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Subject: Re: Bits & Bytes

Posted by [Ingo von Borstel](#) on Tue, 08 Jan 2008 12:29:02 GMT

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Hi,

> I need to apply the status map on the NDVI data, because I need to  
> flag cloud and snow pixels.

> From MSB to LSB

> Bit NR 7 (MSB): radiometric quality for B0 coded as 0 if bad and 1 if  
> good  
(...)

So, I assume you have a complete map where the single bytes contain  
these data. In order to extract whether the n-th bit is set do something  
along this line

icemap = (statusmap and 2^n) GE 1

The result will be a byte array which contains one, if the n-th bit is  
set and 0 if it isn't set. I guess you want to use n=2

Regards,  
Ingo

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If you need an urgent reply, replace newsgroups by vgap.

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Subject: Re: Bits & Bytes

Posted by [wita](#) on Tue, 08 Jan 2008 12:40:23 GMT

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On Jan 8, 12:46 pm, j...@argentina.com wrote:

> Hello there...

> I'm sorry if my question is too basic. I'm working with 8 bits Spot

> Vegetation images. I have two bands:

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> 1-NDVI data

> 2-Status Map (information about clouds, water, snow...)

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> I need to apply the status map on the NDVI data, because I need to  
> flag cloud and snow pixels.

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> Below I have some information about the status map.  
 >  
 > From MSB to LSB  
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 > Bit NR 7 (MSB): radiometric quality for B0 coded as 0 if bad and 1 if  
 > good  
 > Bit NR 6: radiometric quality for B2 coded as 0 if bad and 1 if good  
 > Bit NR 5: radiometric quality for B3 coded as 0 if bad and 1 if good  
 > Bit NR 4: radiometric quality for MIR coded as 0 if bad and 1 if good  
 > quality  
 > Bit NR 7 - 4: coded as 0 for 'no data', missing lines, sea on VGT-S  
 > products, adjacent blind or defective MIR detectors, interpolated  
 > data, saturated data, negative data after atmospheric correction  
 > Bit NR 3: land (code 1) or water (code 0), computed from the "Digital  
 > Chart of the Worlds"  
 > Bit NR 2: ice/snow (code 1) , code 0 if there is no ice/snow, computed  
 > from thresholds from reflectances  
 > Bit NR1: 0 0 1 1  
 > Bit NR0: 0 1 0 1  
 >  
 > (LSB): clear shadow uncertain cloud  
 >  
 > My question is: how can I use the status map to flag cloud and snow  
 > pixels? I'm reading them into ENVI, but I can't understand the byte  
 > numbers.  
 >  
 > Any comments very welcome.  
 > Best!  
 > Jurandir

Dear Jurandir,

You can easily convert a particular bitposition into a 0/1 mask  
 showing whether that bit was switched on or off using the following  
 function (this assumes bit nr from left to right, so binary value  
 10000000 = 128):

```
FUNCTION map_bitwise_flag, statusmap, bitposition
  return, BYTE((statusmap AND (2^bitposition))/(2^bitposition))
END
```

You can easily test this:

```
d = byte(dist(250))
tvsc1, d
r = map_bitwise_flag(d, 3)
tvsc1, r
```

The simplest way to apply such a function in ENVI is through the

bandmath option. So you first compile the module in ENVI, then in the box labeled as "Enter an expression", you enter 'map\_bitwise\_flag(b1, 7)' in order to create a binary mask for the radiometric quality status of B0. You then assign the statusmap to variable b1.

with best regards,

Allard

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Subject: Re: Bits & Bytes  
Posted by [jujo](#) on Tue, 08 Jan 2008 13:37:31 GMT  
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Thank you Ingo and Allard...  
That is not really difficult to do now... I got to make the 1/0 mask.  
Best!  
Jurandir

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