
Subject: Re: For-loop vs. Dimensional Juggling relative performance

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On Feb 9, 9:54 pm, Gianguido Cianci <gianguido.cia...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Feb 8, 10:26 pm, Gray <grayliketheco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Hi folks,

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>> I recently wrote my own version of SRCOR from the NASA Astrolib. Just
>> as a reminder, the program takes two lists of 2D coordinates and finds
>> matches where the distance is less than some cutoff. SRCOR uses a for-
>> loop to step through the first list, comparing the distance of each
>> coordinate-pair from every point in the second list. My version uses
>> matrix multiplication and dimensional juggling to avoid the for-loop.

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>> For $n_1 = 2143$ and $n_2 = 2115$, SRCOR is faster (0.16 seconds to my 0.53
>> on my macbook); however, for $n_1 = 25$ and $n_2 = 26$, mine is faster
>> ($1.8e-4$ seconds to $4.2e-4$). Is there any way to predict what kind of
>> list sizes will be faster with each method, without making some random
>> data and using brute force?

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>> The relevant code is:

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>> SRCOR (dcr2 is the cutoff, option eq 2 ignores the cutoff) -->

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>> FOR i=0L,n1-1 DO BEGIN
>>   xx = x1[i] & yy = y1[i]
>>   d2=(xx-x2)^2+(yy-y2)^2
>>   dmch=min(d2,m)
>>   IF (option eq 2) or (dmch le dcr2) THEN BEGIN
>>     ind1[nmch] = i
>>     ind2[nmch] = m
>>     nmch = nmch+1
>>   ENDIF
>> ENDFOR
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>> My code -->

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>> lkupx = rebin(indgen(n1),n1,n2)           ;make index lookup
>> tables, so as not to
>> lkupy = rebin(transpose(indgen(n2)),n1,n2) ;worry about confusing
>> 1D vs 2D
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>> ;use matrix multiplication and dim. juggling to fast compute
>> sqrt((x2-x1)^2+(y2-y1)^2)
>> dists =
>> sqrt(rebin(x1^2.+y1^2,n1,n2)+rebin(transpose(x2^2.+y2^2),n1, n2)-2*(x1#x2+y1 #y2))
>> min_x = min(dists,xmatch,dimension=2) ;find the minima in both
>> directions...
>> min_y = min(dists,ymatch,dimension=1) ;this is given in 1D indices
>> xm = lkupy[xmatch] ;convert to 2D indices
>> ym = lkupx[ymatch]
>> ;remove elements w/ distance greater than max_dist, and where the
>> two lists don't match
>> nomatch_x = where(ym[xm] ne indgen(n1) or min_x gt max_dist, nmx)
>> if (nmx gt 0) then xm[nomatch_x] = -1
>> nomatch_y = where(xm[ym] ne indgen(n2) or min_y gt max_dist, nmy)
>> if (nmy gt 0) then ym[nomatch_y] = -1
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>> Thanks!!
>> --Gray (first time poster)
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> Gray, have you tried the inbuilt DISTANCE_MEASURE ? I'd be curious to
> know if it's any faster.
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> --Gianguido

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I'd wager that JD's match_2d will knock the socks off both of those...

-Jeremy.