
Subject: Re: Loop breaks IDL

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mbweller@gmail.com writes:

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> I beginning to feel like I'm inundating this board :)
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> Is this the best way to do this, I 'm beginning to think not since IDL
> (in windows) starts to use up all my cpu cycles for more than 10
> minutes.
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> -----
> ind_e= where (array[1,*] eq 2,count)
> if count eq 0 then tl_small=0 else ext=array[*,ind_e]
> while count gt 0 do begin
>   ext_ = where(ext[2,*] lt 2*x1) ; select faults such that L < 2x
>   ext_small = ext[*,ext_] ; place in matrice with identifier
>   lc_small= ext_small[2,*] ; select only lengths to sum for
>   small faults
>   tl_small = total(lc_small^3) ; sum lengths according to
>   kostrov summation, small faults
> endwhile
> -----
>
> Essentially there are 2 divisions, column 2 (with values of 1 or 2)
> and fault size (large or small) of the data.
> In case it's not obvious, the first two lines are saying that if there
> is no data then tl_small = 0. If however, there is data do everything
> below it to get some non 0 value of tl_small.
> It seems like IDL just hangs up on the loop. Maybe this has something
> to do with the embedded where statements?
>
> As always thanks in advance and any help would be appreciated
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I would try transposing your array so you can access the data in memory order. That should help a LOT.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
