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Subject: Re: simple vectorizing problem

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dpm314 writes:

> I have these image arrays and need to perform several functions on  
> them which return a scalar (or a 6 element array) for each image in a  
> large stack. Is there \*in general\* a way to do something like:  
>  
> results = fltarr(num\_images)  
> results = myFuncThatDoesSomeAnalysis(image)  
> ;now results holds an array of scalars for the result of  
> myFuncThatDoesSomeAnalysis() on each image  
>  
> without either using a loop here or inside the analysis function  
> iterating over each frame in the image?

I still don't have a good idea about what you are asking for,  
but I suspect now it is because I have never worked with  
a modern language. This must be something you can do in  
C##.

But, I do have a great deal of confidence in saying that  
in general (depending, of course, on what exactly  
myFuncThatDoesSomeAnalysis actually \*does\*) that you  
are going to need a loop \*somewhere\*.

IDL is \*not\* a modern language. It's near 25 years old.  
And while it has a few tricks up its sleeve, it still has  
more similarities to BASIC and FORTRAN than to C++.

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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