
Subject: Re: how many array elements with a certain value in a row

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 13:02:35 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: how many array elements with a certain value in a row

Posted by [Gray](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 13:03:05 GMT

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Well, the weird idea I just had was convert each row to a string, then run STREGEX to find the saturated values.

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Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 13:17:21 GMT
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Hmmm, yeah that would probably work. I'm not sure it's any less convoluted than the TOTAL(/CUMULATIVE)-based solution I was thinking of.

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I suppose that someone implementing run-length-encoding would need similar information, but all I care about are the locations where one particular value occurs so I can look at the properties of the image relative to those locations.

-Jeremy.

Subject: Re: how many array elements with a certain value in a row
Posted by [Chris W](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 13:48:21 GMT
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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 13:56:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: how many array elements with a certain value in a row
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 15:11:00 GMT
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Yeah, that's good - it's basically what Ben was suggesting, but doing that reform at the beginning takes away a lot of the extra bookkeeping that was making me avoid it. Just need to throw an extra column of 0s at the edge of the image before the reform to make sure that a run at the end of one row doesn't get attached to any at the beginning of the next row.

Thanks!

-Jeremy.

Subject: Re: how many array elements with a certain value in a row
Posted by [jeanh](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2010 15:22:44 GMT
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Hi,

what about using shift? ... untested and though in a baby-scream environment, so sorry if I miss the obvious

- a) select pixels with the targeted value (where)
- b) do `img-shift(img)`
- c) look at the indexes found in a) and that are positive in b) so that you only get the ending position.

Jean
