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Subject: Re: IDL calculating elements in arrays plus there offsets

Posted by [jeanh](#) on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 12:26:57 GMT

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- 4) (RGB)

Now, and this may not be the most efficient way but it will allow you to understand what is going on, you can do something like:

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image1Array
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nblImagesFirstGroup = 10
nblImagesSecondGroup = 5

for img1 = 0, nblImagesFirstGroup -1 do begin
  for img2 = 0, nblImagesSecondGroup -1 do begin
    result = image1Array[*,*,img1] - image2Array[*,*,img2]
  endfor
endfor
```

here, image1Array has 3 dimensions (x, y, z). By using the subscript [\*,\*,img1], you are accessing "each elements of the 1 and 2nd dimensions, corresponding to img1", img1 being a simple counter. Of course, in this example, the result will be overwritten in each iteration so you may want to save it.

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Jean

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Posted by [Spon](#) on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 12:31:08 GMT  
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diff = arr1 - arr2
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print,diff
      2      4     -2      0
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'diff' will be a 4-element, one dimensional array in this case, but can just as easily be multidimensional.

So long as the number of elements in both arrays are the same, simply using the '-' operator will do.

Regards,  
Chris

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Subject: Re: IDL calculating elements in arrays plus there offsets  
Posted by [Will](#) on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 12:40:32 GMT  
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<jghasb...@DELETETHIS.environmentalmodelers.ANDTHIS.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Will](#) on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 12:44:20 GMT  
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No i'm afraid not Chris, What I am doing is comparing two large amounts of images with each other but the images are in a specific order and can't be changed. These images then need to find the best fit location. So i am using a float array fo i can print out a single figure as the images try to find the best fit location but i need to access my subscripts and find the offset. so one set of these bundles will move over the other bundle to the right for instance doing a calculation to determine how similar they are (simple subtraction) and then move down a row and do the same thing. then with all these single point numbers i can make a plot and where the line is closest to 0 is where my images were best matched.

hope that jargon made sense

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Subject: Re: IDL calculating elements in arrays plus there offsets

Posted by [jeanh](#) on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 16:52:48 GMT

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Anyways, "shift" is your friend here. Be careful on the edge of the images... you might want to remove the edges, as values are wrapped around.

Now, depending on the content of your images, you can do things differently... like identifying a region of interest (function region), then identify the point of gravity and shift your images accordingly... but again, it all depends on the content of the images!

Jean

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Subject: Re: IDL calculating elements in arrays plus there offsets

Posted by [Juggernaut](#) on Mon, 08 Mar 2010 16:56:53 GMT

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On Mar 8, 11:52 am, jeanh

<jghasb...@DELETETHIS.environmentalmodelers.ANDTHIS.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: IDL calculating elements in arrays plus there offsets

Posted by [Will](#) on Tue, 09 Mar 2010 14:19:31 GMT

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I am just looking to shift all of the images on the first array and keep all of the images on the second array the same. (Second array does not shift at all).

I thought along those lines too but i'm not sure if i'm getting my head around "SHIFT" properly. I have the program shifting the the images as described but I get the sneaking impression it is doing the wrong calculation or more likely the calculation isn't changing much. Anyway to clarify, I would be correct in assuming that the images loaded into the 1st array are sequential, they go from one through to 122 and that when I tell the array to shift by say 1, all of the images move to the right by one image? or by one element of the images array and not the array we have just created. If I am right about my thinking and we are both agreed on "shift" then the program is doing what it is meant to and outputting the correct answers which means when I make a graph of the output I can tell where the best fit for the images is and know the offset. I think :S.

Thank you for our help

Will

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Posted by [Will](#) on Tue, 09 Mar 2010 14:21:15 GMT

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Hi Bennet

Thanks for the input I have got to admit I have not looked into image registration, and shall do so immediately starting with the link you sent me. Thanks again.

Will

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