
Subject: How to make IDL faster

Posted by [parkkw](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 05:35:56 GMT

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```

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```

```
          printf,lun3,loc(k),lon(k),lat(k),rain1(k),rain(k),highf(0,i, j)
```

```
        endif
```

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Subject: Re: How to make IDL faster

Posted by [MKatz843](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 19:18:17 GMT

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This is minor, but you can get a small speed advantage by taking out the begin...end where possible. For example your code could be

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        then printf,lun3,loc(k),lon(k),lat(k),rain1(k),rain(k),highf(0,i, j)
```

It makes a small difference but it can help. You have to use begin...end only when there is more than one line of code to execute. Here, you can string them together.

You could change

```
if geo(0,i,j) gt lat(k)-0.04 and geo(0,i,j) lt lat(k)+0.04 and $
  geo(1,i,j) gt lon(k)-0.04 and geo(1,i,j) lt lon(k)+0.04
```

to this

```
if (abs(geo(0,i,j) - lat(k)) LT 0.04) and $
  (abs(geo(1,i,j) - lon(k)) LT 0.04) then . . .
```

Here I am thinking that you minimize the number of times you have to go to the geo() array and get the (0,i,j) element.

M. Katz

Subject: Re: How to make IDL faster
Posted by [mchinand](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 19:42:23 GMT
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In article <4a097d6a.0310291118.2ceed6d5@posting.google.com>,
M. Katz <MKatz843@onebox.com> wrote:

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Do both conditional clauses always get evaluated, even if the first one is false? If so, it might be faster to add a second if statement:

```
if (abs(geo(0,i,j) - lat(k)) LT 0.04) then $
  if (abs(geo(1,i,j) - lon(k)) LT 0.04) then print, loc(k), etc...
```

I haven't tried this on a large dataset, but it might be worth investigating.

--Mike

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Subject: Re: How to make IDL faster
Posted by [Ken Knapp](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 21:28:19 GMT
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My two cents:

Only loop over the rainfall data (k). Use rebin and reform to create large (and constant) arrays, then simply difference the arrays to find where the lat and lon matchup:

```
nelem = 207
nscan = 2985
```

```
trmmlat = reform(geo(0,*,*))
trmmlon = reform(geo(1,*,*))
trmmtb = reform(highf(0,*,*))
```

```
for k=0,di(0)-1 do begin
  ;remap the 1 lat value to match the trmmlat coordinates
  lat = rebin(reform([lat(k)]),1,1),nelem,nscan)
  lon = rebin(reform([lon(k)]),1,1),nelem,nscan)
  match = where(abs(lat-trmmlat) lt 0.04 and $
```

```

        abs(lon-trmmmlon) lt 0.04,nmatch)
if (nmatch gt 0) then begin
  for im=0,nmatch-1 do begin
    print,loc(k),lon(k),lat(k),rain1(k),$
      rain(k),trmmmb(match(im))
  endfor
endif
endfor

```

Park Kyung Won wrote:

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Subject: Re: How to make IDL faster
 Posted by [parkkw](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2003 00:35:05 GMT
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parkkw@mail1.pknu.ac.kr (Park Kyung Won) wrote in message
 news:<ecee805.0310282135.5448e3af@posting.google.com>...

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Thank you for your answer.
I have mistake.

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k : number of ground station

Subject: Re: How to make IDL faster
 Posted by [the_cacc](#) on Sat, 01 Nov 2003 02:49:43 GMT
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 news:<4a097d6a.0310291118.2ceed6d5@posting.google.com>...

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Posted by [Robert Moss](#) on Sun, 02 Nov 2003 17:17:30 GMT
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trouble wrote:

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Posted by [the_cacc](#) on Mon, 03 Nov 2003 18:37:16 GMT
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Robert Moss <rm moss@cox.net> wrote in message
news:<J_apb.135922\$k74.131604@lakeread05>...
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Heck with it, recode in assembler.
