
Subject: Array into binary array

Posted by [Oliver Angelil](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 07:51:09 GMT

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Perhaps there is a quick solution which I have not found yet?

Thanks in advance,

Oliver

Subject: Re: Array into binary array

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 08:18:19 GMT

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Hi Oliver,
how about using the FINITE() function (<http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/FINITE.html>).

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IDL> PRINT, FINITE(ALOG(FINDGEN(10)-5.0))
  0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
IDL> help, FINITE(ALOG(FINDGEN(10)-5.0))
<Expression>  BYTE    = Array[10]
IDL> PRINT, ALOG(FINDGEN(10)-5.0)
    -NaN    -NaN    -NaN    -NaN    -NaN    -Inf    0.000000    0.693147
1.09861    1.38629
```

You might then use WHERE to locate the NaN or finite value accordingly.

So, in your case I would use something like this (free to modify):

```
B = BYTARR(4000, 120, 60, 3)
FiniteVals = WHERE(FINITE(A), Count)
IF Count GT 0 THEN B[FiniteVals] = 1B
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Finite will find both NaNs and Inf. Use the appropriate keywords of Finite if you wish to select only one of the two.

Hope it helps.

Regards,
Helder

Subject: Re: Array into binary array
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 08:57:53 GMT
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Then, you can simply write:

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... populate A ...
IDL> B = Finite(A)
use B ...
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alx.

Subject: Re: Array into binary array
Posted by [Oliver Angelil](#) on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 09:08:52 GMT
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is what I wanted. Wow, that was extremely easy. Thanks a lot you two!

Oliver

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