
Subject: Re: do I need this IF statement?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 24 Mar 2005 12:48:53 GMT

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Margrethe writes:

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JD has me totally intimidated about making sweeping generalizations,
but I'm going to state emphatically that you NEED the IF statement.
We'll see if that turns out to be true. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Benjamin Luethi](#) on Thu, 24 Mar 2005 15:05:52 GMT

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Hi,

No, if I understand your program correctly: You're adding all image
values that are closer than 3sigma (to be precise you weigh each value

with p before adding).

You can achieve the same with the following 4 lines:

```
d = SQRT(x(INDGEN(M))^2 + y(INDGEN(N))^2)
usable = d LT 3.*sigma

p = some_function( x(INDGEN(M)), y(INDGEN(N)) )

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If a position (x(i),y(j)) is further away than 3sigma then usable[i,j] is zero and thus the image value is not added to the profile.

I don't know what you do in $v = v1 + vr(i,indx)$. It doesn't make sense since v is overwritten in each loop and never used anyway...

And note:

if y has N elements then you can write y instead of y(INDGEN(N)).

This is a solution to this case - there might be some cases however, where it's not that easy or even impossible.

Ben

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Posted by [Benjamin Luethi](#) on Thu, 24 Mar 2005 15:29:43 GMT

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Hi again,

Just realized that $d = \text{SQRT}(x(\text{INDGEN}(M))^2 + y(\text{INDGEN}(N))^2)$ isn't giving you the desired matrix (it's just a vector). But

```
d = SQRT( (x(INDGEN(M))#replicate(1,N))^2  
+ (y(INDGEN(N))#replicate(1,M))^2 )
```

should work...

Ben

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