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Subject: Re: Matrix filling methods?  
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Andy Nicholas (nicholas@dsuap1) wrote:

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:   I'm trying to speed up some code and hence I am trying  
:   to get rid of some FOR loops. I need to fill a 2-d square  
:   matrix. The values above the diagonal are given by one  
:   formula while those values below the diagonal are given  
:   by another. this is how i currently fill the matrix:  
  
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:   for i=0,n-1 do begin  
:       Matrix(i:*,i-1) = x(i-1)/x(k:*)  
:       Matrix(i-1,i:*) = y(k:*)/y(k-1)  
:   endfor  
:   diag=findgen(n)  
:   Matrix(diag,diag)=z(diag)  
  
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:   Does anyone know of a way to speed this up? Maybe a where to find the  
:   matrix elements above the diagonal and one for below?  
:       Any help is greatly appreciated,  
:           Thanks,  
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This should be no problem provied you have enough memory for several arrays of size n. Here is the way I'd do it:

```
l = lindgen(n,n)  
lc = l mod n  
lr = l / n  
  
upper = lc gt lr  
lower = lc lt lr  
  
Matrix = fltarr(n,n)  
matrix(upper) = ...  
matrix(lower) = ...
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If you need to include the diagonal then just replace gt or lt with ge or le

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"If all else fails--read the instructions!"

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