
Subject: Re: Oh what is wrong with WHERE() ?

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"Sheldon" <shejo284@gmail.com> wrote in message

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...
> m[nodata_tot] = 255.0
> p[nodata_tot] = 255.0
> ; finding the area with real data check
> va_data = WHERE(p EQ 255.0, COMPLEMENT=vdatap, NCOMPLEMENT=chp)
> va_data = WHERE(m EQ 255.0, COMPLEMENT=vdatam, NCOMPLEMENT=chm)
> print, 'chp: ', chp, ' chm: ', chm
...
> chp:      32271 chm:      32272
> //////////////////////////////////
>
> What happened to one pixel??
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Hi Sheldon,

could you reduce this problem to a very short example?
(and with m and p small enough to actually print out)?

This looks very strange in that you apparently set both m and p to have the same number of 255s, then get different results from the where call.. David makes a good point about the folly of using where for equality to floats, however for this example I don't think that causes your problem.

Offhand I would say that p already has a single value of 255 that was not in the indexes described by nodata_tot. Thus you already had a value for 255 before your line "p[nodata_tot] = 255.0". This line had set 1443953 points to 255, leaving 32272 points that should be other, however one of those 32272 points in fact had a point equal to 255, thus leaving the chp value one short at 32271.

Cheers,
bob

PS you should think hard about converting your arrays to integers before doing any equality test.
