
Subject: Re: Finding strings values common to two (large!) arrays

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Yeah, I learned that trick from your posts on Fanning's webpage. It's been a revelation. But i still don't like the structure of:

```
id = id[uniq(id,sort(id))]
```

i wish uniq just had a built-in flag to do this for me... Under what circumstance would I want to *NOT* sort? Seems like if they just built uniq to sort by default, you could probably optimize this at the compiler level --- though I'm hardly an expert...

```
id = id[uniq(id)] ;would be nice or just
```

-R

On Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 12:40:24 PM UTC-4, Jeremy Bailin wrote:

> On Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 12:25:10 PM UTC-4, rrya...@gmail.com wrote:

>> On Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 10:13:59 AM UTC-4, rj...@le.ac.uk wrote:

>>> I have arrays of numerical IDs in string format.

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>>> I want to find all of the indices in Array A that contain a value that is present anywhere in Array B.

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>>> The arrays are both quite large (>1 million values) so a loop is out of the question and them being strings complicates it as well.

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>>> Any IDL Way tips?

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>> AGGH! Jeremy beat me to it. I would think you want to map your strings onto the unique set of integers following Jeremy's post. Then perhaps you could use histogram on the mapped integers.

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>> -Russell

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> You know I'm not going to miss a chance to spread the gospel of value_locate! :)

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> -Jeremy.
