
Subject: Re: Where and lists of regions

Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Mon, 11 Oct 2004 14:47:04 GMT

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In article <2svdmrF1pveu8U1@uni-berlin.de>, "Ben Panter" <me@privacy.net> wrote:

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> code is going to look terrible...
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> Many Thanks,
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> Ben

Hi,

I'm not sure this counts as 'neater' (and there are probably better ways), but the following code does what you want, without EXECUTE. It should be a drop in replacement for the CASE block of code. It works at least for the trivial case of wave=findgen(1000)*10.

Chris.

```
for i=0,n_region-1 do em[i,*]=strsplit(em_list[i], '-', /extract)
```

```
;setup  
em=reform(transpose(em), n_elements(em))  
offset=1  
endoffset=1
```

```
if(em[0] gt wave[0]) then begin  
    em=[wave[0],em]  
    offset=0  
endif
```

```
if(em[n_elements(em)-1] le wave[n_elements(wave)-1]) then begin
```

```
em=[em,wave[n_elements(wave)-1]]
endoffset=0
endif
```

```
w=value_locate(wave,em)
;bounds forcing
w=w>0 < n_elements(wave)-1
```

```
;special case of 'delete all'
if(offset and endoffset and n_elements(em) eq 4) then return ,-1
```

```
n=n_elements(w)-2+offset-endoffset ;take care of the special end cases
```

```
for i=offset, n,2 do begin
  if(n_elements(output) eq 0) then $ ;does output exist?no
  if(w[i] ge w[i+1]) then $ ;are the indices coincident? yes
  output=w[i+1] $
  else $ ;no
  output=lindgen(w[i+1]-w[i]+1)+w[i]+1 $
  else $ ;does output exit? yes
  if(w[i]+1 ge w[i+1]) then $ ;are the indices coincident? yes
  output=[output,w[i+1]] $
  else $ ;no
  output=[output,lindgen(w[i+1]-w[i]+1)+w[i]+1]
endfor
```

```
if(offset eq 1) then output=[0,output];this, I think, is wrong, but it matches the original
```

Subject: Re: Where and lists of regions
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Tue, 12 Oct 2004 04:39:15 GMT
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On Mon, 11 Oct 2004 14:47:23 +0200, Ben Panter wrote:

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How about:

```
flag=bytarr(n_elements(wave))
for i=0,n_regions-1 do $
  flag+=wave gt reg[i,0] AND wave lt reg[i,1]
return, where(~flag)
```

There are other methods for removing more complicated lists of unwanted items. From the HISTOGRAM tutorial:

Problem: Remove some elements, listed in random order, from a vector.

```
IDL> vec=randomu(sd,10)
IDL> remove=[3,7,2,8]
IDL> keep=where(histogram(remove,MIN=0,MAX=n_elements(vec)-1) eq 0,cnt)
IDL> if cnt ne 0 then vec=vec[keep]
IDL> print,keep
      0      1      4      5      6      9
```

We've used HISTOGRAM and WHERE to simply generate a list of kept indices.

JD

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Thanks guys. I need to look at both these methods to try and understand them, but they look far better than what I had before!

Ben
