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Andrew wrote:

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>
> In article <3A0FA91A.7BEE1D07@dkrz.de>,
>   Martin Schultz <martin.schultz@dkrz.de> wrote:
>>
>> FUNCTION pred, x
>>   RETURN, x-1
>> END
>> FUNCTION succ, x
>>   RETURN, x+1
>> END
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>
> Thanks, Martin. I take that as a "no", though.
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> I was thinking of a general, built-in (thus fast),
> function that returns the successor or predecessor
> of any ordinal variable.
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> I knew I could write x-1, etc.. :-)
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Well, the point is that `x-1` already is quite fast because IDL is array oriented. I'm not sure whether you could gain anything significant by having this as a builtin function.

Cheers,
Martin

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