
Subject: Re: simple vectorizing problem

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Looks like the memory allocation overhead associated with vectorization is worse than looping:

vectorization 1 time: 5.0360808 s

vectorization 2 time: 4.8453941 s

looping itme: 4.0875931 s

The vectorization performances become comparitvely worse as the array grows (both reform() and total() create temporary, large arrays).

chris

pro test

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nimage = 1500
```

```
im = fltarr(512,512,nimage)
```

```
t0 = systime(/seconds)
```

```
mean=total(reform(im,512L*512L, nimage), 1)/(512.*512)
```

```
t1=systime(/seconds)
```

```
mean=total(total(im,1),1)/(512.*512.)
```

```
t2 = systime(/seconds)
```

```
for i=0, nimage-1, 1 do $
```

```
  mean[i]=total(im[*,* ,i])/(512.*512)
```

```
t3=systime(/seconds)
```

```
print, t1-t0
```

```
print, t2-t1
```

```
print, t3-t2
```

```
end
```
