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Subject: match\_2d

Posted by [vino](#) on Mon, 20 Apr 2009 13:40:19 GMT

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Hello everyone,

I am using match\_2d from J.D.Smith's library ([http://tir.astro.utoledo.edu/idl/match\\_2d.pro](http://tir.astro.utoledo.edu/idl/match_2d.pro)) to match between two catalogues. Below is what i am doing :

```
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  242.759   -29.4162
  252.666   -31.6364
  250.523   -30.5292
  244.782   -20.2181
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  252.666   -31.6364
  250.523   -30.5292
  267.782   -22.9120
IDL> match=match_2d(star_radec1(0,*),star_radec1(1,*),star_radec2
(0,*),star_radec2(1,*),.02,MATCH_DISTANCE=md)
IDL> print,match
    -1      -1      -1      -1
IDL> print,md
  5.98943e-22   3.62562  2.23579e-17  2.62037e-22
```

Eventhough there are 3 objects matching, why is it that match\_2d is not finding them?? I shall be very grateful for any pointers...

Thanks and regards,

Vino

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Subject: Re: match\_2d

Posted by [vino](#) on Mon, 27 Apr 2009 10:53:56 GMT

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Hi Jeremy!

Thank you for ur reply...

Unfortunately as you correctly guessed my array is too big even when i split it into chunks.. :(

eg:

```
RA1      FLOAT   = Array[267679]
DEC1      FLOAT   = Array[267679]
RA2      FLOAT   = Array[235476]
DEC2      FLOAT   = Array[235476]
```

So i guess any form of brute force array method is going to turn up memory issues!! :(

Since all my stellar photometry data will be finally loaded into a data base, i just have to make sure i gather all the information for a particular object before further analysis...It is a round about way but saves a lot of initial processing time....

Thank you so much for your help...

Regards

Vino

On Apr 24, 6:50 pm, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Apr 23, 8:10 am, vino <astrocr...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Hi Jeremy!!

>

>> Thank you very much for helping me out....It works very well with my data set...

>> For me to be able to use this routine is going to save me about a couple of weeks of runtime in my program!!

>

>> I have looked at WITHINSPHRAD but in that case, i still need to have a loop which is what i was trying to avoid!!

>

>> Thanks to J.D.Smith for giving us a boon with routines like this!! ( i will someday learn how to use histogram)..

>

>> Regards,

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>> On Apr 22, 11:39 pm, JDS <jdtsmith.nos...@yahoo.com> wrote:

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>>>> Aha... I've looked at it in gory detail, and it turns out that the

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>>>> routine implicitly assumes that the minimum value of both x2 and y2
>>>> are 0. So you can get it to work if you do the following:
>
>>> Aha! Thanks for the catch. That's what you get when you evaluate an
>>> algorithm on artificial random coordinates ranging uniformly from
>>> [0,1].
>
>>> I've updated MATCH_2D at the address mentioned to handle this issue
>>> explicitly, and also catch cases of matching points which fall just
>>> slightly outside the bounding box of the search set. I've also added
>>> a much-needed warning regarding using this Euclidean matching
>>> algorithm for points on the sphere (e.g. star positions, lat/lon,
>>> etc.):
>
>>> ; WARNING:
>>> ;
>>> ; Distance is evaluated in a strict Euclidean sense. For
>>> ; points on a sphere, the distance between two given
>>> ; coordinates is *not* the Euclidean distance. As an extreme
>>> ; example, consider two points very near the N. pole, but on
>>> ; opposite sides (one due E, one due W). For small patches,
>>> ; this Euclidean assumption is approximately valid, and the
>>> ; method works. See NOTES above for a tip regarding obtaining
>>> ; a (more) uniform match criterion on the sphere.
>>> ;
>
>>> Give this version a try. By the way, the value of MATCH_DISTANCE for
>>> points which did *not* match is not meaningful.
>
>>> JD
>
> That, of course, is a challenge. ;-) Try this version, which will
> allow you to do many-to-many matches:
>
> http://www.physics.mcmaster.ca/~bailin/jidl/withinsphrad\_vec.pro
>
> It uses the "throw lots of memory at the problem" paradigm (it
> internally uses several N1 x N2 arrays simultaneously), so you may
> find that it runs out of memory fairly quickly. If it's a problem, you
> can always try chunking up your coordinates and doing a FOR loop
> through the chunks - it should at least be faster than looping through
> each coordinate.
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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 29 Apr 2009 02:44:09 GMT

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Posted by [JDS](#) on Wed, 29 Apr 2009 20:29:43 GMT

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Thu, 30 Apr 2009 00:00:30 GMT

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It borrows heavily from JD's MATCH\_2D, but does it in 3D on the surface of the sphere. It sidesteps all of the "wasted space" and "enumerating the surface of the sphere" issues by enumerating cells that contain points in either the input or target coordinate lists - any other cells on the sphere are irrelevant, since all we need to know about them is that they don't contain any points. So I just make a list of all cells that contain a point in either coordinate list and use the index into that list as my mapping. The histograms then become very efficient! And it doesn't waste extra space generating the enumeration, since we need to calculate those cell locations anyway.

In my simple tests, this does a factor of 100 better than my WITHINSPHRAD\_VEC, and about a factor of 10 better than a for loop using the scalar WITHINSPHRAD, but ymmv depending on the number of input and target coordinates, as well as the angular matching radius.

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> .....
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> 13.50001      78.075 3.092191
> 13.49168      78.075 3.444704
> 13.48334      78.075 3.364458
> 13.47501      78.075 3.108061
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Actually there is no error, but I can't understand the procedure. At the end output is a 1D array (match). What I want is for each pixel of SAT array find the closest data from laser array (but I don't know how to do that).

Cheers

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Subject: Re: match\_2d

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 06 May 2010 18:11:23 GMT

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Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 12:06:13 GMT

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