
Subject: Re: using the WHERE function on a portion of an array

Posted by [greg.addr](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2008 19:38:26 GMT

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On Mar 4, 8:23 pm, becky_s <rda.se...@gmail.com> wrote:

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If I've understood your problem correctly, I'd make one more array to
use for your comparisons:

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```

and then do the whole job in one step:

```
q=where((A ge d) and (A lt d+1.))
C[q]=B[q]
```

regards,
Greg

Subject: Re: using the WHERE function on a portion of an array
Posted by [greg.addr](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2008 19:39:51 GMT
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> regards,
> Greg
```

Sorry, that should be:

```
sz=size(A,/dim)
```

Subject: Re: using the WHERE function on a portion of an array

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2008 20:15:49 GMT

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> indices = WHERE(A[0,*,*] ge 4 AND A[0,*,*] lt 5, count)
```

so, indices refers to A[0,*,*], which is a 2D array.

```
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```

Now you are try to apply your 2D array in a 3D one, which can not work properly.

To access your 3D array, you must either have a 3D index, or have a 1D index.

So in your case, you want to write in C, on the 5th plane:

```
indices1D_C = indices + (n_elements(C[0,*,*]) * 4
```

And you want to read B on the 1st plane:

```
indices1D_B = indices
```

```
and then C[indices1D_C] = B[indices1D_B]
```

Jean

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Subject: Re: using the WHERE function on a portion of an array
Posted by [becky_s](#) on Tue, 04 Mar 2008 22:17:06 GMT

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On Mar 4, 2:15 pm, Jean H <jghas...@DELTHIS.ucalgary.ANDTHIS.ca>
wrote:

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Jean,

Well, that is pretty slick! I knew there had to be some problem with
all my 2d to 3d dimension switching I was doing.

I did have to modify your solution somewhat, though. I ended up with
(I also generalized my previous code somewhat):

```
indices = WHERE(A[i,*,*] ge j AND A[i,*,*] lt (j+1), count)
if count gt 0 then begin
    indices1D_C = indices*n_elements(C[:,0,0]) + j
    indices1D_B = indices*n_elements(A[:,0,0]) + i
    C[indices1D_C] = B[indices1D_B]
endif
```

Thanks again.
