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Subject: Re: Where and lists of regions

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In article <2svdmrF1pveu8U1@uni-berlin.de>, "Ben Panter" <me@privacy.net> wrote:

> Hi,  
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> I'm in the middle of trying to simplify a large body of code which I  
> inherited a few years ago and have been mangling ever since. Among other  
> things, I'd be interested in anyone's thoughts on simplifying the case  
> statement I use (full code below). Basically I have a list of regions  
> which I want to remove from a vector. At the moment I use CASE to call  
> WHERE to remove the regions elements (case to choose how many where  
> statements are required). This is fine for a few regions, but I'm sure  
> there must be a neater way, as when I need 10 regions, or even 20, this  
> code is going to look terrible...  
> I've written a code with EXECUTE, but I may want to use VM in the future  
> so I'd like to avoid it if possible.  
> Many Thanks,  
>  
> Ben

Hi,

I'm not sure this counts as 'neater' (and there are probably better ways), but the following code does what you want, without EXECUTE. It should be a drop in replacement for the CASE block of code. It works at least for the trivial case of wave=findgen(1000)\*10.

Chris.

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for i=0,n_region-1 do em[i,*]=strsplit(em_list[i], '-', /extract)
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;setup  
em=reform(transpose(em), n_elements(em))  
offset=1  
endoffset=1
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if(em[0] gt wave[0]) then begin  
    em=[wave[0],em]  
    offset=0  
endif
```

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if(em[n_elements(em)-1] le wave[n_elements(wave)-1]) then begin
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    em=[em,wave[n_elements(wave)-1]]
endoffset=0
endif
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w=value_locate(wave,em)
;bounds forcing
w=w>0 < n_elements(wave)-1
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;special case of 'delete all'
if(offset and endoffset and n_elements(em) eq 4) then return ,-1
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n=n_elements(w)-2+offset-endoffset ;take care of the special end cases
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for i=offset, n,2 do begin
    if(n_elements(output) eq 0) then $ ;does output exist?no
        if(w[i] ge w[i+1]) then $ ;are the indices coincident? yes
            output=w[i+1] $
        else $ ;no
            output=lindgen(w[i+1]-w[i]+1)+w[i]+1 $
        else $ ;does output exit? yes
            if(w[i]+1 ge w[i+1]) then $ ;are the indices coincident? yes
                output=[output,w[i+1]] $
            else $ ;no
                output=[output,lindgen(w[i+1]-w[i]+1)+w[i]+1]
    endfor
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if(offset eq 1) then output=[0,output];this, I think, is wrong, but it matches the original
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