
Subject: Re: Array subscript question

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"J.D. Smith" wrote:

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> "Kenneth P. Bowman" wrote:

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>> Can someone explain this behavior to me? I can't find anything in the
>> documentation that states that repeated subscripts are handled
>> differently.

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>> IDL> a = FINDGEN(5)

>> IDL> i = [1, 2, 3]

>> IDL> a[i] = a[i] + 10.0

>> IDL> PRINT, a

>> 0.00000 11.0000 12.0000 13.0000 4.00000

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>> This is the behavior I expect.

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>> IDL> a = FINDGEN(5)

>> IDL> i = [2, 2, 2]

>> IDL> a[i] = a[i] + 10.0

>> IDL> PRINT, a

>> 0.00000 1.00000 12.0000 3.00000 4.00000

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>> Why does it only do the operation *once* when

>> IDL> HELP, a[i]

>> <Expression> FLOAT = Array[3]

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>> IDL> a = FINDGEN(5)

>> IDL> i = [2, 2, 2]

>> IDL> a[i] = a[i] + [10.0, 10.0, 10.0]

>> IDL> PRINT, a

>> 0.00000 1.00000 12.0000 3.00000 4.00000

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> A fast solution (better than loops in many cases), is listed in the manual using
> the histogram function (everyone's favorite), though it works for integer (long
> or otherwise) types only.

Actually, that's not really true. The sun is out and temporarily incapacitated
by reasoning abilities.

As long as your i vector is >=0 and <n_elements(A), you can do:

a=a+histogram(i,MIN=0,MAX=n_elements(a)-1)*10.

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