
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

```
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
```
