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Subject: Re: Vectorize procedure

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On Dec 10, 3:00 pm, "Kenneth P. Bowman" <k-bow...@null.edu> wrote:

> In article  
> <b599bcdf-d42e-45d8-b643-7ea4620fd...@k19g2000yqc.googlegroup s.com >,  
> Romolo Politi <romolo.pol...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>  
>> Sorry for the not clarity.  
>> my situation is  
>> x=fltarr(3200,201,201)  
>> y=fltarr(3200,201,201)  
>> newx=fltarr(799,201,201)  
>> newy=fltarr(799,201,201)  
>> for i=0,200 do begin  
>>   for j=0,200 do begin  
>>     newy[* ,i,j]=interpol(y[* ,i,j],x[* ,i,j],newx[* ,i,j],/SPLine)  
>>   endfor  
>> endfor
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>  
> You are doing ~40,000 separate spline fits. I don't think there is  
> any way to vectorize this, as each fit is an independent problem.  
> Spline fitting is a coupled problem, so you cannot, for example, simply  
> string your segments together into one long fit.

>  
> If the newx[\* ,i,j] are the same for all i and j, you can probably get  
> a significant speed-up by calling SPL\_INIT once and then calling  
> SPL\_INTERP for each i and j. Since you are storing newx separately  
> for each i and j, I gather this is not the case.

>  
> Your program is accessing memory efficiently, but you will get a small  
> speed up by saying

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>   newy[0,i,j]=interpol(y[* ,i,j],x[* ,i,j],newx[* ,i,j],/SPLine )
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>  
> You might also try the other built in spline functions: SPLINE,  
> SPLINE\_P, SPL\_INIT and SPL\_INTERP to see whether one is faster.

>  
> Finally, I notice that you are downsampling your data substantially.  
> Are you sure you really need to use a spline fit to do that?

>  
> Ken Bowman

You might be able to fake something in the "stringing the segments together" vein by putting some padding in between the segments that does a linear interpolation between the endpoint of one segment and the beginning of the next, enough padding to make the last old segment

and first new segment independent. Of course, you'll get a different answer for those end segments because of that padding than if they didn't exist, so that may not work depending on how much those points are offset, but it should at least be better than sticking them next to each other. What boundary conditions does INTERPOL use with spline fits? Maybe you can design padding that effectively gives you the same boundary conditions?

-Jeremy.

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