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Subject: Re: Padding arrays - vector subscripts not working

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On Jul 2, 3:45 pm, James <donje...@gmail.com> wrote:

> By the way, I would like my final program to work on arrays with any  
> number of dimensions, so I'd rather avoid a kludge like `X[diff[0],  
> diff[1], diff[2]] = Y`.

As I wrote above, `X[diff[0],diff[1],diff[2]]` is not the same as `X[diff]`. What you seem to want is the equivalent of `X[diff[0], diff[1], diff[2]] = Y`, but working for any number of dimensions. That is, assign the elements of Y to a contiguous piece of X that starts at some location you calculate with the N-dimensional indexes. So it is just a matter of converting from those N indexes to a 1D index of that element:

```
IDL> strides=[1L,product(size(x,/dimensions),/integer,/cumulative )]  
IDL> start_index=total(strides*diff,/integer)
```

Then you can do `X[start_index]=Y`

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