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Subject: Re: Array comparison

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In article <and6i0\$8l4\$1@newsreader.wustl.edu>,

Sean Raffuse <sean@me.wustl.edu> wrote:

> Hello,

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> I would like to compare two arrays of different size. What I want to know

> is if the two arrays share ANY of the same values, regardless of index.

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> e.g.

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> Array1 = [1,2,3,4,5]

> Array2 = [5,6,7]

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> Comparing these two arrays should return true because they both have the

> value 5.

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> I know I could do this in a loop, but I need the speed and I'm sure IDL can

> do this in one line. I'm just not sure how.

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> Thanks,

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> Sean Raffuse

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How about:

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if n_elements(unique([a,b](sort([a,b])))) ne n_elements([a,b]) then print,  
'arrays have matching values'
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--Mike

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