Subject: Re: IDL function randperm?
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In article <Amara.Graps-2008031259130001@amaramac.ifsi.rm.cnr.it>,
Amara.Graps@ifsi.rm.cnr.it (Amara Graps) wrote:

> Greetings!
>
> I wonder if any of you have an IDL function that gives a
> random permutation of an array index, or know of a
> straightforward way to compute it?
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> In Matlab such a function is called "randperm(n)"
> where n is the length of the array.
>
> For example, if one gives the integer 8, then it returns
> a length 8 integer array with values 0 to 7, randomly permutated.
>
> It is not as simple as it sounds, since the indices are unique.
> I tried variations of randomly SHIFT'g indices from INDGEN()
> with a random number generator, and the values were not
> 'jumbled' satisfactorily.
>
> Thanks in advance for any answer!
> Amara

If I understand your question, you can just generate n uniform random
variables and then sort the result.

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IDL> x = LINDGEN(10)
IDL> y = RANDOMU(dseed, 10)
IDL> print, x
       0       1       2       3       4       5
6       7
       8       9
IDL> print, y
    0.138249    0.0700486     0.310873     0.610514     0.332400
0.135694     0.975024
    0.370555     0.763737    0.0268037
IDL> z = x[SORT(y)]
IDL> print, z
       9       1       5       0       2       4
7       3
       8       6
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