
Subject: Re: Can i avoid the loop,help me speed up,thanks
Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 20:44:18 GMT
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Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 21:31:17 GMT
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Posted by [Chris\[6\]](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 01:35:14 GMT

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 11:48:21 GMT
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Posted by [Rongchang Chen](#) on Mon, 11 Aug 2008 14:56:10 GMT
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Thank you for discussion!

I'm sorry didn't clarify the 'some processing of image', I update
please check at the end.

For the output, because I'm processing the 16bit tiff image, so I choose
tiff as output.

I use PROFILER to check and show the I/O take most of time, use Chris
suggestion, I read all the projections (in 3D array) in advance and it
speed up a lot, but use 3D array I can just read 100 projections, if
more it complain ' % Array has too many elements.' ??? how to avoid
this.

I'm thinking does IDL has some type of file that I can write one row
each time without read the file first??

Thank you very much.

The PROFILER, /REPORT processing 100 projections

IDL> PROFILER, /REPORT

Module	Type	Count	Only(s)	Avg.(s)	Time(s)	Avg.
(s)						
ARG_PRESENT	(S)	295614	0.832386	0.000003	0.832386	0.000003
DIALOG_PICKFILE	(S)	2	2.387062	1.193531	2.387062	1.193531
FILE_SEARCH	(S)	3	0.010046	0.003349	0.010046	0.003349
FINDGEN	(S)	1	0.000010	0.000010	0.000010	0.000010
FLOAT	(S)	32827	95.750752	0.002917	95.750752	0.002917
FLTARR	(S)	327	0.612496	0.001873	0.612496	0.001873
KEYWORD_SET	(S)	65652	0.208982	0.000003	0.208982	0.000003
MEAN	(U)	34714	0.481618	0.000014	3.597480	0.000104
MOMENT	(U)	34714	1.497712	0.000043	3.006887	0.000087
N_ELEMENTS	(S)	197036	0.617928	0.000003	0.617928	0.000003
ON_ERROR	(S)	131344	0.452073	0.000003	0.452073	0.000003


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PRINT      (S)  326  0.163605 0.000502  0.163605
0.000502
PROFILER    (S)   1  0.000029 0.000029  0.000029
0.000029
QUERY_IMAGE (U) 34794  5.392034 0.000155 25.506740
0.000733
QUERY_TIFF  (S) 32846 18.352950 0.000559 18.352950
0.000559
READ_IMAGE  (U) 34794 12.169956 0.000350 152.321188
0.004378
READ_TIFF   (S) 32846 114.154426 0.003475 114.154426
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SIZE        (S) 32827  0.210118 0.000006  0.210118
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STRARR      (S)   1  0.000006 0.000006  0.000006
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STRING      (S)  325  0.000922 0.000003  0.000922
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STRPOS      (S) 65692  0.334411 0.000005  0.334411
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STRUPCASE   (S) 32846  0.147017 0.000004  0.147017
0.000004
TOTAL       (S) 32826  0.813293 0.000025  0.813293
0.000025
WIDGET_PROCESS_EVENTS
      (S)   2  0.000057 0.000028  0.000057
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WRITE_TIFF  (S)  325  6.225517 0.019155  6.225517
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