
Subject: Re: Unpacking algorithm

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You could also use where() to find the indices of the "zero" elements, or their complement, that is the indices of the non-zero elements.

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v0=[0 x1 x2 x3 0 x4 x5 x1 0 x2 x3 x4 0 x5 x1 x2 0 x3 x4 x5]
w2 = where(v0 NE 0, complement=w1) ;--- returns an array of indices
v2 = v0(w2)
v1 = v0(w1)
```

There are also very handy keywords: count and ncomplement that return the number of indices of each kind that are found. Note that where() returns -1 when there are no matches. If you try to use v0(w1) and w1 is -1 you'll get an error. That's where the count variables come in. I usually do something like "if count GT 0 then (do something)" to avoid the error.

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"Tmorri" <torrimorri@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<52e0072063f360e0705e8ac96f274e52@localhost.talkaboutprogramming.com>...

> one second thought,

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> Does any one have an algorithm to unpack this vector

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> v0=[0 x1 x2 x3 0 x4 x5 x1 0 x2 x3 x4 0 x5 x1 x2 0 x3 x4 x5]

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> in the following way:

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> v1=[0 0 0 0 0]

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> v2=[x1 x2 x3 x4 x5 x1 x2 x3 x4 x5 x1 x2 x3 x4 x5]

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> x1,x2,x3,x4,x5 are variables that can take any value, even zero, (0).

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> I just want to get rid othe zeroes (every fourth element)shown in vector

> v0

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> Thanks,

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> Tmorri
