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Subject: Matching Lats and Lons from two arrays  
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I have 2 separate arrays of Latitudes and Longitudes.  
CS\_LATLON(0,4607) is one latitude array and dlat(192,139) is the other  
CS\_LATLON(1,4607) is one longitude array and dlon(192,139) is the other.  
I want to index through each element in both CS\_LATLON arrays and find  
which point(s) in the dlat and dlong arrays are closest.  
I tried using nested loops but that gave me 12 million+ loops which is  
too many for my liking. I now am trying search2d  
NUM\_PNTS = N\_ELEMENTS(CS\_LATLON(0, \*)) - 1

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FOR J = 0, NUM_PNTS DO BEGIN
  CLOSE_LATS = SEARCH2D(dlat, 0, 0, CS_LATLON(0,J),
  CS_LATLON(0,J), INCREASE=0.5, $
    DECREASE=0.5)
  lat1 = CS_LATLON(0,J) * PI / 180.0
  FOR K = 0, CLOSE_LATS DO BEGIN
    lat2 = dlat(K) * PI / 180.0
    d_long = CS_LATLON(1,J) - dlon(K) * PI / 180.0
    DISTANCE = 10800.0 / PI * acos(sin(lat1) * sin(lat2)
+
cos(lat1) *    $
                cos(lat2) * cos(d_long))
  ENDFOR ; K
ENDFOR ; J
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This is not working the way I would like. Any suggestions on this would be greatly appreciated.

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