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Posted by [robintw](#) on Tue, 19 Jan 2010 17:48:11 GMT
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Posted by [rogass](#) on Thu, 21 Jan 2010 14:55:02 GMT
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Posted by [rogass](#) on Fri, 22 Jan 2010 09:56:33 GMT
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Dear Robin,

basically the code without a loop could be:

```
function cr_get_windowed_extrema,b,sx_k,sy_k

sk = long(sx_k)*long(sy_k)
sz = size(b,/dimensions)
sm = long(sz[0])*long(sz[1])
ind= (reform((transpose(lindgen(sz[0],sz[1])))*],sx_k,sm/sx_k))
[0:sy_k-1,*]
mins= min(b[(reform((transpose((transpose(rebin(ind,sx_k,sm/sy_k,s y_k)
+$
      rebin(lindgen(1,1,sy_k),sx_k,sm/sx_k,sy_k),[0,2,1])),
[1,0,2])),sk,sm/sx_k))],$,
      minind,max=maxs,subscript_max=maxind,dimension=1)
ind2=(lindgen(sx_k,sm/sk))*[,0*:sy_k]
return, {mins:mins[ind2],minind:minind[ind2],maxs:maxs
[ind2],maxind:maxind[ind2]}
end
```

As potential output I got:

```
IDL> b=randomn(seed,9,9)
IDL> c=cr_get_windowed_extrema(b,3,3)
IDL> print,b
-0.232820  -1.81190  -1.79086  -0.0838641  -1.42229
-0.569596 -0.000931759  0.197937  0.203128
-0.742161  -1.04460  0.286660  1.59126  -1.18528
1.11088  -1.17374  -1.51570  0.156324
0.265435  -1.02502  -0.232129  0.259060  -0.825678
```

```

-0.386492  0.275219 -0.886818 -0.210116
  1.20696  0.0987463 -1.22906 -0.155326  1.27177
-1.25504  0.650159 -0.864291 -0.915809
  0.207192 -0.544278 -1.79930  0.0309544 -0.609460
-0.348675 -0.199986  0.518268 -1.03154
  1.35320  1.08140 -0.00415816 -0.822823 -0.570877
-1.01163 -1.01084  1.87093 -1.31978
  -0.486999  0.565098  0.140825  0.0224620  0.851600
0.922738 -0.779988  0.251917  0.834798
  -1.06734  1.14913 -0.539062 -0.584468 -0.426683
0.869110  0.384573  1.50669  0.350647
  0.478418  0.458704  1.72066  1.48684 -0.250672
0.920115 -0.324874 -1.49407 -0.0624892

```

IDL> print,c.mins

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```

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```

IDL> print,c.minind

```

      1      14      21
     82     92    102
    166    179    187

```

IDL> print,c.maxind

```

      5      15      26
     84     91    105
    168    178    184

```

Hope, it works for you :) Maybe there are some unnecessary computations, so you might optimize the code...

Cheers

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Subject: Re: Local Maxima of 2D array

Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Mon, 25 Jan 2010 15:55:22 GMT

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On Jan 19, 6:48 pm, Robin Wilson <r.t.wil...@rmplc.co.uk> wrote:

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Some kind of FOR loop is unavoidable, I think.

Depending of the size of your array, this code will do (most of) the job efficiently. Elegant? Well...

```
x = [-1, 0, 1, -1, 0, 1, -1, 0, 1]
y = [-1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]
```

```
; Or in general for a sliding (Kx x Ky) window
;x = lindgen(Kx)-Kx/2
;y = lindgen(Ky)-Ky/2
;x = (x[* ,lindgen(Ky)])[*]
;y = (transpose(y[* ,lindgen(Kx)]))[*]
```

```
sliding_3x3_max = shift(array, x[0], y[0])
for ii=1, 8 do sliding_3x3_max >= shift(array, x[ii], y[ii])
```

Note that the border case isn't handled. This is left as an exercise for the reader :) Also, if you really need the index for each maximum instead of the value, you must do a bit more work inside the loop.

My experience is that this method works well for operations on sliding windows up to about 15x15, but for larger windows, the cost of the (quite fast) SHIFT function starts to dominate when compared to the straightforward double loop approach.

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Yngvar

Subject: Re: Local Maxima of 2D array
 Posted by [karo](#) on Wed, 27 Jan 2010 05:00:54 GMT
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If you have data in int or uint you could use the dilate procedure with a 3x3 array as structuring element. Dilate calculates the max and erode the min! Have care with keywords, /GREY will be nessecary

Regards
Karsten

Am 19.01.10 18:48 schrieb "Robin Wilson" unter <r.t.wilson@rmpic.co.uk> in
i6CdnU6cXJD-bcjWnZ2dnUVZ8vudnZ2d@bt.com:

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