
Subject: Re: Compare two variables

Posted by [Joost Aan de Brugh](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:41:14 GMT

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On Jul 11, 2:05 pm, d.po...@gmail.com wrote:

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There are two problems. One is that you have two variables you have to compare and one is that you have a whole vector of values they can be.

Probably you are familiar with the Where-function

`idx = Where(array <condition considering array as a scalar>)`

idx will be a vector of indices where the array has values that meet the condition. If there are none, idx will be -1.

The problem that you have to check both the 2nd and the 3rd column will force constructions like

```
idx1 = Where(vector1 eq value1)
idx2 = Where(vector2 eq value2)
if idx1[0] eq -1 or idx2[0] eq -1 then screw it
...
```

It is better to create another vector. As you work with integers, you compress two integers into one.

```
totalB = B[2,*] + B[3,*]
```

`DB = (total*(total+1))/2 + B[2,*]` ; The value in `DB[j]` determines exactly what `B[2,j]` and `B[3,j]` are

```
totalA = A[0,*] + A[1,*]
```

`DA = (total*(total+1))/2 + A[0,*]` ; Same joke, so if `DA[i] eq DB[j]`

then A[0,i] eq B[2,j] and A[1,i] eq B[3,j]

And now we are left with two vectors. As long as DA only contains four values (like your example), you can use a forloop

```
for j=0,4-1 do begin
  idx = Where(DB eq DA[j])
  if idx[0] eq -1 then continue ; Subscripting [0] is required if idx
  can have more than one value.
  if N_Elements(idxs) eq 0 then idxs = idx else idxx = [idxx,idx] ;
  Add the index to the result vector.
end
```

```
result = B[* ,idxs]
```

There must be a more efficient way to do the last part, but Where(DB eq DA) does not work.

You can also do it at the array way, create one array like. Watch out where to use Transposes (Check it out first)

MA =

```
DA[0] DA[1] DA[2] DA[3]
DA[0] DA[1] DA[2] DA[3]
DA[0] DA[1] DA[2] DA[3]
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...
```

and one like

MB =

```
DB[0] DB[0] DB[0] DB[0]
DB[1] DB[1] DB[1] DB[1]
DB[2] DB[2] DB[2] DB[2]
DB[3] DB[3] DB[3] DB[3]
DB[4] DB[4] DB[4] DB[4]
...
```

```
MC = LonArr(4,100) ; Comparison
idx = Where(MB eq MA)
MC[idx] = 1
```

```
IDL> print,MC
```

0 0 0 0 ; Drop this B-index

```
0 1 0 0 ; There is an A-index that fits
0 0 0 0
0 0 1 0
1 0 0 0
...
```

```
idxs = total(MC,1)
```

```
IDL> print,idxs
```

```
0,1,0,1,1,...
```

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:49:33 GMT

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Jean

Subject: Re: Compare two variables

Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2008 17:14:59 GMT

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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Sat, 12 Jul 2008 13:18:34 GMT

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hi Joost

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Dave

Subject: Re: Compare two variables

Posted by [Sven Geier](#) on Sat, 12 Jul 2008 19:54:53 GMT

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I'm probably just misunderstanding something, but what is wrong with

```
line_1_index = where (b[2,*] eq a[0,0] and b[3,*] eq a[1,0])
```

```
line_2_index = ....
```

```
...
```

```
result = [b[* ,line_1_index],b[* ,line_2_index],b[... ],... ]
```

It's not terribly elegant but if it's only 5 lines and has to be typed only once, what's the point of optimizing the hell out of it?

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<http://www.sgeier.net>

My real email address does not contain any "Z"s.

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Posted by [Joost Aan de Brugh](#) on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 08:09:37 GMT

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Cheers,
Joost

Subject: Re: Compare two variables

Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 11:57:20 GMT

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On Jul 14, 4:09 am, Joost Aan de Brugh <joost...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Cheers,
Ben

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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 13:00:17 GMT
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On 14 Jul., 04:57, "ben.bighair" <ben.bigh...@gmail.com> wrote:
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Ben

Actually my coordinates are float numbers with 2 decimal. I think your proposed way is good and I can multiply that numbers whit 100 to take integers and after finishing I can divide them to 100 to take actual coordinate.

Cheers
Dave
