
Subject: Re: How to extract a datarange from a multidimensional array?

Posted by [David Lopez Pons](#) on Fri, 28 Jan 2005 10:33:05 GMT

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aeon@gmx.de wrote:

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May be this is enough for you:

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      1      2      4      5
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I suppose that you want yhe same results for points and points2 :)...

Bye.

Subject: Re: How to extract a datarange from a multidimensional array?

Posted by [Bismarck](#) on Fri, 28 Jan 2005 10:43:26 GMT

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Ok, i am officially a nerd. I cant see trees in a forest. But as i thought, it was really simple.

THX made

Subject: Re: How to extract a datarange from a multidimensional array?

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Fri, 28 Jan 2005 16:22:55 GMT

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This will actually be slower than the original method proposed,

keeping X & Y separate, since essentially you're doing the same amount of comparison work, but must also generate subscripting indices to divide the xy array back into x and y 4 times. Check out http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips/submemory.html for more info on why higher-order subscripting can get you into trouble.

JD
