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Subject: Re: Optimization help

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Jonathan Greenberg wrote:

> I was wondering if there are any tricks to speeding up the following  
> database merging problem:  
>  
> Say I have a 3 x 10000 array, and I want to find out the row # of the 10,000  
> rows matches (if any) an arbitrary 3 x 1 array. I can do this by cycling  
> through each column one at a time and doing an intersection (e.g. Where(  
> array[0] eq database[0,\*]) intersected with where(array[1] eq database[1,\*]  
> intersected with where(array[2] eq database[2,\*])  
>  
> This seems like a pretty slow approach to doing this, so are there any  
> tricks to making this run a lot faster? I'm talking about doing this for an  
> image, so the overhead is going to be pretty significant if I can't do any  
> matrix tricks and have to look up at pixel one at a time using the above  
> method...  
>  
> --j

For a true colour image, this seems to work just fine in picking out  
those pixels that match a particular R,G,B sequence, 25 for the image  
I chose as a test.

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file = 'Bpic.jpg'
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read_jpeg,file,image
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rgb = [11,12,17]
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```
match = where(image[0,*] EQ rgb[0] AND $  
              image[1,*] EQ rgb[1] AND $  
              image[2,*] EQ rgb[2])
```

Is that what you're after?

Andrew

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