
Subject: Re: How to find the pixel position
Posted by [Aram Panasenco](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2010 06:24:03 GMT
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sid wrote:

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> My data is in fits format. The is of 1024 * 1024 array. The counts
> vary from 5000 to 6000 and I know that 5500 counts is there in my
> data, but I need to know at which pixel this 5500 counts occur
> exactly, without displaying the image, because I need to do this for
> several files. So each time I can't display and check for the pixel
> position. please helpout in this regard.
> regards
> sid

I think what you are saying (correct me if I am wrong) is that you have a 1024x1024 array, and you want to find where the pixel values are equal to 5500.

You can use the WHERE function:

```
fitsData = readfits('filename.fits')  
countValue = 5500
```

```
findIndices = where(fitsData eq countValue)
```

Note that the WHERE function returns one-dimensional subscripts. You can convert them back to two-dimensional subscripts (if you need to) using the ARRAY_INDICES function:

```
rectIndices = array_indices([1024,1024],findIndices,/dimensions)
```

Cheers
~Aram Panasenco

Subject: Re: How to find the pixel position
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2010 06:26:21 GMT
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On Apr 27, 1:16 am, sid <gunvicsi...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Have you tried WHERE()?
wh = where(IMG EQ 5500)

The pixel position, or position*s* if there more than one, are stored in the index array WH. This index array addresses the 2-d array as a 1-d array. If you want the X and Y positions separately, then use the quotient and remainder after dividing by image width...

```
:: SIZE_X = 1024  
ix = wh MOD SIZE_X ;; Remainder  
iy = wh / SIZE_X ;; Quotient
```

Craig

Subject: Re: How to find the pixel position
Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Tue, 27 Apr 2010 09:58:49 GMT
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sid wrote:

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Use WHERE() to find the 1d index of the pixels. If WHERE() delivers a count of more than zero indices, use ARRAY_INDICES() to convert these 1d indices to x and y indices for your 2d data array.

chl

Subject: Re: How to find the pixel position
Posted by [sid](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 06:40:35 GMT
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On Apr 27, 11:24 am, Aram Panasenco <panasenco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hi,
I did like this
raw=readfits('filename.fits')
b=where(raw eq 2832.90)
I know that it occurs at raw(5,5)
so now if I do
print,b
it should print 5, since where function returns one dimensional
subscripts.(am I right, correct me if it is wrong)
but instead it is printing -1. Please help me out.
regards
sid

Subject: Re: How to find the pixel position
Posted by [Chris\[6\]](#) on Thu, 29 Apr 2010 17:58:17 GMT
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Can anyone enlighten me about whether there's any advantage to using the /dimensions keyword in array_indices? I hear people claim it's to prevent passing big arrays around, but those big arrays would be passed by reference, yes? In which case that wouldn't be a problem

chris
