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Subject: Re: FOR statement

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Eli Beckerman wrote:

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> I just tried running a FOR loop in the hopes
> of incrementing the variable "i" by steps of 0.25 as follows:
>
> radius=fltarr(1000)
> FOR i=0.0, 100.0, 0.25 DO BEGIN
>
>   radius(i)=i
>
> ENDFOR
>
> And what I end up with is an array that starts
> with the value 0.75 and is incremented by steps of 1.
>
> I'm following the convention of the FOR statement as
> presented in IDL's online help. What am I doing wrong?!
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You are using I as both an array index and a loop variable. This is not a good idea.

Try this instead:

```
nx = 1000    ; number of values required
dx = 0.25    ; step size
x1 = 0.0     ; start value
```

```
radius = lindgen(nx) * dx + x1
```

```
print, radius[0:5]
```

Bottom line: Don't use loops to create mesh vectors or arrays.

Cheers,

Liam.

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