
Subject: Re: max, mean, min of array

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 06 Jan 2002 15:42:52 GMT

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Dinh Huong (dinhnq@yahoo.com) writes:

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I would hustle over to Craig Markwardt's web page
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: max, mean, min of array

Posted by [Wayne Landsman](#) on Sun, 06 Jan 2002 19:50:14 GMT

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Dinh Huong wrote:

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In IDL V5.5, if you have a 400 by 400 by 10 array, you can find the
maximum over the 3rd dimension using the DIMENSION keyword.

```
IDL> pixmax = max(array, dimen=3)          ;Return a 400 x 400  
array
```

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David mentioned) Craig Markwardt's CMAPPLY will make sure that this

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P.S. While I am grateful to RSI for adding dimension-specific capabilities in V5.5 to MIN, MAX, FFT, and SMOOTH, I would still very much like to see the same capability added to MEDIAN. (The customer is never satisfied....)

Subject: Re: max, mean, min of array
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sun, 06 Jan 2002 20:25:28 GMT
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Which, unfortunately, still does 400x400 max/min calls, as Wayne points out.

Craig

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Subject: Re: max, mean, min of array
Posted by [dinhnq](#) on Mon, 07 Jan 2002 10:52:37 GMT
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Thank you all for your suggestions. Now it works.

Dinh Huong

Wayne Landsman <landsman@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote in message news:<3C38AA76.69754BEC@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov>...

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Posted by [Alex Schuster](#) on Wed, 23 Jan 2002 15:04:47 GMT

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Wayne Landsman wrote, a while ago:

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for i = 1, zdim-1 do begin
  pixmax = pixmax > array[*,*,i]
  pixmin = pixmin < array[*,*,i]
endfor
pixmean = total( array, 3 ) / zdim
```

Hey Craig, I think with this method you can get rid of your ho, hum
comment in cmaply.pro.

Alex

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Subject: Re: max, mean, min of array
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 24 Jan 2002 15:29:28 GMT
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Alex Schuster <Wonko@planet-interkom.de> writes:

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Very cool! I think I've been "outvectored" on this one.

Alex, I think *both* solutions should be possible. Consider the
following scenario: instead of a 400x400x12 array, how about a

2x2x1000000 array? Using your technique we would end up doing 1000000 iterations, but with mine it would only be 4.

Thus, the code should contain both solutions, and pick whichever one takes fewer iterations.

Craig

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