
Subject: Re: Help on comparing 2 arrays

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Dave Poreh wrote:

- > Folks
- > I am trying to compare on ground (on sea!) laser data with MERIS data
- > for chlorophyll. Actually I have 2 arrays L[lat1, long1, c1] for on
- > ground measurements (with 400 meters resolution) and C[lat2, long2,
- > c2] for satellite data. What I want is this: for each pixel of C
- > (satellite data) extract data from array L that dropped inside of this
- > pixel. For instance for some pixels I have 3 or 4 data from L or
- > whatever. Does anyone have some good idea how to do this?
- > Any help highly appreciated.
- > Cheers
- > Dave

Hey Dave,

Are the latitude-longitude arrays in integer or floating-point format?

Either way, you might want to specify an extraction radius - how close to each other do two points have to be to count them as the same point? I would define DELTA_LAT and DELTA_LON constants for that at the start of the routine.

Note: I see your arrays are in the format [latitude,longitude], so I will stick with that, but the normal convention is obviously [longitude,latitude]

I would then sort the L array in ascending latitude and ascending longitude orders:

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sortL_Lat = sort(L[0,*])
sortL_Lon = sort(L[1,*])
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Then run a for-loop for every point in C and determine the indices of L where the point falls within the latitude range AND the longitude range. That gives you the indices of where to extract your L data for each point and do whatever you want with it.

If the radius calculations have to be a little more precise than that, you can use the MAP_2POINTS routine on the points obtained using delta-longitude and delta-latitude comparison, and throw away the ones that are farther than some radian value away. Don't forget that the MAP_2POINTS routine accepts data in the longitude,latitude format as opposed to your data format! ;)

Good Luck!

~Aram Panasenco
