
Subject: Re: replace array's elemets
Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 16 May 2003 16:00:52 GMT
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Roberto wrote:

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- > I have a 100x100 array.
- > How can I replace an element if is different from 0?
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- > Roberto

Hi Roberto,

You can use the WHERE function to get the indices of the elements that match your value (in your case 0). You do need to be a bit careful if your array is floating decimal type - in that case you must think about machine precision issues. Search on Google for more info about this.

```
indices = where(myArray EQ someValue, count)
```

```
if count NE 0 then myArray[indices] = 1
```

If you are new to IDL, I encourage you get one of the very good introductory manuals that are available. You won't regret it.

Liam Gumley's www.gumley.com
David Fanning's www.dfanning.com
Ronn Kling's www.rkling.com

Cheers,
Ben

Subject: Re: replace array's elemets
Posted by [Chris\[1\]](#) on Fri, 16 May 2003 16:13:57 GMT
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Hi Roberto;

Use the "where" function - as in

(assume x is your 100x100 array)

```
w = where(x ne 0, count)
if count gt 0 then x[w] = 1
```

Cheers;

Chris

"Roberto" <graftons@tiscalinnet.it> wrote in message
news:4ac6b3e5.0305160733.50173373@posting.google.com...

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Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Fri, 16 May 2003 19:04:17 GMT

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```
IDL> a = [0, 1, 2, 3, 0, 5, 6, 7, 0, 9]
IDL> a[*] = a ne 0
IDL> print, a, format='(10i4)'
  0  1  1  1  0  1  1  1  0  1
```

If your array contains floating point values, you should use something like

```
IDL> a = [0.0, 1, 2, 3, 0, 5, 6, 7, 0, 9]
IDL> info = machar()
IDL> value = 0.0
IDL> a[*] = abs(a - value) gt info.eps
IDL> print, a, format='(10f4.1)'
  0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 1.0
```

Cheers,

Liam.

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 16 May 2003 20:45:43 GMT
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Dear Roberto

I suggest something like this

example data:
x=indgen(100,100)

result:
result=x<1

regards
Reimar

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http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

Subject: Re: replace array's elemets
Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Fri, 16 May 2003 22:19:32 GMT
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Reimar Bauer wrote:

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That doesn't do the right thing with negative numbers. "result=x ne 0" is the right choice. More generally,

$x[\text{where}(x \neq 0)] = 1$

has the advantage of being more easily generalized to the case of more complicated search conditions, and different replacement values. However, it will produce an error message if no replacements are needed.

Subject: Re: replace array's elemets
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Sat, 17 May 2003 11:13:08 GMT
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James Kuyper wrote:

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```

and what did you say to this:

```
print,(abs(x)<1)
```

I often use myself "where" :-)

regards
Reimar

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a IDL library at Forschungszentrum Juelich
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

Subject: Re: replace array's elemets

Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Sat, 17 May 2003 22:15:53 GMT

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Reimar Bauer wrote:

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That works only as long as 'x' is an integer array, which may have been the case. It won't do the right thing x is a floating point array containing some values between 0.0 and 1.0. However, even for integer arrays, I would expect "x ne 0" to be the faster solution.
