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Subject: improve calculation time  
Posted by [g.nacarts](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2014 18:29:57 GMT  
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Hello

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DIM = make_array(301,301,/DOUBLE)
pval = 0

for i=0, 300 do begin
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    y = round(j + By[i, j])
    if (x lt 301) && (y lt 301) && (x ge 0) && (y ge 0) then begin
      DIM[i,j] = SIM[x, y]
    endif
    pval= pval + (DIM[i,j] - TIM[i, j])^2.
  endfor
endfor
```

Because I repeat the above procedure a lot of times it takes time to run. I noticed that the DIM array it's creating in every single iteration and I supposed that it takes time. I was wondering if I can write it in a different way in order to overwrite it in each iteration instead of delete it and create it all the time. To overwrite it I need to add it into the loop?

Regards,  
Gina

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Subject: Re: improve calculation time  
Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Tue, 08 Jul 2014 20:10:08 GMT  
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On Tuesday, July 8, 2014 2:29:57 PM UTC-4, g.na...@gmail.com wrote:

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I *\*think\** this is what you want. Make sure to double check...

```

SIM = randomu(1, 301, 301)
TIM = randomu(8, 301, 301)
DIM = make_array(301,301,/DOUBLE)
pval = 0
Bx = randomu(5, 301, 301)
By = randomu(2, 301, 301)
x = round(rebin(lindgen(1,301), 301, 301) + Bx)
y = round(transpose(rebin(lindgen(1,301), 301, 301)) + Bx)

```

```
i_sim = where( (x lt 301) and (y lt 301) and (x ge 0) and (y ge 0), n_sim )
if n_sim gt 0 then DIM[i_sim] = SIM[i_sim]

pval = total( (DIM - TIM)^2 )
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Subject: Re: improve calculation time  
Posted by [g.nacarts](#) on Wed, 09 Jul 2014 15:38:48 GMT  
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This part of the code it doesn't make sense to me.

```
i_sim = where( (x lt 301) and (y lt 301) and (x ge 0) and (y ge 0), n_sim )
if n_sim gt 0 then DIM[i_sim] = SIM[i_sim]
```

Does the i\_sim corresponds to SIM that I wrote or it's something different?

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Subject: Re: improve calculation time  
Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Wed, 09 Jul 2014 15:57:53 GMT  
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> Does the i\_sim corresponds to SIM that I wrote or it's something different?

i\_sim is the index values that correspond to  $0 \leq x \leq 300$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 300$ . Assuming x and y form a grid that define the locations of the points in SIM, i\_sim is the indices within SIM that fall within your grid.

In other words SIM[i\_sim] are the values of SIM that fall within the grid points  $0 \leq x \leq 300$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 300$ .

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Subject: Re: improve calculation time  
Posted by [g.nacarts](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2014 09:36:14 GMT  
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I tried to run the code you suggest me and I always get error when I run it. I notice something but I am not sure if this is the problem.

In my code the x and y were: X LONG = 383  
Y LONG = 383  
In your code the x and y are: X LONG = Array[384, 384]  
Y LONG = Array[384, 384]

The error I got is the following:  
Expression must be a scalar or 1 element array in this context: <BYTE Array[384, 384]>.

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Subject: Re: improve calculation time  
Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2014 12:45:59 GMT  
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When I copy and paste what I wrote into IDL, I do not get any errors, so you will have to provide more details.

Also, in my example, I defined X and Y to have 301 elements, not 383. I did this because in your example DIM is 301x301 and both loops go from 0 to 300.

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Subject: Re: improve calculation time  
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I do not get any errors either when I copy and paste what you wrote into IDL. Once I wrote them into my program I got the error. What I wrote is a function that I call afterwards in my procedure and there the error came up. The think that I noticed it make sense to be part of the problem?

X LONG = 300 and X LONG = Array[301, 301] are the same?

I just change the dimensions of my array before. The above are the original one

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Subject: Re: improve calculation time  
Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Thu, 10 Jul 2014 13:46:03 GMT  
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> I just change the dimensions of my array before. The above are the original one

Yes, you will have to alter my example to fit your data.

In my example, X is originally a 301 element array:

```
x = indgen(1,301)
```

In order to add X to Bx and to access SIM and DIM (which are 301x301 arrays), I converted X to a 301x301 array. This allowed me to eliminate FOR loops.

```
x = lindgen(1,301)
x = round(rebin(x, 301, 301) + Bx)
```

The error that you mention usually is a result of comparing an array to a scalar

IDL> if bytarr(348,348) eq 0 then print, 'No Error'  
% Expression must be a scalar or 1 element array in this context: <BYTE     Array[348, 348]>.

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