
Subject: Re: a behemoth bubble sort

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On Monday, 29 October 2012 22:24:07 UTC+1, fisch...@gmail.com wrote:

> Unfortunately, the bubble sort I've employed in this code needs to run
> through 20 billion+ data points for the program to complete, which is of
> course impossible.

Are you really running the code below on a cube with 20 billion points?

> My current codes is as follows:

[...]

```
> ;giant for-loop that looks at each individual voxel at each velocity
> ;step and places the velocity at that voxel into the new cube's v-dimension.
> for v = min,max-1 do begin ; v = velocity step
>
>   for x = 0,xsize-1 do begin
>     for y = 0,ysize-1 do begin
>       for z =0,zsize-1 do begin
>         if (nifs(x,y,z) eq v) then begin ;if voxel has vth velocity step
>           flux(x,y,v-min) = v ;places v at the vth plane of flux cube
>         endif
>       endfor
>     endfor
>   endfor
> endfor
```

You can do this with only the outermost loop:

```
for v = min,max-1 do begin
  ind = where(nifs eq v, count)
  if (count gt 0) then begin
    i3d = array_indices(nifs, ind)
    flux[i3d[0,*], i3d[1,*], i3d[2,*]-min] = v
  endif
endfor
```

If your datacube is really 20 billion points, you should really divide this into subcubes. This is left as an exercise for the reader :)

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Yngvar
