
Subject: Re: Help with getting rid of a FOR loop
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> dist=sqrt((xx-xcenter)^2+(yy-ycenter)^2) ;array of radii
>
> mask=fltarr(imsize,imsize)-1
>
> FOR i=0,num-1 DO BEGIN
>   wh=where(dist GE r[i] and dist LE r[i+1])
>   mask[wh]=i
> ENDFOR
>
> END
>
> 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.
>
> Thanks for any help anyone can provide!
>
> Nathan Goldbaum
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Hi Nathan,

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!

Sorry if it is not too clear... that's a "quick answer before to leave"...

Jean
