
Subject: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?
Posted by [Jaron Kurk](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2007 17:13:06 GMT
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Dear readers,

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xidx=[5,4,5,6,3,4,5,6,7,4,5,6,5]
yidx=[3,4,4,4,5,5,5,5,6,6,6,7]
test2d = bytarr(10,10)
test3d = bytarr(10,10,10)
test2d[xidx,yidx] = 1
test3d[0,xidx,yidx] = 1
print,test2d,total(test2d)
print,reform(test3d[0,*,*]),total(test3d)
```

If anybody could enlighten me, I would appreciate it!

Jaron Kurk.

Subject: Re: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?
Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2007 17:27:59 GMT
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On Tue, 6 Nov 2007, Jaron Kurk wrote:

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> test2d = bytarr(10,10)
> test3d = bytarr(10,10,10)
> test2d[xidx,yidx] = 1
```

array subscripts

```
> test3d[0,xidx,yidx] = 1
```

mixed scalar and array subscripts. Different rules :-)

```
try: test3d[lonarr(13),xidx,yidx] = 1
```

regards,
lajos

Subject: Re: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?

Posted by [Spon](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2007 17:30:05 GMT

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On Nov 6, 5:13 pm, Jaron Kurk <jaron.k...@googlemail.com> wrote:

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> Jaron Kurk.

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yidx = [3,4,4,4,5,5,5,5,5,6,6,6,7]
zidx = REPLICATE (0, N_ELEMENTS (xidx))
test2d = bytarr(10,10)
test3d = bytarr(10,10,10)
test2d[xidx,yidx] = 1
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print,test2d,total(test2d)
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```

Your test3d array wasn't shifting your first two arrays by a whole dimension, just one element.

Chris

Subject: Re: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 06 Nov 2007 17:34:04 GMT

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> xidx=[5,4,5,6,3,4,5,6,7,4,5,6,5]

> test3d[0,xidx,yidx] = 1

Jaron, you must reference EVERY pixels in 3D, not just one..
You can try something like:

```
n_points = n_elements(xidx)
zidx = bytarr(n_points)
test3d[zidx,xidx,yidx] = 1    --> though having X,Y,Z instead of Z,X,Y
would be easier to manipulate I guess
```

If I remember well there is an article on David Fanning's site, likely written by JD Smith.

Jean

Subject: Re: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?

Posted by [Jaron Kurk](#) on Wed, 07 Nov 2007 09:14:37 GMT

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Thanks for the rapid response. Indeed, mixing scalar and array subscripts was the problem. Sometimes IDL is just too flexible for my mind...

Jaron

Subject: Re: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?

Posted by [Spon](#) on Wed, 07 Nov 2007 11:15:05 GMT

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Spon wrote:

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Ok, now *I'm* confused:

*** Code

```
pro threedtest
xidx = [5,4,5,6,3,4,5,6,7,4,5,6,5]
yidx = [3,4,4,4,5,5,5,5,6,6,6,7]

print, 'Fixed version.'
zidx = REPLICATE (0, N_ELEMENTS (xidx))
test2d = bytarr(10,10)
test3d = bytarr(10,10,10)
test2d[xidx,yidx] = 1
test3d[zidx,xidx,yidx] = 1
print,test2d,total(test2d)
print,reform(test3d[0,*,*]),total(test3d)
print, "
print, 'Original version.'
test2d = bytarr(10,10)
test3d = bytarr(10,10,10)
test2d[xidx,yidx] = 1
test3d[0,xidx,yidx] = 1
print,test2d,total(test2d)
print,reform(test3d[0,*,*]),total(test3d)
print, "
print, 'Concatenated version.'
subscripts = [0, xidx, yidx]
test2d = bytarr(10,10)
test3d = bytarr(10,10,10)
test2d[xidx,yidx] = 1
test3d[subscripts] = 1
print,test2d,total(test2d)
print,reform(test3d[0,*,*]),total(test3d)
```

```
return
end
```

*** End of Code

```
...
IDL> Concatenated version.
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0
 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0
 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
13.0000
 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 6.00000
```

***End of Output

Why does OP get a nice square whereas I just get a solitary 1 in the corner? :-(
What is concatenating before defining the subscripting causing IDL to do differently?

Just curious,
Chris

Subject: Re: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?
Posted by [Foldy Lajos](#) on Wed, 07 Nov 2007 13:01:46 GMT
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On Wed, 7 Nov 2007, Spon wrote:

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> print,test2d,total(test2d)
> print,reform(test3d[0,*,*]),total(test3d)
>
> return
> end
>
> *** End of Code
>
> ...
> IDL> Concatenated version.
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

```

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> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 13.0000
> 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> 6.00000
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> Just curious,
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subscripts is an array, with elements 0,5,4,5,6,3,4,5,6,7,4,5,6,5,
3,4,4,4,5,5,5,5,6,6,6,7 (= six different values, 0 and 3-7).
test3d[subscripts]=1 will set elements test3d[0] and test3d[3:7]
(= test3d[0,0,0] and test3d[3:7, 0,0]). The test3d[0,*,*] slice
contains only one element set.

regards,
lajos

Subject: Re: Addressing 3D arrays different from 2D arrays?
 Posted by [Spon](#) on Wed, 07 Nov 2007 13:09:22 GMT
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> contains only one element set.
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> regards,
> lajos

Ah, I get it. So in the original, the overlap of 4th to 8th elements
([3:7]) of both dimensions were set to 1, hence the square! Brilliant.

thanks a lot,
Chris
