
Subject: Re: remove duplicate elements from a multi-dimensional array efficiently in IDL

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On May 3, 12:47 pm, "chenb...@gmail.com" <chenb...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On May 2, 7:57 pm, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> On May 2, 8:47 pm, guillermo.castilla.castell...@gmail.com wrote:

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>>> On May 1, 12:36 pm, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> On May 1, 1:47 pm, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> > On May 1, 12:13 pm, "chenb...@gmail.com" <chenb...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> > > Hello, everyone!

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>>>> > > Is there anyone knows a routine in IDL that be capable to remove
>>>> > > duplicate elements from a multi-dimensional array efficiently? I 'm
>>>> > > now working with huge arrays, and I have written one by myself, it
>>>> > > works but is with low efficiency.

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>>>> > > example of my problem:

>>>> > > the input array:

>>>> > > 1,10,9,100,200

>>>> > > 2,11,8,101,201

>>>> > > 2,11,8,101,201

>>>> > > 3,10,9,100,200

>>>> > > 4,7,12,99,199

>>>> > > 2,11,8,101,201

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>>>> > > goal:

>>>> > > remove the duplicate elements with the same values for the second and

>>>> > > the third column.

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>>>> > > expected output:

>>>> > > 1,10,9,100,200

>>>> > > 2,11,8,101,201

>>>> > > 4,7,12,99,199

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>>>> > > Thanks for your help!

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>>>> > > Bo

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>>> If you don't have handy that ORD function Jeremy pointed out (I didn't

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>>> know of it), and assuming your array is of byte type, you can do the
>>> following:
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>>> input = [[1,10,9,100,200],[2,11,8,101,201],[2,11,8,101,201],$
>>>          [3,10,9,100,200],[4,7,12,99,199],[2,11,8,101,201]]
>
>>> keep = Where(Histogram(1000L*input[1,*]+input[2,*], rev=r) GT 0)
>>> keep = r[r[keep]]
>>> print, input[:,keep[sort(keep)]]
>>>   1   10   9   100  200
>>>   2   11   8   101  201
>>>   4    7  12    99  199
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>>> Cheers
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>>> Guillermo
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>> You can find ord at:
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>> http://web.astroconst.org/jbiu/jbiu-doc/math/ord.html
>
>> -Jeremy.
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> Jeremy,
>
> Thanks for your kind and prompt help!
> It took my own routine 18 hours to do the job. I have just plug the
> codes you kindly offered into my codes, I'll let you know how
> efficient your routine is. Thanks!
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> Bo
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Hi Jeremy,

Your code helps me save 7 hours! That's a lot. Thanks!

Bo
