Subject: Re: Removing bad data from an array
Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 15:12:59 GMT
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Try something like this:

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  IF goodcount GT 0 THEN array = array[goodpnts]
```

Cheers,

David
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Of course, if you used some other method than WHERE
to find the bad points (what other method is there!?),
you might have to use another method for find the good
points. A SETDIFFERENCE method comes to mind:

   http://www.dfanning.com/tips/set_operations.html

Something like this, assuming a vector of "badpixels"
and a 2D array.

```
   s = Size(array, /Dimensions)
   allpixels = Indgen(s[0]*s[1])
   goodpixels = SetDifference(allpixels, badpixels)
   array = array[goodpixels]
```

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Thanks David. I did use WHERE to find the bad points so the first
method you mentioned worked out perfecctly.
