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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Sat, 12 Nov 2005 11:08:43 GMT

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snfinder@naver.com wrote:

> Dear all,

>

> I just want to allocate data(computed in each loop step) to different

> array in each step.

>

if n\_elements(arr) eq 0 then arr=value else arr=[arr,value]

later on you probably have to do somewhere result=temporary(arr)

cheers

Reimar

> for example,

> while ...

>

> ..

> ..

> data=...

>

> a0=data

> .

> .

> endwhile

>

>

> in other words

> loop step 1: a1=data

> loop step 2: a2=data

> loop step 3: a3=data

> .

> .

> .

> end of loop

>

>

> I need new array on each step but I can not know the size of array(data

> computed) in advance.

> It would be different on each step.

>

>  
> To sum up,  
> I need the generation of array(different name ex) a0,a1,a2....on each  
> loop step.  
>  
>  
> Thank you.  
>  
> Help me~ You can give a bright to a blind(IDL blind like me ^^;;).  
> SOS~~

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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step  
Posted by [snfinder@naver.com](mailto:snfinder@naver.com) on Sat, 12 Nov 2005 12:10:25 GMT  
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Thank you for replying

But I can't understand what you wrote.  
The data in loop is also array not a single value  
Therefore I will have several arrays after loop operation.

What I exactly want is to save the array(data computed in each step) to  
different array each loop step.

loop 1  
array1=data computed

loop 2  
array2=data computed

.  
. .  
. .  
. .

loop 24(end of loop forexample)  
array24=data computed

So, finally I have 24 different arrays allocated different data.

Thank you  
Can you explain more details again?

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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 12 Nov 2005 16:25:13 GMT

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snfinder@naver.com writes:

- > The data in loop is also array not a single value
- > Therefore I will have several arrays after loop operation.

I would do something like this:

```
arrays = PtrArr(24)
FOR j=0,23 DO BEGIN
  ...calculation to obtain array of whatever size
  arrays[j] = Ptr_New(thisLoopArray, /No_Copy)
ENDFOR
```

Now you have a pointer array. Each element in the array is a pointer to another array of variable length.

```
array1 = *arrays[0]
array2 = *arrays[1]
...
array24 = *arrays[23]
```

Be sure to free your pointers when you are done with them:

```
Ptr_Free, arrays
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step

Posted by [snfinder@naver.com](mailto:snfinder@naver.com) on Mon, 14 Nov 2005 01:50:33 GMT

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Thank you Coyote~ ^^

But If the number of loop step is so large,

```
array1 = *arrays[0]
array2 = *arrays[1]
...
array24 = *arrays[23]
```

this is very unefficient.

I want to excute this automatically.

And I can't know the number of loop step before end of all steps.

um...ok can find out it if I excute loop twice.....ok..

Thank you ~

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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step

Posted by [Richard French](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2005 02:02:34 GMT

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On 11/13/05 8:50 PM, in article

1131933033.894813.142800@z14g2000cwz.googlegroups.com, "snfinder@naver.com"

<snfinder@naver.com> wrote:

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>

> But If the number of loop step is so large,

> array1 = \*arrays[0]

> array2 = \*arrays[1]

> ...

> array24 = \*arrays[23]

> this is very unefficient.

>

> I want to excute this automatically.

>

> And I can't know the number of loop step before end of all steps.

> um...ok can find out it if I excute loop twice.....ok..

>

> Thank you ~

>

Well, you can use the EXECUTE command if you want to define the variables on the fly:

```
pro arrays
```

```
for n=1L,10 do begin
```

```
  ;create arrays of different sizes
```

```
    array=findgen(n)#findgen(10*n)
```

```
  ; construct a command to execute, defining the new variable name
```

```
    cmd=string(n,format=("array",10,"=array"))
```

```
    print,cmd
```

```
    result=execute(cmd)
```

```
endfor  
help  
end
```

```
IDL> arrays  
array1=array  
array2=array  
array3=array  
array4=array  
array5=array  
array6=array  
array7=array  
array8=array  
array9=array  
array10=array  
% At ARRAYS          8 /Users/rfrench/arrays.pro  
% $MAIN$  
ARRAY      FLOAT    = Array[10, 100]  
ARRAY1     FLOAT    = Array[1, 10]  
ARRAY10    FLOAT    = Array[10, 100]  
ARRAY2     FLOAT    = Array[2, 20]  
ARRAY3     FLOAT    = Array[3, 30]  
ARRAY4     FLOAT    = Array[4, 40]  
ARRAY5     FLOAT    = Array[5, 50]  
ARRAY6     FLOAT    = Array[6, 60]  
ARRAY7     FLOAT    = Array[7, 70]  
ARRAY8     FLOAT    = Array[8, 80]  
ARRAY9     FLOAT    = Array[9, 90]  
CMD        STRING   = 'array10=array'  
N          LONG     =      11  
RESULT     INT      =      1
```

Dick French

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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step  
Posted by [snfinder@naver.com](mailto:snfinder@naver.com) on Mon, 14 Nov 2005 03:25:52 GMT  
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A thousand thanks~~ !!  
Thank you Thank you very much ^^! Richard G. French~

Ha Ha Ha~~  
It makes me really happy~~~~

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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step  
Posted by [Richard French](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2005 03:31:08 GMT  
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On 11/13/05 10:25 PM, in article  
1131938752.543314.79260@g47g2000cwa.googlegroups.com, "snfinder@naver.com"  
<snfinder@naver.com> wrote:

> A thousand thanks~~ !!  
> Thank you Thank you very much ^^! Richard G. French~  
>  
> Ha Ha Ha~~  
> It makes me really happy~~~

>

Well, that is a cheerful message to get just before the start of a long  
week! Thanks to you!  
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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2005 04:52:56 GMT  
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Richard G. French writes:

> Well, you can use the EXECUTE command if you want to define the variables on  
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>  
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> ;create arrays of different sizes  
>     array=findgen(n)#findgen(10\*n)  
> ; construct a command to execute, defining the new variable name  
>     cmd=string(n,format='("array",!0,"=array)")'  
>     print,cmd  
>     result=execute(cmd)  
> endfor  
> help  
> end  
>  
>  
> IDL> arrays  
> array1=array

```

> array2=array
> array3=array
> array4=array
> array5=array
> array6=array
> array7=array
> array8=array
> array9=array
> array10=array
> % At ARRAYS          8 /Users/rfrench/arrays.pro
> % $MAIN$
> ARRAY      FLOAT    = Array[10, 100]
> ARRAY1     FLOAT    = Array[1, 10]
> ARRAY10    FLOAT    = Array[10, 100]
> ARRAY2     FLOAT    = Array[2, 20]
> ARRAY3     FLOAT    = Array[3, 30]
> ARRAY4     FLOAT    = Array[4, 40]
> ARRAY5     FLOAT    = Array[5, 50]
> ARRAY6     FLOAT    = Array[6, 60]
> ARRAY7     FLOAT    = Array[7, 70]
> ARRAY8     FLOAT    = Array[8, 80]
> ARRAY9     FLOAT    = Array[9, 90]
> CMD        STRING   = 'array10=array'
> N          LONG     =      11
> RESULT     INT      =      1

```

Humm. I thought he was looking for "efficient". Oh, well, I guess the old garage sale adage holds for science concepts, too: What's junk to me, is a treasure for you! :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: allocating data to different array on each loop step

Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2005 08:49:21 GMT

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snfinder@naver.com wrote:

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> Thank you Coyote~ ^^
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> But If the number of loop step is so large,
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```

```
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```

Do you really want to have 24 differently named arrays?  
You don't need named arrays to access the data stored  
in your pointers to arrays, it's enough to write  
something like

```
(*arrays[k])[i]
```

Ciao,  
Paolo

```
>
> I want to excute this automatically.
>
> And I can't know the number of loop step before end of all steps.
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