
Subject: where, or, and loops. There has to be a better way.
Posted by anniebryant@gmail.com on Fri, 08 Mar 2013 23:47:00 GMT
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Thanks for any ideas you can give!!!
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Subject: Re: where, or, and loops. There has to be a better way.
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Fri, 08 Mar 2013 23:55:46 GMT
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On 3/8/13 5:47 PM, AB wrote:
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I like the following paradigm for these. It assumes that new is sorted - you'll need to pre-sort it otherwise.

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pos = WHERE(new[VALUE_LOCATE(new, huc)] eq huc)
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-Jeremy.

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Posted by [cgguido](#) on Sat, 09 Mar 2013 00:22:23 GMT

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Something like

```
h=histogram(huc, bin=1, min=1, re=ri)
w=histobin(ri, new)
key[w]=1
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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sat, 09 Mar 2013 00:30:05 GMT

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It is unnecessary to use the WHERE() function. Instead directly make the position array

key = (huc EQ new[0]) or (huc EQ new[1]) or (hub EQ new[2])

or if you need to loop:

pos = (huc eq new[0])

for i=1,N_elements(new)-1 do pos = pos and (huc EQ new[i])

It might be possible to improve on this by decimating the array (don't test pixels that have already

been flagged), but I believe the coding would be considerably more complicated. --Wayne

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