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Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) **on Fri, 21 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT**

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post a feature request to RSInc. This has been demanded a while ago
already. TOTAL has the option to specify a dimension, so MIN and MAX
should allow this as well.

Martin.

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Try Craig Markwardt's CMAPPLY at
<http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html#cmapply>

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In fact IDL *does* accept loops with 64000 iterations; you just need to

make sure your loop variable is of LONG type, e.g.

```
for i = 0L, 64000L do begin  
  if (i mod 1000L) eq 0L then print, i  
endfor
```

Cheers,
Liam.

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Posted by [Justin Ashmall](#) on Fri, 21 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Sorry for replying to my own message but I was being a bit foolish.
Why not use a LONG as an array counter:

for i=0L,640000L do

Justin

Justin Ashmall <Justin_Ashmall@hotmail.com> wrote in message

news:7i3mt2\$67e\$1@jura.cc.ic.ac.uk...

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Posted by [Evan Fishbein](#) on Sun, 23 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Tom,

I have a routine that finds the max and min over the first index of a multidimension array
using a for loop as you described. You need to make sure that the for loop variable is a long by initializing it to long

The code below takes `x1(n1,n2..nn)` and returns `lu(n2..nn,2)` where `lu(...,0)` are the lowerbounds and `(lu(...1)` are the upperbounds

```
function lubound, x1, ignore=ignore, all=all
;
; calculates the lubounds of elements of x1 have the same 2nd, 3rd...nth
; indices. i.e. bounds by contracting over the first index.
;
if n_elements(all) ne 1 then all=0
if all eq 0 then begin
  x=reform(x1)
end else begin
  x=reform(x1, n_elements(x1))
end
sx=size(x)

if n_elements(ignore) eq 0 then begin
  if sx(0) le 1 then begin
    lub= [min(x), max(x)]
  end else begin
    nx=sx(2+sx(0))/sx(1)
    lub=make_array(nx, 2, type=sx(sx(0)+1) )
    x=reform(x, sx(1), nx)
    for i=0l, nx-1 do begin
      lub(i,:)=[min(x(:,i)), max(x(:,i)) ]
    end
    lub=reform(lub, [sx(2:sx(0)),2] )
  end
end else begin
  if sx(0) le 1 then begin
    ips=where(x ne ignore)
    if ips(0) ge 0 then begin
      lub= [min(x(ips)), max(x(ips))]
    end else begin
      lub=replicate(ignore,2)
    end
  end else begin
    nx=sx(2+sx(0))/sx(1)
```

```

lub=make_array(nx, 2, type=sx(sx(0)+1) )
x=reform(x, sx(1), nx)
for i=0l, nx-1 do begin
  ips=where(x(*,i) ne ignore)
  if ips(0) ge 0 then begin
    lub(i,:)= [min(x(ips,i)), max(x(ips,i))]
  end else begin
    lub(i,:)=replicate(ignore,2)
  end
end
lub=reform(lub, [sx(2:sx(0)), 2] )
end
return, lub
end

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Posted by [Amara Graps](#) on Wed, 26 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Thomas,

Here is another alternative among your choices. I wrote this simple function to mimic Matlab's min function. Just change the occurrences of "min" with "max" and you'll have what you are looking for.

Amara

```
FUNCTION WMMIN, array, ind
;+
;NAME:
;    WMMIN
;
;PURPOSE:
;    To find the minimum elements of an array or matrix. This
;    function works the same way as Matlab's MIN: [y,ind]=min(array)
;
;CATEGORY:
;    Math.

;CALLING SEQUENCE:
;    Result = WMMIN(array, ind)
;
;INPUTS:
;    Array: The data array.
;
;OUTPUTS:
;    Result =
;        WMMIN returns the lowest value of an array, or if the
array
;        is a matrix, it returns the lowest value of each
*column* in
;        the matrix.
;    ind = the index of the lowest value(s).
;
;NOTES: IDL's array indices are one less than Matlab's.
;
;EXAMPLE:
;    >array=[[1,3,2],[6,3,4],[9,1,0]]
;    >print, array
;    1      3      2
;    6      3      4
;    9      1      0
```

```

;      y= WMMIN(array, ind)
;      >print, y
;      1   1   0
;      >print, ind
;      0   2   2
;
;MODIFICATION HISTORY:
;      Amara Graps, BAER, San Francisco, December 1994.
;      Amara Graps, Multiplex Answers, Heidelberg, April 1999.
;      Modified to handle "degenerate" matrices (0 length in one
dimen)
;-
array = REFORM(array) ;eliminates the "degenerate" dimension(s)

t = SIZE(array)

IF t(0) eq 1 THEN BEGIN
    ;1D array
    minval = MIN(array)
    ind = !c
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
    ;Matrix
    numcol = t(1)      ;number of columns
    numrow=t(2)        ;number of rows

    minval = FLTARR(numcol)
    ind = FLTARR(numcol)

    ;Step through the cols, and find the mins of the columns
    ;(the way Matlab does it)
    FOR i = 0L, numcol-1 DO BEGIN
        tt = array(i,*)
        minval(i) = MIN(tt)
        ind(i) = !c

    END    ;i

ENDELSE

!c = 0
RETURN, minval
END
*****
,
--



*****
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"Never fight an inanimate object." - P. J. O'Rourke
