
Subject: Re: Assignment, Form 5 (what they didn't tell you in the manuals)

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In article <36534151.3A3E@bigfoot.com> David Ritscher
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> Today's matrix subscripting puzzler:
> I'm noting that there are some extra rules governing assignment
> statements where the right side contains subscripting expressions in
> more than one of the dimensions of a matrix. Given a 3-D array,
> array(indgen(5), indgen(5), indgen(5)) yields a 5-element vector
> array(indgen(5), 0, indgen(5)) yields a 5 x 1 x 5 matrix
>
> I'm trying to create an index that allows me to extract vectors of
> information from a matrix that has been stored. Here is a simple
> example of the form of what I'm trying to extract. The matrix 'index'
> will put the matrix into the order I want.
>
> threeD = indgen(3,4,5)
> twoD = indgen(3,5)
> index = [[indgen(15) mod 3], [indgen(15) / 3]]
> [..]
```

I'm not 100% sure I understand exactly what you want, so let me rephrase the problem: Your 2d data is `lindgen(m,o)`, and your 3d data is `lindgen(m,n,o)`. You rearrange your 2d data into a vector according to the one-dimensional index value, and you want to arrange corresponding 2d slices `(*,j,*)` of your 3d data into vectors, and stack them into an array that's `lonarr(m*o,n)` ?

Isn't this best solved with TRANSPOSE (which has gotten some new functionality since I learned it):

```
out = reform(transpose(threed,[0,2,1]),m*o,n)
```

?

As I said, I may have misunderstood your question, but if I haven't, I believe this is the answer...

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