
Subject: Re: Please help me avoid loops and conditionals
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pford@bcm.tmc.edu (Patrick Ford) writes:

```
> function elp2, a, b, box_dim, vval, e_a,e_b, l_ratio
> x_box = box_dim/2
> box = intarr(box_dim,box_dim)
> o_val = fix(vval / l_ratio)
> v = fix(vval)
> for i = 0, box_dim-1 do begin
>   for j = 0, box_dim-1 do begin
>     x = float(i - x_box)
>     y = float(j - x_box)
>     if( ((x/(a+e_a))^2 + (y/(b+e_b))^2) LE 1.0) then $
>     if( ((x/a)^2 + (y/b)^2) LE 1.0) then box(i,j) = o_val $
>     else box(i,j) = v
>   endfor; j = 0, box_dim-1 do
> endfor; i = 0, box_dim-1 do
> return, box
> end
>
>
> So how do I go about converting this into a Boolean matrix operation
> that avoids all of this? Would it be faster to create a mask array
> such as:
>
>
> y = (transpose(x) / b)^2
```

It's close to what I would do.

I would start by creating the X and Y arrays more or less as you have done:

```
x = (fltarr(box_dim)+1) ## findgen(box_dim)
y = findgen(box_dim) ## (fltarr(box_dim)+1)
```

and then initializing the array to zeroes:

```
box = intarr(box_dim,box_dim)
```

then as you said, use the WHERE statement to pull out the values of interest.

```
wh = where( (x/(a+e_a))^2 + (y/(b+e_b))^2 LE 1.0, ct)
```

... and fill them in. You appear to have a two stage process.

```
if ct GT 0 then begin
  box(wh) = o_val
  wh1 = where( (x(wh)/a)^2 + (y(wh)/b)^2 LE 1.0, ct1)
  if ct1 GT 0 then box(wh(wh1)) = v
endif
```

Just as you, I didn't test this or nuthin'.

Good luck,

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