
Subject: Finding NaNs in arrays - Strange outcome
Posted by [dmfl0590](#) on Sat, 05 Dec 2015 12:02:45 GMT
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Hello

I have a 3D array A (A FLOAT = Array[480, 480, 160]). I wanted to check for NaNs so I had split one 2D array as follows:

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A1 = total(A[0:79, 0:79,25])
A2 = total(A[80:159,80:159,25])
A3 = total(A[160:239,160:239,25])
A4 = total(A[240:319,240:319,25])
A5 = total(A[320:399,320:399,25])
A6 = total(A[400:479,400:479,25])
```

```
print, 'A1', A1
print, 'A2', A2
print, 'A3', A3
print, 'A4', A4
print, 'A5', A5
print, 'A6', A6
```

```
print, 'total',total(A[*,* ,25])
```

```
PRINT, 'sum',A1+A2+A3+A4+A5+A6
```

I got the following print results:

```
A1    682066.
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A3 9.41048e+006
A4 9.07705e+006
A5 1.18558e+007
A6    62705.1
total      NaN
sum 4.62031e+007
```

Why the total(A[*,* ,25]) gave me NaN? Isn't the same thing as the sum?

Can anyone help with this?

Subject: Re: Finding NaNs in arrays - Strange outcome
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 05 Dec 2015 14:38:40 GMT
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The way to find NaNs in arrays is to use the Finite function:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/math_tips/nans.html

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Finding NaNs in arrays - Strange outcome
Posted by [dmfl0590](#) on Sat, 05 Dec 2015 16:16:25 GMT
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I came across with that page. I wanted to understand though with the print total gives me NaN and the print sum a number.

Subject: Re: Finding NaNs in arrays - Strange outcome
Posted by [dmfl0590](#) on Sat, 05 Dec 2015 16:24:28 GMT
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Also, when I tried the FINITE function:

```
PRINT, WHERE(FINITE(A[*],25), /NAN))
```

```
IDL> test  
      -1
```

The -1 doesn't make sense...

Subject: Re: Finding NaNs in arrays - Strange outcome
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 05 Dec 2015 16:46:58 GMT
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Try using the COUNT keyword to the WHERE function. It will make more sense to you. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [dmfl0590](#) on Sat, 05 Dec 2015 18:05:17 GMT
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One more question. The 2D array has dimensions [480,480], so 230400 locations.

IDL>

204035 204036 204516 204517

It seems like it gives me the location of values in A that are NaN in 1D. Is that any way to get those locations in 2D or not?

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Yes, Array_Indices:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/tips/where_to_2d.html

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: Finding NaNs in arrays - Strange outcome
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sat, 05 Dec 2015 21:24:05 GMT
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On Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 7:02:49 AM UTC-5, dmfl...@gmail.com wrote:

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You are not "splitting" the array, but selecting disjoint square regions. For example, suppose
an NaN value is present in the pixel [75,100,25]. This pixel is not included in either A1 or A2.
But it will be included in your total

```
print, 'total',total(A[*,*],25)
```

so it is very plausible that total(A[*,*],25) gives an NaN while A1+A2+A3+A4+A5+A6 does not.

--Wayne

Subject: Re: Finding NaNs in arrays - Strange outcome
Posted by [dmfl0590](#) on Mon, 07 Dec 2015 11:35:47 GMT
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Wayne that was very helpful. I didn't realize that..

Thank you both!
