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An empty for loop running 50k loops only take a few milliseconds - so the interpretation price for looping is really not an issue here.

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I did get the "iterated match_2d" algorithm working.

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On Jul 31, 7:47 am, Gray <grayliketheco...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Jul 30, 6:23 pm, JD Smith <jdsmith.nos...@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>> Paulo spotted the issue. What determines whether a given point in the
>> search list "is not matched to a closer point"? Your 1-to-1 match
>> will be sensitive to the input ordering of the target list. The
>> intention of match_radius is to specify the maximum separation beneath
>> which all matches are "equally good". For example, the statistical
>> uncertainty in the position itself. Multiple matches would then imply
>> either is an equally good match. If you still wanted to do this (for
>> example if you are conducting a match for which sub-match_distance

>> separations are still meaningful), it will have to be a pre- or post-
>> processing step, since all matches are performed in parallel (which is
>> what gives MATCH_2D its speed).
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>> JD
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> Hmm... if all matches are equally good within the match_distance, then
> how does match_2d prioritize matches when there is more than one
> source in list b within the match radius of list a? This could happen
> when, for example, the positional accuracy of the sources in each list
> is low, but there is a possible shift (translation+rotation+etc.)
> between the members of the two lists which necessitates a larger match
> radius.

This is only true if your match_distance represents some positional uncertainty; i.e. it's not meaningful to say a given star is 50 milliarseconds closer when the precision with which you know your search list is 2 arcseconds. It does simply return the closest point within match_distance if there are multiple matches. You could certainly alter this to return *all* matches within match_radius, then use post-processing to enforce a 1-to-1 matching. IDL 8's new LIST type would make this much easier than before (when I've used REVERSE_INDEX style arrays for the same purpose).

JD
