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Subject: Re: edit a large dataset

Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 14:58:50 GMT

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I generally find Perl is much better for hacking data sets than IDL,  
because systematically fiddling with file contents is what it does very  
well. Once it's been suitably butchered, then into IDL for the actual  
crunching of numbers that IDL does very well.

Pete.

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Subject: Re: edit a large dataset

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:29:31 GMT

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Hi,

well, you just have to do  
data\_orig[a] = data\_sorted  
or similarly  
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Jean

PS: are you doing some kind of land-use change model?

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Subject: Re: edit a large dataset

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:40:58 GMT

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```

Cheers,  
Vince

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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:45:04 GMT

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I was considering:

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data_orig = data_orig[ sort( data_orig[ sort(data_orig) ] ) ]
```

But thought it was little to obfuscatory 8)

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Posted by [queiny](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 18:43:49 GMT  
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yeah, sort(a) will bring it back to original order. Thanks!!

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Thanks. I don't know we can use

`data_orig[a] = data_sorted.`

that is the inversion of sort function.

We don't do landuse change modeling. The data we are using provide landuse infor for reference.

On Oct 3, 12:29 pm, Jean H <jghas...@DELTHIS.ucalgary.ANDTHIS.ca> wrote:

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