Subject: Simplify if statements and for loops inside for loops Posted by morganisilverman on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 16:07:51 GMT

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Morgan
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 s = size(adatea)
 ncol = s(1)
 col = indexa mod ncol
 row = indexa/ncol
 if num eq 1 then begin; If matches then go through profile critera
  inda = where(finite(aalta(col,row,*)), count); Count number of non-NaN altitudes
  I = 0
 endif else begin
 if num at 1 then begin
  for l=0,n elements(num)-1 do begin
   inda(I) = where(finite(aalta(col(I),row(I),*)), count)
  endfor
  if (n_elements(inda(I)) ge 15) then begin
   dcount=0
   diffa = fltarr(50)
   for k=0.count-2 do begin; Calculate difference between altitude levels
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     dcount = dcount+1
   endfor
   diffa = diffa(0:dcount-1)
    ; Only interested in profiles with altitude differences less than 500 m
   if (max(abs(diffa)) It 500.0) then begin
     ; Calculate potential temperature for ACARS
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     endfor
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Subject: Re: Simplify if statements and for loops inside for loops Posted by Russell[1] on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 22:16:42 GMT

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Just to help your thread stay alive. Again, don't ask people to dissect your code, especially code that is more than 5 lines long. Instead state the data you have, making sure to say the dimensionality, datatype, and give examples (if possible). Then state what you want of your data.

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