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Subject: Re: For loops vs. matrix operations

Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Wed, 17 Dec 2003 23:52:51 GMT

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Alex Schuster wrote:

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- > Matricyzation should always save time, especially if you have small
- > inner loops. I also think this makes the code more readable and
- > universal.

Usually, yes, but some of the things you have to do in IDL to get reasonable speed by avoiding the use of loops are extremely un-readable. I think most of the arcane uses of HISTOGRAM, for instance, fall into this category.

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