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Subject: Re: Need hint to use FOR loops using 3-D arrays

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On 6 11 , 11 14 , alexcardesin-...@yahoo.com wrote:

> Hi,  
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> I am having a lot of trouble trying to improve a routine that I got  
> from a colleague. The goal is to process a 3-D cube removing spikes,  
> but it uses three nested FOR loops which makes it amazingly slow. I  
> know I should try to remove the single-pix functions and try use the  
> array functionalities but I do not manage to do it using a matrix.  
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> Can someone give me a hint?  
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> This is the peace of code:  
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> ; cube is a tridimensional matrix (256x432x256)  
> size\_elem=size(cube)  
> ns=size\_elem[1]  
> nb=size\_elem[2]  
> nl=size\_elem[3]  
> level=2. ; this is a hardcoded value  
>  
> tot\_pixels=double(ns\*nb\*nl)  
> c1d=0  
> c1n=0  
>  
> ; Evil LOOP  
> FOR l=0,nl-1 do begin  
> frame=CUBE[\*,\*,l]  
> neighbor=fltarr[9]  
> for s=0,ns-1 do begin  
>     for b=0,nb-1 do begin  
>         neighbor[0]=frame[s,b]  
>         neighbor[1]=frame[ 0 > (s-1),     b     ]  
>         neighbor[2]=frame[(ns-1) < (s+1),     b     ]  
>         neighbor[3]=frame[     s     , 0 > (b-1)]  
>         neighbor[4]=frame[ 0 > [s-1], 0 > (b-1)]  
>         neighbor[5]=frame[(ns-1) < (s+1), 0 > (b-1)] ; I should  
> do this with a matrix, right???  
>         neighbor[6]=frame[     s     ,(nb-1) < (b+1)]  
>         neighbor[7]=frame[ 0 > (s-1),(nb-1) < (b+1)]  
>         neighbor[8]=frame[(ns-1) < (s+1),(nb-1) < (b+1)]  
>         neighbor\_sort=neighbor[sort(neighbor)]  
>         stdev=(neighbor\_sort[7]-neighbor\_sort[1])/2.  
>         if (frame[s,b] gt neighbor\_sort[4]+level\*stdev) or \$

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>      (frame[s,b] lt neighbor_sort[4]-level*stdev) then begin
>          cube[s,b,l]=neighbor_sort[4]
>          c1d=c1d+1.
>      endif
>    endfor
>  endfor
> endfor
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> thanks, alex
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Use less array operation, and less nesting. And i agree with Paolo that using the Shift function. That's my suggestion. I hope it's useful.

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