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Subject: Re: help - speeding up a loop  
Posted by [Burch](#) on Wed, 13 Jan 2016 15:38:57 GMT  
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On Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 8:26:26 AM UTC-6, Jeff B wrote:  
> On Monday, January 11, 2016 at 11:29:42 AM UTC-6, nata wrote:  
>> Hi guys,  
>>  
>> I am trying to implement a circular smooth on an irregular x, y grid.  
>> The following loop takes too much time. How do you think I could make it faster?  
>>  
>> for i=0L, n\_rang-1 do for j=0L, n\_azim-1 do begin  
>>  
>> distkm=sqrt((xx-xx[i,j])^2. + (yy-yy[i,j])^2.)  
>>  
>> ww=where(distkm lt 5.,nn\_w)  
>> if nn\_w gt 0 then data\_res[i,j]=total(data[ww]) / nn\_w  
>>  
>> endfor  
>>  
>> Thank you for your help,  
>> nata  
>  
> There are some quick changes that can be made for modest speed improvements. For example, compare this with the original:  
>  
> for i=0L, n\_rang-1 do for j=0L, n\_azim-1 do begin  
>  
> deltaX = xx - xx[i,j]  
> deltaY = yy - yy[i,j]  
> distkm\_squared=(deltaX\*deltaX + deltaY\*deltaY)  
> ww=where(distkm\_squared lt 25.,nn\_w)  
> if nn\_w gt 0 then data\_res[i,j]=total(data[ww]) / nn\_w  
>  
> endfor  
>  
> -Jeff

After firing up IDL and running a few tests, here are my code and results:

nRang = 200  
nAzim = 200

xx = (randomu(7.0, [nRang, nAzim]) - 0.5)\*1000.0  
yy = (randomu(13.0, [nRang, nAzim]) - 0.5)\*1000.0

clock = tic('- Original code')

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for i=0l, nRang-1 do for j=0l, nAzim-1 do begin
  distkm = sqrt((xx-xx[i,j])^2 + (yy-yy[i,j])^2)
  ww = where(distkm lt 5.0, nn_w)
endfor
toc, clock

clock = tic('- Without sqrt()')
for i=0l, nRang-1 do for j=0l, nAzim-1 do begin
  distkm_squared = (xx-xx[i,j])^2 + (yy-yy[i,j])^2
  ww = where(distkm_squared lt 25.0, nn_w)
endfor
toc, clock

clock = tic('- Without sqrt() and rewriting array^2 to be array*array')
for i=0l, nRang-1 do for j=0l, nAzim-1 do begin
  deltaX = xx - xx[i,j]
  deltaY = yy - yy[i,j]
  distkm_squared = (deltaX*deltaX + deltaY*deltaY)
  ww = where(distkm_squared lt 25.0, nn_w)
endfor
toc, clock

% Time elapsed - Original code: 25.422446 seconds.
% Time elapsed - Without sqrt(): 18.863389 seconds.
% Time elapsed - Without sqrt() and rewriting array^2 to be array*array: 7.8514180 seconds.

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-Jeff

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