
Subject: Re: Function BYTSCL

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Steffen Kernchen wrote:

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..
>> You are going to have to give us a clue why you
>> should NOT use BYSCL. Is this a religious preference?
>
> *g* no, it is a condition for a given exercise.
> it's for my first program, i've to write for a new lecture at my
> university.
> so the answer for my question should be quite simple. just 3 or 4 lines...
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If you would want to use BYTSCL, but you are not allowed to use the built-in function, then you can just code up your own scaling.

To scale (= multiply) an array by a certain factor (e.g., MyFactor=2):

```
MyArray = MyArray * MyFactor
```

To subtract (or add) any offsets:

```
MyArray = MyArray - MyOffset
```

To limit (clip) the array values to a certain range:

```
MyArray = MyMinRange < MyArray < MyMaxRange
```

MIN() or MAX() can be used to find the original range of the array. You could determine the factor and offset you want to use from them.

It should be possible to code up something sensible in just a few lines. Beware of possible overflow, if you are in byte type then things can easily get >255. So I guess it does make for some good programming exercise...

cheers,
Jaco
