
Subject: a behemoth bubble sort

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Hi all,

I am currently frustrated trying to convert information from one data cube into another and could use some direction.

I have a 3-d modeling program which creates a spatial geometry datacube where each voxel in the geometry contains a velocity. Voxels outside the geometry are assigned an artificially high velocity that is set to be transparent in the modeling program. What I would like to do is to create a datacube with dimensions of x, y, and velocity from the spatial data cube of x,y, and z.

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. Is there some way to simplify this? Also, is there some way to select out the 'good' portion of the initial data cube to apply the conversion to instead of the entire thing? You have posted on array-juggling similar to this, though after reading the article I was not able to apply the technique to my own problem. Any help would be much appreciated!

Cheers,
Travis

My current codes is as follows:

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pro slice_run
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restore,'nifscube.dat' ; restores spatial datacube 'nifs'
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size = size(nifs,/dimensions)
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nifs = long(nifs) ; turns velocities to integers
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max = max(nifs) ; bad voxels are preset to artificially high maximum velocity
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xsize = size[0]
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ysize = size[1]
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zsize = size[2]
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good = where(nifs ne max, complement = bad)
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; find where all true velocity data points exist,
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; this is not employed elsewhere yet
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nifs(bad) = 0 ; set bad pixels to zero velocity

min = min(nifs,max=max) ; find max/min true velocities

nifs(bad) = max+1 ; reset bad pixels out of velocity range

vsize = max-min ; set velocity space range

flux = fltarr(xsize,ysize,vsize) ; create new velocity data cube where z =
velocity

;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

end
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Cheers,
 Travis
