
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,

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>> 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?

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>> for i=0L, n_rang-1 do for j=0L, n_azim-1 do begin

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>> distkm=sqrt((xx-xx[i,j])^2. + (yy-yy[i,j])^2.)

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>> 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

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> There are some quick changes that can be made for modest speed improvements. For example, compare this with the original:

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> for i=0L, n_rang-1 do for j=0L, n_azim-1 do begin

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> 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:

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nRang = 200
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nAzim = 200
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xx = (randomu(7.0, [nRang, nAzim]) - 0.5)*1000.0
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yy = (randomu(13.0, [nRang, nAzim]) - 0.5)*1000.0
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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.

-Jeff
