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Subject: Re: problems with VELOVECT

Posted by [Lasse Clausen](#) on Tue, 21 Aug 2001 15:04:37 GMT

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> Can it be that this problem has to do with the fact that I'm having  
> !VALUES.F\_NAN values in the arrays VV\_PLOT and VW\_PLOT?  
>

Nope! I changed the code so that instead of setting the value 99.9 to  
!VALUES.F\_NAN using the keyword MISSING=99.9. Still I get the same error  
message.

Thanks in advance

Lasse Clausen

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Subject: Re: problems with VELOVECT

Posted by [btt](#) on Tue, 21 Aug 2001 15:26:36 GMT

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Hi,

Did you try pulling out the NANs? Maybe something like the following.

```
Index1 = Where( Finite(float(vv_plot)) EQ 1)
Index2 = Where( Finite(float(vw_plot[Index1])) EQ 1)
```

```
VELOVECT, VV_PLOT[Index1[Index2]], VW_PLOT[Index1[Index2]], length = 2
```

Ben

Lasse Clausen wrote:

```
>
> Greetings.
>
> I get the following error message
>
> % Compiled module: VELOVECT.
> % Attempt to subscript U with GOOD is out of range.
> % Error occurred at: VELOVECT      123
> /opt/rsi/idl_5/lib/velovect.pro
> %           VVF           68 vvf.pro
> %           AUSLESEN      121 auslesen.pro
> %           $MAIN$        37 soudan.pro
> % Execution halted at: VVF           68 vvf.pro
>
```

> when using this call  
>  
> WINDOW,/FREE,XSIZE=1100,YSIZE=900  
> !MTITLE = 'velocity vector field - vel'  
> !XTITLE = 'time / UTC'  
> !YTITLE = 'height (km)'  
> VELOVECT,VV\_PLOT,VW\_PLOT,LENGTH=2  
>  
> Can it be that this problem has to do with the fact that I'm having  
> !VALUES.F\_NAN values in the arrays VV\_PLOT and VW\_PLOT?  
>  
> Thanks  
> Lasse Clausen

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Subject: Re: problems with VELOVECT  
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Again me.

i've looked at the source code of VELOVECT.PRO and there are some things  
I find suprising.

1)  
PRO VELOVECT,U,V,X,Y, Missing = Missing, Length = length, Dots = dots,  
\$  
    Color=color, \_EXTRA = extra

that's the 'header'. 'Missing' is written with capital M.  
further down it says

if n\_elements(missing) le 0 then missing = 1.0e30

isn't IDL type-sensitive?

2) then it says

if n\_elements(missing) gt 0 then begin  
    good = where(mag lt missing)  
    if keyword\_set(dots) then bad = where(mag ge missing, nbad)

```
endif else begin
  good = lindgen(n_elements(mag))
endelse
```

Strange! this if-block is totally unnessesary, i believe how can 'missing' not be greater than 0? if it's not set (or set to a negative number) in the procedure call, its value is set to 1.0e30 (which is obviously greater than 0). and if it's set, it's set to a positive number. so how can it \*not\* be greater than 0?

any remarks?

Lasse Clausen

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Guess who!?

well, it turned out to be a stupid programming error on my side (who hadn't expected that?) - please, forgive me for wasting your time.

anyway, I still hav the question about the if-block. I would be very gratefull if anybody explained its sense to me.

thanks  
Lasse Clausen

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Subject: Re: problems with VELOVECT  
Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Tue, 21 Aug 2001 16:34:09 GMT  
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Lasse Clausen wrote:

```
...
> if n_elements(missing) le 0 then missing = 1.0e30
>
> isn't IDL type-sensitive?
```

No.

```
> if n_elements(missing) gt 0 then begin
>   good = where(mag lt missing)
>   if keyword_set(dots) then bad = where(mag ge missing, nbad)
```

```
> endif else begin
>   good = lindgen(n_elements(mag))
> endelse
>
> Strange! this if-block is totally unnessesary, i believe how can
> 'missing' not be greater than 0? if it's not set (or set to a negative
```

It is 'n\_elements(missing)' that is being compared with 0, not 'missing' itself.

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