
Subject: Re: Array comparison

Posted by [mchinand](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 00:07:42 GMT

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In article <and6i0\$8l4\$1@newsreader.wustl.edu>,

Sean Raffuse <sean@me.wustl.edu> wrote:

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--Mike

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Subject: Re: Array comparison

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 02:59:56 GMT

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Mike has a nice one-off comparison you can use. For your kinds of set-comparison tests, I use CMSET_OP with an intersection test.

```
intersection = cmset_op(array1, 'AND', array2, count=ct)
if ct GT 0 then print, 'Arrays match'
```

The variable INTERSECTION contains the intersection between the two sets. The internals of CMSET_OP are ultimately the same as Mike's approach, but with a bit more flexibility.

Craig

<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html>

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 08:11:33 GMT
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or as idl5.5 binary

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_source/idl_html/dbase/download/which_indices.sav

```
ix=which_indices(Array1,Array2)
print,array1[ix]
5
```

regards

Reimar

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Subject: Re: Array comparison
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 13:19:08 GMT
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Reimar Bauer <R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de> writes:

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Greetings Reimar--

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Here is what WHICH_INDICES uses:

```

> FOR i=0L,n_clients DO BEGIN
>   a=WHERE(master EQ client[i],count_a)
>   IF count_a GT 0 THEN build_vector,result,a
> ENDFOR

```

I am not sure that the FOR loop with an interior WHERE() will scale to very large arrays, or very fast calculations, as the original poster appeared to be requesting.

This actually ties into JD's point from the other day. A loop of WHERE()'s can be quite slow, even slower than a loop of basic operations. Its speed here is roughly proportional to $N*M$, where N and M are the two input vector sizes. The SORT/UNIQ method is proportional to $(N+M)*A\text{LOG}(N+M)$, which can be a big savings for large arrays.

Craig

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Sean

Subject: Re: Array comparison
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 14:53:47 GMT
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I've always found the set intersection, union, and difference routines on my web page useful for these kinds of operations. I've modified them some to do better error checking, etc., but this only takes a couple of seconds.

http://www.dfanning.com/tips/set_operations.html

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Array comparison

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 15:09:27 GMT

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Craig Markwardt wrote:

> Reimar Bauer <R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de> writes:

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Ok, it looks only similar to another FAQ Question so I did not read the whole mail. My mistake. Sorry

best wishes

Reimar

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Another way to do set comparisons is with HISTOGRAM. This method is used within the set_operations.pro file that David Fanning just mentioned. It is also used by CMSET_OP, if the dynamic range of values is small. If the dynamic range is large, then there is a penalty because a huge histogram is created to store a few values. CMSET_OP chooses dynamically whether to use the HISTOGRAM or SORT/UNIQ.

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Posted by [Jeff Guerber](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 19:04:57 GMT
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print,'match'  
match  
IDL>
```

Jeff Guerber

Subject: Re: Array comparison
Posted by [mchinand](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2002 20:44:52 GMT
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In article <Pine.GHP.4.32.0210021447020.18221-100000@icesat2.gsfc.nasa.gov>,
Jeff Guerber <jeff.guerber@gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote:

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Yeah, I realized this after reading the code from David Fanning's site  
that he linked to in this thread. Applying UNIQ to the two arrays prior  
to concatenating them should get around this.
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--Mike

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