Subject: Re: Q: Indexing arrays with variable # dimensions
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In article <40civl$neh@korfu.igd.fhg.de>, Tim Purschke <purschke> writes:
> i want to index an array with a number of dimensions that is not known
> until runtime.
> Creation of array:
> a = intarr(dimsize^dimnumber)
> dimidx = intarr(dimnumber) + dimsize
> a = reform(a, dimidx)
>
> Now i want to set an element of a to a certain value.
> eg. a(3,2,4,3) = 7 (for dimnumber = 4)
>
> how can i store this index list to make the asignment work?
> i've tried idx=[3,2,4,3] & a(idx) =7 but this of course does not work.

IDL lets one address multi-dimensional arrays as single-dimension arrays.
Thus, I think this is right:

idx = 3*dimsize^3 + 4*dimsize^2 + 2*dimsize + 3
a(idx) = 7

This can obviously be generalized if your array is not a hypercube, i.e. all of
the dimensions are not the same.

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