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Subject: Re: array subtraction

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On Nov 5, 4:29 pm, Wox <s...@nomail.com> wrote:

> On Wed, 5 Nov 2008 07:25:10 -0800 (PST), julia.waltersp...@gmail.com

> wrote:

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>> hey guys

>> SOS call from the newbie:

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>> I've got two data arrays, one of length 134 (=a), the other of length

>> 75 (=b) with monthly cloud cover data from modis terra and aqua.

>> Data from Terra starts feb 2000, data from Aqua starts july 2002.

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> So you only need to get i in this:

> diff = a[i:]-b

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Hi,

Well if the time intervals are the same in both arrays (1 month), and the last data point in both arrays is the same timepoint ('now'), then I would do it this way:

```
na = n_elements(a)
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```
nb = n_elements(b)
```

```
diff = abs(b-a[na-nb:]); Given a>b as in your example
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Or, if you really want a more general solution:

```
diff = abs(b[(nb-na>0):] - a[(na-nb>0):])
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Regards,

Chris

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