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Subject: Re: Cumulative max() in \*arbitrary\* dimension?

Posted by [JDS](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2012 21:26:44 GMT

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On Saturday, March 10, 2012 12:21:48 PM UTC-5, Heinz Stege wrote:

> First: On Fri, 09 Mar 2012 18:58:13 +0100, I wrote:

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>> for i=off,ns-off,off do a[i]=a[i-off:i-1]>a[i:i+off-1]

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> There is a mistake. It has to read:

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> for i=off,n\_elements(a)-off,off do a[i]=a[i-off:i-1]>a[i:i+off-1]

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> Second: My contribution => my work. ;-) I measured the times for an  
> array a=byte(randomu(seed,60,400,3000),/long). I tested the following  
> versions:

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> [1] i1=0 &i2=off-1 & \$

> for i=1,s[d]-1 do a[i\*off]=a[i1:i2]>a[(i1+=off):(i2+=off)]

> [2] for i=1,s[d]-1 do \$

> a[i\*off]=a[(i-1)\*off:i\*off-1]>a[i\*off:(i+1)\*off-1]

> [3] for i=off,n\_elements(a)-off,off do a[i]=a[i-off:i-1]>a[i:i+off-1]

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> I ran each version 2000 times and found no significant differences in  
> the run-time. There only seems to be a slight trend for [2] beeing the  
> slowest. However it does not have any practical relevance. Here are  
> the details:

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> [1] 134.3 (+/-0.2) ms (calculation of i1 and i2 included)

> [2] 134.9 (+/-0.2) ms

> [3] 134.2 (+/-0.2) ms

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> The given errors are statistical standard-errors ("1 sigma").

Thanks, Heinz. When compared to processing  $10^5$  or  $10^6$  numbers within each loop iteration (which is what makes this a fast loop), the indexing math isn't really significant. Yours is a bit easier on the eye though!

JD

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