Subject: Re: IDL as programming language? Posted by scisoft on Sat, 10 Sep 1994 03:42:28 GMT

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Beau Paisley (harmonic@world.std.com) wrote:

- : In article <34fhs7\$ak8@nkosi.well.com>,
- : Mike Boucher <scisoft@well.sf.ca.us> wrote:

- : >Another alternative is the IDL and PV-Wave interface to the optimized and
- : >parallelized math library that our company sells.
- : I would be interested in seeing your timings. To date we haven't
- : seen any of the "matrix languages", (i.e. IDL, MATLAB, Gauss, etc.) that
- : do matrix multiplication faster than O-Matrix.

Our product is primarily a FORTRAN- or C-callable library of math subroutines, so I cannot claim to have the same flexibility of the matrix languages such as IDL or O-Matrix. As for speed, we tend to run BLAS2 in the 15-25 mflop range and BLAS3 in the 25-35 mflop range on a single CPU, up to 150+ mflops for some of the more important subroutines like matrix multiply on a four-CPU system.