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Subject: Re: Spatial and temporal image correlation  
Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Thu, 15 Aug 2013 17:48:51 GMT  
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Looks like a good start!

I use `file_search` instead of `findfile` and believe `file_search` is considered preferable for some reason, although forget what it actually is. Note you don't need the `CD` command and could do e.g. `thesefiles=file_search('C:\anomalies\year\*.dat',count=numfiles)` instead.

Are you trying to do a spatial correlation or a temporal correlation? If spatial (e.g. correlate NDVI and SST anomalies for June 2003) then you can pass the 2D array containing your data to `correlate()`, you don't need to `reform()` it to a 1D array first.

You will also want to modify your loop a bit. As written, the variable 'file' will be redefined and overwritten each time and the contents lost. So for example you might want to define `ndvi=fltarr(nyears,nmonths,620,500)` and then loop over years and months to populate the appropriate part of the array (and ditto for SST and your other variables). Also, (I think) you'll want to `close,lun` before `free_lun,lun`.

Hope this helps,

Andy

On Thursday, August 15, 2013 12:19:01 PM UTC-4, Cornelio Zolin wrote:

> Dear all,  
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> Hi all,  
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> I have just started using IDL and I'm having hard times even with simple tasks. I'm trying to do the following task:  
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> I have 12 folders (2001, 2002 ....2012) and in each folder I have 35 files .dat of anomalies (7 months NDVI, 7 months Surface temperature and so on) and I would like to do a correlation (pixel by pixel) for each index in each month for each year.  
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> After that I want to make one plot per year: each index in a different column and each row representing a different month.  
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> I started writing the code bellow, but I'm confused now. I think the next step would be REFORM the images, so for each image I will have a vector that I could use to do the correlation.  
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> Is there anyone that could help me on that?
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> Thanks a lot,
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> PRO ImgCorr,
>
>   CD, 'C:\Anomalies\year'
>
>   theseFiles = FindFile('*.dat', Count=numFiles)
>
>   Print, 'Number of files found: ', numFiles
>
>   FOR j=0,numFiles-1 DO BEGIN
>
>     OpenR, lun, theseFiles(j), /Get_Lun
>
>     File = fltarr(620, 500)
>
>     ReadU, lun, File
>
>     JustNumbers= where(File eq -9999, count)
>
>     File[JustNumbers]=!VALUES.F_NAN
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>     Free_Lun, lun
>
>   ENDFOR
>
> END
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