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Subject: Re: Search and Replace in 2D Array (Image)  
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 20:19:41 GMT  
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vikramivatury@gmail.com wrote:

> Hello,  
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> I have an image "m" which is [1229 x 1229] pixels that contains 1's  
> and 0's. I also have an image "img" which is [1229 x 1229] that  
> contains pixel IDs. For every 1 in image "m" it corresponds to a  
> certain pixel ID in image "img". I am trying to write a loop in IDL  
> that scans through the pixels of image "m" and when its get to a 1,  
> spit out its information from "img". I used the 'where' function (w =  
> where m gt 1.....ids = img(w))

should be GE or EQ, not GT, or you will never have the ones selected

and that worked fine in outputting

> a 1D array of 1510441 pixels, but I am trying to do it for a 2D array  
> using loops.  
>  
> img = read\_tiff('NP.tif')  
> ids = fltarr(1229,1229)  
>  
> for i = 0,1228 do begin  
> for j = 0,1228 do begin  
> if (m(i,j) eq 1.) then begin

Be careful here. Don't use a float if your data is byte/integer. If it is of type float, you must do "where X-1.0 lt epsilon"... read David Fanning's "the sky is falling" article

> ids(i,j) = img(m(i,j))

This will always be equal to 1. Are you sure you want to subset m here?

> endif  
> endfor  
> endfor  
>  
> Any suggestions would be great.  
>  
> Thanks,  
> Vikram

"where" remains your friend here.

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img = read_tiff('NP.tif')
ids = fltarr(1229,1229)
OneIDX = where(m eq 1)
ids[oneIDX] = img[oneIDX]
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If you really want, you can convert back the 1D index to 2D with  
ARRAY\_INDICES, but it changes nothing to the above.

Jean

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