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Subject: Re: efficient comparing 1D and 3D arrays  
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On Jun 11, 4:09 pm, Craig Markwardt  
<craigm...@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:  
> Jelle <p...@bio-vision.nl> writes:  
>> Hi All,  
>  
>> At the moment I am trying to find pixels that fall within a certain  
>> value range for each pixel, as part of a recursive image exploration  
>> routine.  
>  
>> Say I have the following data:  
>  
>> imgdata = fltarr(NB, NS, NL)  
>> MinVals = fltarr(NB)  
>> MaxVals = fltarr(NB)  
>  
>> Now I would like to efficiently find out  
>> where( (imgdata GT MinVals) and (imgdata LT MaxVals) )  
>  
> There are two possibilities. One is to REFORM/REBIN your MinVals and  
> MaxVals arrays so they are the same dimension as imgdata, then you can  
> do your comparison directly.  
>  
> The other possibility is to make a FOR loop. If NS\*NL is large, then  
> the overhead of the loop should be irrelevant since you are doing many  
> vector comparisons at each loop step.  
>  
> Good luck!  
> Craig  
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> Craig B. Markwardt, Ph.D. EMAIL: craigm...@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu  
> Astrophysics, IDL, Finance, Derivatives | Remove "net" for better response  
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Hi Craig,

Thank you for your reply. I am struggling a bit with your suggestion..

If I do a rebin on the data, I realize I can do a 'bandwise-comparison' or an pixel-based comparison, but I could not do a straight 3D comparison, could I?

[example snip]

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; A lot of processing gets a set of boundary pixels, in WorkData.  
; Here I compare for each pixel whether the band values fit between  
two sets of ranges:
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```
Valid1 = DoComp(WorkData, Segments[SegmentID].MinVals, 'GE')  
Valid2 = DoComp(WorkData, Segments[SegmentID].MaxVals, 'LE')
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if(valid1 EQ 1 && valid2 EQ 1) then begin  
  ; Add the pixels to the current segment & rerun routine  
endif else begin  
  ; Stop growing, get new seed & start over  
endelse
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; function to compare two arrays  
function DoComp, Arr1, Arr2, Comp, ArrayComp = AC
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IF KEYWORD_SET(AC) then begin
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; we are performing the array comp with a multidim input array  
dims = size(Arr1[*,0], /dimensions)  
valid = intarr(dims[0])
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for i=0, dims[0]-1 do begin  
  valid[i] = DoComp(Arr1[i,*], Arr2, Comp)  
endfor
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return, valid
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endif else begin
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```
case Comp of  
  'LE': begin  
    ; Is Arr1 LE Arr2  
    less = where((Arr2-Arr1) LT 0, count)  
    return, (count) GT 0 ? 0 : 1  
  end
```

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  'GE': begin  
    less = where((Arr1-Arr2) LT 0, count)  
    return, (count) GT 0 ? 0 : 1  
  end  
endcase
```

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endelse
```

end

[end example snip]

Basically, I need each band to fall between the limits set for that band, and know which pixels match that criteria. I was doing it in a loop, where I compare boundary pixels against the minvals/maxvals. But as my ROI's get bigger, the number of times you compare the same pixels increases. So I thought I'd do the comparison for the whole image in one go, keep a binary layer with acceptable / not acceptable and use that as a masking template.

As this is a new segmentation routine I am designing, the individual comparison might have to be done 100,000+ times in complex landscapes, which is why I now would like to take it out of the loop.

Hope you can elaborate a little bit, as I cannot see how to make this comparison work without looping through all bands and pixels..

cheers,

Jelle

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