
Subject: Re: Reducing an array.
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Mon, 30 Sep 2002 23:17:39 GMT
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In this case you can use TOTAL() directly. First you REFORM() your data into a 2-d array, 64xN, then then total the 1st dimension. This works because each of your values has only one data bit set, so summing and ORing are equivalent.

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compressed_data = reform(compressed_data, 64, n_elements(compressed_data)/64)
result = total(compressed_data, 1)
```

That's it! For JD, I could have combined both statements onto one line, but this is more readable.

Craig

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Posted by [MKatz843](#) on Tue, 01 Oct 2002 06:15:46 GMT
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M. Katz

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 01 Oct 2002 14:25:42 GMT
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The original poster was asking for a BITWISE "and" operation, not a logical "and" operation. He was interested in all the bits of the result, not just whether any bit was set.

Incidentally, "M"'s formulation is pretty much exactly what I use in my routine CMAPPLY, which applies selected operations, like AND and OR, to arrays.

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Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Tue, 01 Oct 2002 20:53:26 GMT
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There's one problem with this, in that Total() returns a Double result at best (with the /Double keyword), but Joe wanted 64-bit integers. A 64-bit Double value with some bits used as exponent cannot represent as many distinct values as the 64-bit integer, so we will lose information here.

Looks to me like this all has to be done in 64-bit integers. I'm sorry I can't find a *really* elegant solution for you right now, but if your data array is very large, then a single loop over 64 columns might not be too inefficient. Here's my best attempt (it does 100000 ints in 2.2 seconds here, fast enough?):

```
=====
```

```
data = RandomU(seed, 640) LT 0.5      ; Byte array of [0|1] values
```

```
nInts = N_Elements(data)/64
data2D = Reform(data, 64, nInts)
```

```
Print, 'binary:'
```

```
Print, data2D                ; Show [0|1] values
```

```
result = Replicate(0ULL, 1, nInts)  ; column array
```

```
:: If byte 0 is your high-order bit:
```

```
FOR i=0, 63 DO result = result OR ([0LL, 2ULL^(63-i)][data2D[i, *]])
```

```
:: this lookup is faster than
```

```
multiplying:
```

```
; data2D[i, *] * 2ULL^(63-i)
```

```
:: If byte 0 is your low-order bit:
```

```
;FOR i=0, 63 DO result = result OR ([0LL, 2ULL^i][data2D[i, *]])
```

```
Print, 'hex:'
```

```
Print, result, Format='(Z)'        ; Show hex values (will
correspond
```

```
Print, 'decimal:' ; to [0|1] values above
Print, result ; Show in base 10
```

=====

and one sample from the output:
binary:

```
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0
1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1
1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1
```

hex:

```
FF10ADDC5796B157
```

decimal:

```
18379381241172898135
```

Hope this helps!

Cheers,
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-Dick

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