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Subject: Re: Finding the mean of a set of images  
Posted by [mfeldt](#) on Mon, 28 Oct 2002 09:06:48 GMT  
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Hi Dave,

it's not easy to find an entirely array based solution for this.  
for me, i found that it helps a great deal in speed if i collapse the  
cube to two dimensions and then have a loop run over only \*one\*  
dimension (instead of two nested loops, which are really slow in  
idl). the additional advantage is, that in this context you can do  
all sorts of things to your cube besides mean and sd - like median,  
certain percentiles, etc...

looks somewhat like this:

```
InArr = fltarr(sx, sy, n) ; this is the input array
OutArr = fltarr(sx*sy)
UseArr = reform(InArr, sx*sy, n)
for i=0l, sx*sy-1 do $
  OutArr[i]=median(InArr[i,*]) ; in this case, computes the median
                                ; can stuff other operations here
OutArr=reform(OutArr,sx,sy,/over)
```

have fun with it ....

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> Hello outthere,

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> I know this topic was up before, but all I could find in the list was to

> go for CALL\_EXTERNAL and use a FORTRAN etc. program. Here's my problem:

> Does anyone have an algorithm for finding the mean/standard deviation etc  
> at each pixel position for a set of equal size 2-D images? Currently the  
> only way I have to do this is to extract all the values for a given  
> pixel position into a 1-D array and find the mean/standard deviation etc  
> on that. Doing it pixel by pixel like this is inefficient in IDL so I am  
> looking for an \*array\* based algorithm that would find all  
> the mean/standard deviation etc in parallel.  
> Any pros so far in IDL for this problem?..or a decent fortran or C program?  
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> Cheers...  
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