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Sincerely,
Morgan

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for k=2,2 do begin
  indexa = where(strmatch(strmid(adatea,0,8),strmid(mdate(k),0,8)) eq 1,num)
  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 criteria
    inda = where(finite(aalta(col,row,*)), count) ; Count number of non-NaN altitudes
    l = 0
  endif else begin
    if num gt 1 then begin
      for l=0,n_elements(num)-1 do begin
        inda(l) = where(finite(aalta(col,l,row,*)), count)
      endfor
      if (n_elements(inda(l)) ge 15 ) then begin
        dcount=0
        diffa = fltarr(50)
        for k=0,count-2 do begin ; Calculate difference between altitude levels
          diffa(k) = aalta(col,row,inda(k+1))-aalta(col,row,inda(k))
          dcount = dcount+1
        endfor
        diffa = diffa(0:dcount-1)
        ; Only interested in profiles with altitude differences less than 500 m
        if (max(abs(diffa)) lt 500.0) then begin
          ; Calculate potential temperature for ACARS
          for m=0,49 do begin
            aThetaa(icount,jcount,m) = PotentialTemperature(apresa(col,row,m), atempa(col,row,m))
          endfor
          icount = icount + 1
        endif
      endif
    endif
  endif
endfor
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endif
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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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On Friday, March 29, 2013 12:07:51 PM UTC-4, morganls...@gmail.com wrote:

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>     endif  
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> endfor
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