```

Below are my array setups, and the functions I used. The pavel function is slightly modified for practicality reasons.

Craig

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a = lonarr(1000000)
b = long(randomu(seed,100000)*1000000)
x = long(randomu(seed,100000)*1000000)
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pro craig, a, b, x, iter=iter
start = systime(1)
if n_elements(iter) EQ 0 then iter = 1
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start = systime(1)
for j = 0, iter-1 do begin
  n = n_elements(a)
  hh = histogram(x, min=0, max=n-1, reverse=rr)
  wh = where(hh GT 0) & mx = max(hh(wh), min=mn)
  for i = mn, mx do begin
    wh = wh(where(hh(wh) GE i, ct))
    a(wh) = a(wh) + b(rr(rr(wh)+i-1))
  endfor
endfor
print, systime(1) - start
end

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pro pavel, a, b, x, iter=iter
start = systime(1)
if n_elements(iter) EQ 0 then iter = 1
out = a
start = systime(1)
for i = 0, iter-1 do begin
  ind = x[uniq(x, sort(x))]
  loc = value_locate(x, ind)
  sum_b = total(b, /cumulative)
  res = [0, sum_b[loc], 0]
  a_values = (res-shift(res, 1))[1:n_elements(res)-2]
  out[ind] = a_values
endfor
print, systime(1) - start
end

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pro liam, a, b, x, iter=iter
start = systime(1)
if n_elements(iter) EQ 0 then iter = 1
out = a
start = systime(1)
for i = 0, iter-1 do begin
  tmp = intarr(n_elements(a), n_elements(x))
  tmp[x, indgen(n_elements(x))] = b
  out = a + total(tmp, 2)
endfor
print, systime(1) - start
end

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>
> pro pavel, a, b, x
> out = a

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> start = systime(1)
> ;for i =0, 10000 do begin
> ind = x[uniq(x, sort(x))]
> loc = value_locate(x, ind)
> sum_b = total(b, /cumulative)
> res = [0, sum_b[loc], 0]
> a_values = (res-shift(res, 1))[1:n_elements(res)-2]
> out[ind] = a_values
> ;endfor
> print, systime(1) - start
> ;print, out, format='(10i4)'
> end
>
> pro liam, a, b, x
> out = a
> start = systime(1)
> ;for i =0, 10000 do begin
> tmp = intarr(n_elements(a), n_elements(x))
> tmp[x, indgen(n_elements(x))] = b
> out = a + total(tmp, 2)
> ;endfor
> print, systime(1) - start
> ;print, out, format='(10i4)'
> end

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