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Subject: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 16:27:17 GMT

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Can anyone help me fill in the missing rectangles like this?

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Nx=300
Ny=200
Nrects = 10
Xside = Nx/Nrects
Yside = Ny/Nrects
xs = [replicate(1,Xside), replicate(0,Xside)]
while n_elements(xs) lt Nx do xs = [xs, [replicate(1,Xside),
replicate(0,Xside)]]
xs = xs[0:Nx-1]
ys = [replicate(1,Yside), replicate(0,Yside)]
while n_elements(ys) lt Ny do ys = [ys, [replicate(1,Yside),
replicate(0,Yside)]]
ys = ys[0:Ny-1]
window, xsize=Nx, ysize=Ny
tv scl, xs # ys
```

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 16:56:22 GMT

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Here is my implementation:

Function Checkerboard, xsize, ysize, white, black

```
IF N_Elements(xsize) EQ 0 THEN xsize = 512
IF N_Elements(ysize) EQ 0 THEN ysize = 512
IF N_Elements(white) EQ 0 THEN white = 255
IF N_Elements(black) EQ 0 THEN black = 0

IF xsize MOD 2 NE 0 THEN $
  Message, 'The X size must be an even number.'
IF ysize MOD 2 NE 0 THEN $
  Message, 'The Y size must be an even number.'
```

```
horizontalBoard = FltArr(xsize, ysize)
verticalboard = FltArr(xsize, ysize)
xhalfSize = xsize / 2
x = IndGen(xhalfSize) * 2
yhalfSize = ysize / 2
y = IndGen(yhalfsize) * 2
```

```
horizontalBoard[x,*] = 1
verticalBoard[* ,y] = 1
verticalBoard = Temporary(verticalBoard) + horizontalBoard
verticalBoard[Where(verticalBoard EQ 2)] = 0
board = FltArr(xsize, ysize) + white
board[Where(verticalBoard GT 0)] = black
RETURN, board
END
```

Are you working through Gonzales and Woods? My 3rd Edition just arrived yesterday! :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?  
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 21:34:54 GMT  
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l=lindgen(nx,ny)
l=(l mod (xside*2) lt xside) XOR (l/nx mod (yside*2) ge yside)
```

JD

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 21:52:33 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 22:07:41 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Cheers,
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> David
IDL> nx=20
IDL> ny=20
IDL> l=lindgen(nx,ny)
IDL> l=(l mod (nx*2) lt nx) XOR (l/nx mod (ny*2) ge ny)
IDL> print,l
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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 25 Sep 2007 22:59:57 GMT

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Jean H writes:

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If there is a question in there, I think this is the answer:

```
IDL> nx=20
IDL> ny=20
IDL> l =lindgen(nx, ny)
IDL> l=(l mod (2) lt 1) XOR (l/nx mod (2) ge 1)
IDL> print, l
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 14:46:07 GMT

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On Sep 25, 5:34 pm, JD Smith <jdsm...@as.arizona.edu> wrote:

>  
> l=lindgen(nx,ny)  
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I'm speechless - thanks!

Mike

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 15:02:07 GMT

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On Sep 25, 12:56 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Are you working through Gonzales and Woods? My 3rd Edition just  
> arrived yesterday! :-)

No - I'm making an image fuser that might work better than alpha blending for pairs of PET images. Your solution almost works. If I congrid it to make the squares bigger, it is just right. But JD's is ... well ... I have no idea how a mind just pops that out!

Mike

P.S. Someone who is happy to get his new image processing book may appreciate the quiz that is going around the lab here:

[http://www.nerdtests.com/ft\\_nq.php](http://www.nerdtests.com/ft_nq.php) ;-)

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**Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?**

Posted by [Bruce Bowler](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 15:19:36 GMT

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> [http://www.nerdtests.com/ft\\_nq.php](http://www.nerdtests.com/ft_nq.php) ;-)

Arghhhhhh 91. I didn't think I was \*that\* nerdy :-)

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Bruce Bowler | Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who  
1.207.633.9600 | count the votes decide everything. - Anon  
bbowler@bigelow.org |

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**Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?**

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 15:28:10 GMT

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Bruce Bowler writes:

> Arghhhhhh 91. I didn't think I was \*that\* nerdy :-)

Are you available for some map documentation translation work?

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 15:29:25 GMT  
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Bruce Bowler writes:

> Arghhhhhh 91. I didn't think I was \*that\* nerdy :-)

Let's just say in college I was an English major and  
let it go at that. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?  
Posted by [Allan Whiteford](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 16:37:24 GMT  
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Bruce Bowler wrote:

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The test is scoring people too highly... I don't deserve the 94 I got.  
Maybe a few years ago, but not now... surely not now!?!?

Maybe it's just English majors bringing the average down ;).

I could tell I was heading for a high score when there wasn't an option  
to pick "None of the above, it should be a lower case 'c'" which is what  
I really wanted to answer.

Thanks,

Allan

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 16:44:17 GMT

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"Bruce Bowler" <bbowler@bigelow.org> wrote in message

news:pan.2007.09.26.15.19.33@bigelow.org...

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OHOH!

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scoring only 91}

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Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 17:27:37 GMT

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Well,  $l \bmod (xside^2)$  produces a horizontal ramp from 0...  $xside^2$ ,  
repeating over and over, the same for each row (as long as the array  
width is an even multiple of  $xside$ ). Comparing this ramp to  $xside$ ,  
ala  $(ramp \bmod xside)$  produces alternating vertical bars of width  $xside$ .  
Similarly for  $l/nx$  (the row number), producing alternating horizontal  
bars of height  $yside$ . Put them on top of each other and you have a  
lovely quilt pattern. But we don't want a quilt, we want a

checkerboard, i.e. we want only those spots where the two bar patterns don't overlap, hence the exclusive or (XOR).

In case that wasn't clear, here it is dfanning style ;)

```
theRamp = LINDGEN( theNumberofXPixels , theNumberofYPixels )
theCheckerBoardHorizontalPeriod = 2 * theCheckWidth
theHorizontalRamp = theRamp MOD theCheckerBoardHorizontalPeriod
theHorizontalBands = theHorizontalRamp LT theCheckWidth

theRowNumbers = theRamp/theNumberofXPixels
theCheckerBoardVerticalPeriod = 2 * theCheckHeight
theVerticalRamp = theRowNumbers MOD theCheckerBoardVerticalPeriod
theVerticalBands = theVerticalRamp GE theCheckHeight

theCheckerBoard = theHorizontalBands XOR theVerticalBands
```

JD

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**Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?**

Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 17:29:33 GMT

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I got a 97. That seems a bit high, but I'm not inclined to dispute it.

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**Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?**

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 17:39:12 GMT

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Oh, hell. I think I'm going back to all lowercase. :-(

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: making a checkerboard array?

Posted by [edward.s.meinel@aero](mailto:edward.s.meinel@aero). on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 14:54:43 GMT

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99! No, that doesn't mean 'factorial'... Oooo, Agent 99, yowza!

Bruce, why are you so surprised? You're posting on comp.lang.idl-pvwave, for crying out loud!

