
Subject: Re: avoiding for loop when calculating median
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Oops! I wrote:

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> I assume that mat is an idim x jdim array. mat(cnt,*) gives the elements  
> no. cnt, cnth+idim, cnth+2*idim etc., I guess it's easier to use  
> mat2=reform(mat), so all the elements are in line.
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Don't know why I wrote REFORM here, it's TRANSPOSE.
I just tested this with an 5000x5000 float array, there is a HUGE
difference in the execution time.

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> Another idea:  
>  
> index = lindgen( jdim )  
> for cnt = 0, idim-1 do begin  
>   calcmedian(cnt) = median( mat2(cnt*jdim+index) )  
> end
```

Forget this. I thought this were a good idea, but it actually slows down
the calculation.

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