
Subject: Re: The IDL way, summing variable sized slices of array.

Posted by [Russell\[1\]](#) on Wed, 04 Apr 2012 14:59:54 GMT

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Posted by [d19997919](#) on Wed, 04 Apr 2012 15:38:33 GMT

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Actually I've managed to eliminate loops in the other bit of code to fill the arrays (and this code

actually consists of a few other functions).

One way I've thought of doing this is to create a logical array which has the same dimensions as d and is zero outside the b index range and 1 inside. I can then multiply d by this and then just sum over the whole array, seen as d is now zero outside the region of interest it shouldn't effect the result of the call to TOTAL.

Any tips on the best way to achieve this?

Subject: Re: The IDL way, summing variable sized slices of array.

Posted by [cgguido](#) on Wed, 04 Apr 2012 16:01:37 GMT

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How about something like:

```
lo=rebin(b[*],0), [nl,nt])
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hi=rebin(b[*],1), [nl,nt])
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logic=(d ge lo) AND (d lt hi)
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Posted by [d19997919](#) on Thu, 05 Apr 2012 08:39:37 GMT

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On Wednesday, April 4, 2012 5:01:37 PM UTC+1, Gianguido Cianci wrote:

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Thanks, your approach didn't quite work (probably due to my poor description of my problem) but something similar based of it did.

For interest the "solution" is given below, any comments on things I'm doing inefficiently would be appreciated.

<SOME INITIALISATION CODE/INTERFACE CODE>

```
;Get dimensions
nth=N_ELEMENTS(bmag)
nla=N_ELEMENTS(lambda)
nen=N_ELEMENTS(energy)

;Find where theta=+/- pi
lind=NEAREST(theta,!DPI)
uind=NEAREST(theta,!DPI)

;Calculate arc length array
dl=REBIN(GET_FIELDLINE_WEIGHT(THETA=THETA,JACOB=JACOB),[nth,
nla,nen],/SAMPLE)

;Precession drift is the bounce average of the grad-B+curvature drifts
;Define for passing particles as -1
;->Begin by getting the drift frequencies
;Pass in extra to allow ky and delt to be specified if desired
drift=get_drift_freq(LAMBDA=LAMBDA,BMAG=BMAG,ENERGY=ENERGY,$
CVDRIFT=CVDRIFT,GBDRIFT=GBDRIFT,_EXTRA=_EXTRA)

;Multiply drift frequency by arc length array
drift=TEMPORARY(drift)*dl

;Now want to bounce average this, so get the bounce points
bounce=get_bounce_points(THETA=THETA,LAMBDA=LAMBDA,BMAG=BMAG )

;For passing particles, which have bounce == -1, set to indices
;corresponding to +/- Pi
bounce[* ,0]=(lind+1)*(bounce[* ,0] EQ -1)+TEMPORARY(bounce[* ,0])
bounce[* ,1]=(uind+1)*(bounce[* ,1] EQ -1)+TEMPORARY(bounce[* ,1])

;Create logic arrays about which regions we're interested in
lo=TRANPOSE(REBIN(bounce[* ,0],[nla,nen,nth],/SAMPLE),[2,0,1 ])
hi=TRANPOSE(REBIN(bounce[* ,1],[nla,nen,nth],/SAMPLE),[2,0,1 ])
logi=REBIN(BINDGEN(nth),[nth,nla,nen],/SAMPLE)
```

logi=(logi GT lo) AND (logi LT hi)

;Clear memory
bounce=0

;Now get velocity grids
vel=get_velocity_grids(LAMBDA=LAMBDA,BMAG=BMAG,ENERGY=ENERGY)
vpa=REFORM(vel.vpa[*,*,*,0],/OVERWRITE)
;Set any vpa=0 points to 1, ok as we ignore these points anyway in the end
vpa=(vpa EQ 0)+TEMPORARY(vpa)

;Clear memory
vel=0

;Sum up arrays over whole theta dimension, noting that
;logi==0 outside the bounce points
drift=TOTAL((drift*logi/vpa),1)
div=TOTAL((dl*logi/vpa),1)

;Account for totally trapped particles where div==0
div=div+(div EQ 0)
drift=TEMPORARY(drift)*(div NE 0)+(div EQ 0)
precfreq=TEMPORARY(drift)/TEMPORARY(div)

;Clear memory
drift=0
div=0

;Change passing particles value if requested
IF N_ELEMENTS(PASSING) NE 0 THEN precfreq=precfreq*(lo[0,*,*] NE lind)+PASSING*(lo[0,*,*]
EQ lind)

;Make and return answer
RETURN,precfreq
