
Subject: Re: zero-padding an array of arbitrary dimensionality (replacing execute in vm)

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Vince,

```
data=fltarr(43,45,23,12) ; <-- arbitrary
data[1,1,1,1]=1000. ; <-- so we know we get the right answer
```

```
tmp=size(data)
tmp=tmp[1:tmp[0]]
idx=1
for i=0,n_elements(tmp)-2 do idx=idx+product(tmp[0:i])
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print,data[idx] ; We get element [1,1,1,1]
```

Helpful?

Probably doesn't work for 1D arrays.

Thanks,

Allan

hradilv wrote:

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> I would like to zero-pad an array programmatically without knowing in
> advance what the dimensionality is of the array.
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> For example, in 2D, for data = some fltarr (31,31) I could do
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> dims = size(data,/dimensions)
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> zpad = fltarr(dims[0]+1,dims[1]+1)
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> zpad[1,1] = data
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> For arb. dimensionality I have:
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> dsize = size(data)
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> ndim = dsize[0]
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> dim = dsize[1:ndim]
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> dtmp = make_array(dim+2,value=0,type=dsize[ndim+1])
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> cmd = 'dtmp['
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> for n=0L, ndim-1 do cmd = cmd+'1,'
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> cmd = strmid(cmd,0,strlen(cmd)-1)+'']=data'
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> result = execute(cmd)
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> But this won't work in the vm. So I need to somehow figure out the
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> position of the [1,1,1,...] index for an arbitrary dimensionality.
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> Clear enough? TIA!
> Vince
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