
Subject: Re: Cannot understand a part of the IDL routine!! pls help!!

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 26 May 2010 12:51:41 GMT

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On May 25, 3:13 pm, Brian Daniel <Daniels...@yahoo.com> wrote:

> On May 25, 9:23 am, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> On May 24, 1:26 pm, Brian Daniel <Daniels...@yahoo.com> wrote:

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>>> On 24 May, 08:16, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> On May 23, 11:07 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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>>>> > bala murugan writes:

>>>> > > The following is a part of the IDL routine for region grow. The

>>>> > > following three lines of code is used to define the pixels that is the

>>>> > > ROI pixels.

>>>> > > x = FINDGEN(16*16) MOD 16 + 276

>>>> > > y = LINDGEN(16*16) / 16 + 254

>>>> > > roiPixels = x + y * imgDims[0]

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>>>> > > The question is how does it define the ROI pixels?

>>>> > > I dont see how it does..... Somebody please help me by giving a

>>>> > > simple and clear description.

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>>>> > What is happening here is the IDL is turning one-dimensional

>>>> > image indices into two-dimensional image indices. Before

>>>> > the advent of the function Array_Indices, we always had

>>>> > to do this by hand. This code was obviously written in

>>>> > those long-ago dark days.

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>>>> > Here is an article that explains this process in some

>>>> > detail:

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>>>> > http://www.dfanning.com/tips/where_to_2d.html

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>>>> > Cheers,

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>>>> > David

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>>>> > Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>

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>>>> > Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
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>>>> Incidentally, is there an in-built routine that I've missed that does
>>>> the reverse mapping (multi-D to 1D)? I know I've written my own and I
>>>> suspect others have too, but it seems like there ought to be a built-
>>>> in version.
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>>>> -Jeremy.- Hide quoted text -
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>>> reform does the trick. For example:
>>> image = indgen(20,30,3)
>>> help, image
>>> IMAGE      INT      = Array[20, 30, 3]
>>> image_vector = reform(image,20*30*3)
>>> help, image_vector
>>> IMAGE_VECTOR  INT      = Array[1800]
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>>> -Brian
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>> Yes, you can of course use l/indgen to give you a multi-D array that
>> you can use for the mapping (I'm not sure what the point of the reform
>> is - I would just use image[4,3,0] to find out the 1D index of the
>> point (4,3,0)). But it requires generating an auxiliary array with the
>> required dimensions, which can be very wasteful of memory in the
>> applications where I tend to use it!
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>> -Jeremy.
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> I was using indgen as an illustration. I thought you were looking for
> a way to change a multi dimensional array into a vectorized array. I
> see now you'd like the compliment to array_indices.pro. Say you have
> an array of size x_dim, y_dim and z_dim. The index of a particular
> point in the array (xi,yi,zi) is given as
> index = xi + yi * x_dim + zi * x_dim * y_dim.
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> It can be generalized to N dimensions by
> index = x[0] + x[1]*dim[0] +x[2]*dim[1]*dim[0] + ... +
> x[N-1]*dim[N-2]*dim[N-3]*...*dim[0].
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> I haven't seen a library routine that does it, but I usually only work
> in 2 or 3 dimensions and hardcode it in. Hope this helps.
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> -Brian

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Yeah, I have a general solution for arbitrary numbers of dimensions in JBIU:

<http://web.astroconst.org/jbiu/jbiu-doc/misc/multi2index.htm> I

I just wish there was a built-in version... I'm sure it would be more efficient than mine, and when I tend to need this it's always when I'm juggling enormous multi-dimensional arrays.

(incidentally, now that I look at that code again it occurs to me that the PRODUCT and TOTAL calls should have the /INTEGER flag... going to have to put out a major update soon).

-Jeremy.
