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Subject: Re: How to find the pixel position  
Posted by [Aram Panasenco](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2010 06:24:03 GMT  
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sid wrote:

> Hi,  
> My data is in fits format. The is of 1024 \* 1024 array. The counts  
> vary from 5000 to 6000 and I know that 5500 counts is there in my  
> data, but I need to know at which pixel this 5500 counts occur  
> exactly, without displaying the image, because I need to do this for  
> several files. So each time I can't display and check for the pixel  
> position. please helpout in this regard.  
> regards  
> sid

I think what you are saying (correct me if I am wrong) is that you have  
a 1024x1024 array, and you want to find where the pixel values are equal  
to 5500.

You can use the WHERE function:

```
fitsData = readfits('filename.fits')  
countValue = 5500
```

```
findIndices = where(fitsData eq countValue)
```

Note that the WHERE function returns one-dimensional subscripts. You can  
convert them back to two-dimensional subscripts (if you need to) using  
the ARRAY\_INDICES function:

```
rectIndices = array_indices([1024,1024],findIndices,/dimensions)
```

Cheers  
~Aram Panasenco

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