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Subject: Re: Speeding up xy distance calculations using complex numbers

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sun, 19 May 2013 02:20:31 GMT

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On Saturday, May 18, 2013 5:16:53 AM UTC-4, kagol...@lbl.gov wrote:

> This may be well known to many people, but I just discovered that in IDL, you can greatly speed up x,y distance calculations using complex numbers to represent positions in the xy plane, in some cases.

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Huh. Nifty idea!

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