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Subject: Re: Avoiding a FOR loop in calculation of SPH potential energy

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i've been reading through this discussion group and one thing i see often is that you can vectorize a FOR loop to avoid it. so my code would be something like:

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u = 1 + bytarr(pn)
dx = u#s.x
dy = u#s.y
dz = u#s.z
for i = 0L, pn-1 do dx[0, i] = dx[* , i] - s.x
for i = 0L, pn-1 do dy[0, i] = dy[* , i] - s.y
for i = 0L, pn-1 do dz[0, i] = dz[* , i] - s.z
d = sqrt(dx^2+dy^2+dz^2)
print,'calculated all ds?'
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but i'm not able to allocate that much memory for 100k particles and i wouldn't know how to do the proper potential energy calculation that way either since not all particles are the same mass.

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