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Subject: Re: 3D-coordinates of index returned MAX()  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Sun, 06 Apr 2003 20:28:38 GMT  
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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:MPG.18fa35faf111256f989b36@news.frii.com...

> Here is a reference:

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> [http://www.dfanning.com/tips/where\\_to\\_2d.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/where_to_2d.html)

Noting that the wheretomulti routine referred to on that page...

[http://www.dfanning.com/tip\\_examples/wheretomulti.pro](http://www.dfanning.com/tip_examples/wheretomulti.pro)

...handles only 2D and 3D arrays, I wrote a version to handle any array  
dimensionality. I called it MGH\_INDND (heaven knows why). Source code is  
included below my sig and there is (or will be) a copy included in the  
Motley library @

<http://www.dfanning.com/hadfield/README.html>

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--- mgh\_indn.pro ---

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; NAME:
;   MGH_INDND
;
; PURPOSE:
;   Convert a 1-D array index (as returned, for example, by the
;   WHERE function) to an n-dimensional index
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
;   result = MGH_INDND(ind1, dim)
;
; POSITIONAL PARAMETERS:
;   ind1 (input, compulsory, integer, scalar)
;     1-D array index
;
;   dim (input, compulsory, integer, vector)
;     Dimensions of array for which n-dimensional index is required.
;
; RETURN VALUE:
;   The function returns an integer vector, with the same number of
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; elements as the dim argument, containing indices into the
; multi-dimensional array.
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; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; Mark Hadfield, 2003-02:
; Written.
;-
function mgh_indn, ind1, dim

    compile_opt DEFINT32
    compile_opt STRICTARR

    if n_elements(ind1) ne 1 then $
        message, 'A single 1-D index is required'

    if n_elements(dim) eq 0 then $
        message, 'A list of dimensions is required'

    n_dim = n_elements(dim)

    result = lonarr(n_dim)

    n = ind1

    for i=0,n_dim-1 do begin

        result[i] = n mod dim[i]

        n = n / dim[i]

    endfor

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if n gt 0 then $  
    message, 'There"s some left over!"
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return, result
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end
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