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Subject: Re: fast array comparison

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"Sean Raffuse" <[sean@me.wustl.edu](mailto:sean@me.wustl.edu)> writes:

> David,

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> Thanks for this. It works almost perfectly. I am a little confused though.

> It seems that the indices keyword returns the indices of the requested array

> and not the available array.

Greetings Sean--

Another option is CMSET\_OP from my web page. It uses the HISTOGRAM technique, if the dynamic range of values is small, but graduates to a different, sort/uniq-based method, if the dynamic range is large.

Indices can be returned using the /INDEX keyword. [ In case it isn't obvious, you want to use the 'AND' operation. ]

CMSET\_OP also returns indices from the \*first\* array. This is not a problem for your application, since you can simply swap the positions of the first and second arrays in the function call.

Yours,

Craig

<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html> (under Array/Set Ops)

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