## Subject: Re: Removing equal elements from an array Posted by Jean H. on Wed, 16 Aug 2006 16:12:43 GMT

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Hi,
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just sort your array based on the 2 fields...
you can do something like:
maxCol2 = max(a[1,*])
sortedIndices = sort([a[0,*]*maxCol2 + a[1,*]])
now do as you did before, but using a[0,sortedIndices] and
a[1,sortedIndices]
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## Jean

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Julio wrote:
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> Dear Maarten,

- > I used your code to remove equal elements from an array. It worked fine
- > for a small array. But I tested using a greater amount of points and
- > some equal elements (pairs of coords) remains. There are 434 pairs...
- an example of them:

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> 234.000
             208.000
> 228.000
             208.000
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- > 234.000 208.000
- > 234.000 208.000
- > 178.000 209.000

> ....

- > 153.000 314.000
- > 146.000 318.000
- > 181.000 318.000

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- The pair (234.000, 208.000) repeats 3 times, so 2 pairs should be
- removed. In the output array for these 434 input pairs I have:

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> 234.000
             208.000
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- > 228.000 208.000
- > 234.000 208,000
- > 178.000 209.000
- > ... and so on

- > We see the pair (234.000, 208.000) repeats 2 times! Do you have any
- > idea about what is going on??
- Julio >

Maarten escreveu:

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>> Mike wrote:
>>> Julio wrote:
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>>>> I have an array 'A' with two columns, latitudes and longitudes, and
>>> several lines. A need to make another array with the elements of A that
>>>> don't repeat.
>>>
>>> Take a look at the uniq function. Here's an example:
>> [snip]
>>
>> Which still doesn't take into account the following situation:
>>
>> A = [[20.4, 40.3, 50.2, 50.2], $
        [30.2, 60.2, 32.4, 32.5]]
>>
>>
>> in which case no items should be removed. Just thinking out aloud here.
>> With:
>> lat = A[*,0] & lon = A[*,1]
>>
>> we have
>> idx_lat = uniq(lat) & idx_lon = uniq(lon)
>>
>> At the very least both index arrays should be the same, if you want to
>> apply this automagically.
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>> If the precision of the coordinates is limited, you can try to combine
>> the lat and lon in a single number. If the coordinates are floats, the
>> following ought to work:
>>
>> I = lat + (2.0D0^23)*lon
>> idx = uniq(I)
>> lat = lat[idx] & lon = lon[idx]
>>
>> Maarten
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