
Subject: Re: slow processing of my k-nearest neighbour code

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humphreymurray@gmail.com wrote:

```
>> ; Calculate the squared distance for each attribute.
>> squared = make_array(num_training_elements, num_attributes)
>> for attrib = 0, num_attributes-1 do begin
>>     squared[:,attrib] = (testing_data[i, attrib] -
>> training_data[:,attrib])^2
>>     endfor
>>
```

Hi,

You might try replacing the above for inner-loop with the following

```
squared = (testing_data - training_data)^2
```

Since IDL is array saavy it will perform the operation element by element for you quite quickly (as well as make the "squared" array for you).

You might be able to eliminate the outer-loop, too, but I am less sure of that. Take a peek at the for-loop bible at

<http://www.dfanning.com/tips/forloops.html>

Good luck,
Ben
