
Subject: Re: The IDL way: Find last non-zero value
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Thanks to all of you for the suggestions. I timed them all on several of the larger matrices and found that the last suggestion (using cumulative totals) was about twice as fast as the previous ones, and about 5 times faster than the brute force loop. It did depend on how many zeros ended each line on average. When the number was small the loop could win, but for my typical matrices the cumulative total is the clear winner.

Thanks again,
Eric
