
Subject: Can i avoid the loop,help me speed up,thanks
Posted by [Rongchang Chen](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 13:29:03 GMT
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I wrote a procedure to create sinograms from projections in tomography,the main part of procedure please see below.
For large size and number projections,it's very very slow.
Can i avoid the loop(one is OK) to speed up,or another way to create sinograms?
Thank you very much!!

n_sinogra:number of sinogram
n_projection:number of projection
files_projection:a string vector contain Directory and name of projection
files_sino:a string vector contain Directory and name of sinogram

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for jj = 0,n_sinogram-1 do begin
  print,'now creating',jj+1,'th sinogram'
  sino = fltarr(sizepro[0],n_projection)

  for ii=0, n_projection-1 do begin
    image = float(read_image(files_projection[ii]))
    some processing of image
    sino(*,ii) = image(*,jj)
  endfor

  write_tiff,files_sino(jj),sino,/short,/float
endfor
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Subject: Re: Can i avoid the loop,help me speed up,thanks
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Mon, 11 Aug 2008 17:20:00 GMT
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Jean

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Posted by [Rongchang Chen](#) on Tue, 12 Aug 2008 12:47:19 GMT
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Now working,used pointer successful avoiding 100 projections limit.

Thank you very much for helpful discussion.

Rongchang
