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Subject: Re: More For Loops

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 13 Apr 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> writes:

> majewski@cygnus.uwa.edu.au\_ustralia writes:

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>> for i = 0, (DATA_size[0]/2)-1 do begin
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>>     Data_sets_ev[i,j] = my_data[(2*i),(2*j)]
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>>   endfor
>> endfor
...
>
> Keep in mind that a (2M) x N array can be thought of as a 2 x M x N
> array -- or an M x N array of pairs. IDL can reform the first kind of
> array into the second, and then it's a simple matter of extracting
> what you want. The "_ev" is the first of each pair, the "_od" is the
> second.
>
> my_data = reform(my_data, 2, x_data/2, y_data, /overwrite)
>
> data_sets_ev = my_data[0,*,*]
> data_sets_od = my_data[1,*,*]
```

Ah, replying to myself. I must be getting older.

I see now that I didn't understand the layout of your original array. Your my\_data is really a  $(2 \times M \times 2) \times N$  array. That is, the even and odd rows are interleaved. This is still no problem. The revised form is:

```
my_data = reform(my_data, 2, x_data/4, 2, y_data, /overwrite)
;           pair    row pair of rows array

data_sets_ev = my_data[0,*0,*]
data_sets_od = my_data[0,*1,*]
```

In this case it appears that you are only interested in the first of each pair of elements, hence the [0,...].

Craig

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majewski@cygnus.uwa.edu.au\_ustralia writes:

```
> Hi
> I'm looking to get rid of the for loops below.
> They make two arrays;
> one containing every second column and every second row
> the other containing every second column and every alternate row
>
> ;-----
> x_data = 3072
> y_data = 512
> DATA_size = [x_data/2,y_data]
> Data_sets_ev = bytarr(DATA_size[0],DATA_size[1])
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> measurements. The different spectral bands overlap in the data file,
> hence they need to be separated by the above.
```

Liam has shown the array subscripting method -- which is fine -- but I will show another.

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my_data = reform(my_data, 2, x_data/2, y_data, /overwrite)
```

```
data_sets_ev = my_data[0,*,*]
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```

I use the /overwrite keyword for memory savings, but this of course

modifies the dimensions of the original data.

Craig

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> hence they need to be separated by the above.

The syntax required to sample a multi-dimensional array is not immediately obvious. For example, consider the following two dimensional array:

```
IDL> n = 5  
IDL> arr = indgen(n, n)  
IDL> print, arr
```

```
0  1  2  3  4
5  6  7  8  9
10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24
```

To extract every second element along each dimension, you might try indexing the array as follows:

```
IDL> index = lindgen((n + 1) / 2) * 2
IDL> print, index
      0      2      4
IDL> print, arr[index, index]
      0     12     24
```

However this only extracts every other element along the diagonal. To extract the second element along each dimension, you must sample each dimension in turn, e.g.

```
IDL> sub = arr[index, *]
IDL> print, sub
      0      2      4
      5      7      9
     10     12     14
     15     17     19
     20     22     24
IDL> sub = sub[*, index]
IDL> print, sub
      0      2      4
     10     12     14
     20     22     24
```

With array expression indexing, the same result is obtained with a more compact syntax:

```
IDL> sub = (arr[index, *])[*, index]
IDL> print, sub
      0      2      4
     10     12     14
     20     22     24
```

Cheers,  
Liam.  
<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~gumley>  
PS Say hi to MervL and NickB for me.

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