
Subject: Re: Vectorize procedure

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In article

<b599bcd-fd42e-45d8-b643-7ea4620fd7ed@k19g2000yqc.googlegroups.com>,
Romolo Politi <romolo.politi@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?

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