
Subject: Each time access different part of an array
Posted by [dmfl0590](#) on Thu, 06 Jul 2017 17:44:58 GMT
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Can anyone help with that?

Thanks in advanced.

Subject: Re: Each time access different part of an array
Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Mon, 10 Jul 2017 13:39:24 GMT
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On 07/06/2017 07:44 PM, dmfl0590@gmail.com wrote:

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A=indgen(2435)
dd=ceil(alog2(n_elements(A)))
ll=lonarr(2^dd*2,2)
ll[1,1]=n_elements(A)-1
for j=1,dd do begin & $
  ll[2^j : 2^j*2-1:2,0]=ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,0] & $
  ll[2^j+1:2^j*2-1:2,0]=ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,0] $
    +(ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,1]+1-ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,0])/2 & $
  ll[2^j : 2^j*2-1:2,1]=ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,0] $
    +(ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,1]+1-ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,0])/2-1 & $
  ll[2^j+1:2^j*2-1:2,1]=ll[2^j/2:2^j-1,1] & $
endfor

; just for demonstration purposes print indices
for j=0,5 do print, ll[2^j : 2^j*2-1,*], $
  format='(2'+string(2^j,format='(i0)')+i' $ 
  +string(5*2^(5-j),format='(i0)')+', "+string(10b)+"'))'
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; II can then be used to index A

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a1=A[II[1,0]:II[1,1]]  
a2=A[II[2,0]:II[2,1]]  
a3=A[II[3,0]:II[3,1]]
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I hope that helps, however using the divide & conquer strategy is better done in a lower level language than IDL.

Good luck anyway, Markus

ps: When your array has more than 32767 elements, use
COMPILE_OPT idl2 or COMPILE_OPT DEFINT32
or replace all 2 by 2l
