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Subject: Re: Help with getting rid of a FOR loop  
Posted by [nathan12343](#) on Tue, 20 May 2008 23:48:25 GMT  
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On May 20, 5:33 pm, pgri...@gmail.com wrote:

> Jean H wrote:

>>> dist=sqrt((xx-xcenter)^2+(yy-ycenter)^2) ;array of radii

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>>> mask=fltarr(imsz,imsz)-1

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>>> FOR i=0,num-1 DO BEGIN

>>>   wh=where(dist GE r[i] and dist LE r[i+1])

>>>   mask[wh]=i

>>> ENDFOR

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>>> END

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>>> I would like to find some way to get rid of the FOR loop at the end.

>>> All I'm doing in that loop is going through the annuli one by one,

>>> finding the pixels in that annuli, and setting the corresponding

>>> pixels in mask to the correct mask value.

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>>> Thanks for any help anyone can provide!

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>>> Nathan Goldbaum

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>> Hi Nathan,

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>> if your computer memory permits it, you can

>> 1) reform your dist array so it is now a n\_elements(dist) \*

>> n\_elements(r) array. basically, you will copy the distances

>> n\_elements(r) times.

>> 2) reform your r array so it is now a n\_elements(dist) \* n\_elements(r)

>> array.

>> 3) shift the array from (2) by 1

>> 4) do where(new\_dist GT new\_r and new\_dist LT new\_r\_plus\_1)

>> 5) divide the returned index by n\_elements(r). You will know, for each

>> r, which elements satisfies your condition!

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> I guess that the original problem is not so much that for loops are

> slow,

> but that "where" is slow. So I fear that the above strategy won't gain

> much speed, as now where must work on a much larger array...

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> Ciao,

> Paolo

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>> Sorry if it is not too clear... that's a "quick answer before to leave"..  
>> Jean  
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Will histogram work with unevenly spaced bins?

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