
Subject: Re: Automatic truncation of trailing dimension.....

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2001 01:05:12 GMT

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"Pavel A. Romashkin" wrote:

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>
> Oh, of course should be
>
> s = size(x)
> help, reform(x[*,*],1), s[1], 1)
>
> Duh!
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>
> "Pavel A. Romashkin" wrote:
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>>
>> Of course,
>>
>> s = size(x)
>> help, reform(x, s[1], 1)
```

Dear Pavel,

I have the same problems as you.

Therefore I have written a set routine this is attached.

If RSI won't change the state of removing last dimension 1 I like to have a compile option to extend these rule.

Everytime I have defined a three dimensional data set e.g. O3 in LAT and LON and 1 time the time is missing and this gives problems if I write HDF or netCDF datafiles or if I like to concatenate on the last dimension.

This was one of the reasons I have written dref and set.

It is so terrible if I have once changed my variable by reform and then all is lost if I initialize another variable like a=b then a is wrong while b is ok.

regards

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a IDL library at Forschungszentrum Juelich

http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg1/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html

<http://www.fz-juelich.de/zb/text/publikation/juel3786.html>

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read something about linux / windows

<http://www.suse.de/de/news/hotnews/MS.html>

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; NAME:

; set

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; PURPOSE:

; This functions dereferences pointers. If last dimension is 1 this is returned and not the

; standard IDL Array without last dimension 1.

; If value is a array of pointer the values are concatenated by concatenate_arrays at the last
dimension

; If value isn't a pointer this value is returned but with the right dimensions.

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; CATEGORY:

; PROG_TOOLS

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; CALLING SEQUENCE:

; result=set(value,[/free])

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; INPUTS:

; value: the pointer to exchange to it's value

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; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
; free: if set the pointer is purged from memory
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; PROCEDURE:
; This routine should be used if it could be possible that's a value is a value or a pointer
; of the value. In difference to the idl dereference operator * this routine returns the
; right dimensions back if last dimension are 1.
; This function returns concatenated array values if a vector of pointer is submitted.
; Therefore the dimensions should be conform to do this.
;
; EXAMPLE:
; a=10
; help,set(a) & print,set(a,/free)
; A      INT      =      10
; 10
;
;
; a=ptr_new(10)
; help,set(a) & print,set(a,/free)
; A      INT      =      10
; 10
;
;
; a=reform(indgen(10),10,1)
; X=set(a)
; y=a
; help,set(a) & print,set(a,/free) & help, x & help,y
; A      INT      = Array[10, 1]
; 0      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9
; X      INT      = Array[10,1]
; Y      INT      = Array[10]
;
;
; a=ptr_new(reform(indgen(10),10,1))
; X=set(a)
; Y=a
; help,set(a) & print,set(a,/free) & help, x & help,y
; A      INT      = Array[10, 1]
; 0      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9
; X      INT      = Array[10, 1]
; Y      POINTER  = <PtrHeapVar1388>
;
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:

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;   Written by:   R.Bauer (ICG-1), 2000-Jul-09
;   2001-11-18 : feature with last dimension eq 1 added
;               : feature concatenate_arrays added: always on last dimension concatenation is done
;               : feature added : if value is no pointer this value is returned with the right dimensions
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FUNCTION set,value,free=free,_extra=p_key
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  IF SIZE(value[0],/TName) EQ 'POINTER' THEN BEGIN
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    n_ptr=SIZE(value,/N_ELEMENTS)
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    sz=SIZE(*value,/struct)
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    IF sz.n_dimensions LE 1 THEN BEGIN
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      IF N_ELEMENTS(result) EQ 0 THEN result=(*value)
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    ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
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      IF sz.dimensions[sz.n_dimensions-1] EQ 1 THEN BEGIN
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```
        IF N_ELEMENTS(result) EQ 0 THEN
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```
result=REFORM((*value),sz.dimensions[0:sz.n_dimensions-1])
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```
        ENDIF ELSE IF N_ELEMENTS(result) EQ 0 THEN result=(*value)
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    ENDELSE
```

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    IF KEYWORD_SET(free) THEN PTR_FREE,value
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  RETURN,result
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```
  ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
```

```
    sz=SIZE(value,/struct)
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    IF sz.n_dimensions GE 2 THEN IF sz.dimensions[sz.n_dimensions-1] EQ 1 THEN BEGIN
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```
      RETURN,REFORM(value,sz.dimensions[0:sz.n_dimensions-1])
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```
    ENDIF ELSE RETURN,value
```

```
    RETURN,value
```

```
  ENDELSE
```

```
END
```

File Attachments

1) [set.pro](#), downloaded 128 times
