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Subject: Re: idl array operations  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 28 Feb 2006 23:26:07 GMT  
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Dunno about a one-liner:

```
loc=where(data gt 180.0,count)  
if (count gt 0) then data[loc]=data[loc]-number
```

There's probably a solution via HISTOGRAM, too. :o)

paulv

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Thanks a bundle!

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Mati Meron | "When you argue with a fool,  
meron@cars.uchicago.edu | chances are he is doing just the same"

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Subject: Re: idl array operations  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 01 Mar 2006 06:50:51 GMT  
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Or, if you are trying to map longitude in the 0 to 360 range to the  
-180 to 180 range, I often would use this:

LONGITUDE = ((LONGITUDE + 180) MOD 360) - 180

Craig

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Yes, this was my goal.

Thanks Craig!

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