Subject: Re: Optimization Question: Sum at each element of array
Posted by James[2] on Tue, 15 Feb 2011 20:15:30 GMT
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On Feb 14, 9:58 pm, Charles Steinhardt <charles.steinha...@ipmu.jp>
wrote:
> Hello,
>
> I'm trying to optimize the following:
>
> for i=0, 100 do begin
> y = y + myfunc(x, x + sigma * (i-50)/10.0, P[2]*myfunc2(x + sigma
> * (i-50)/10.0), sigma)
> endfor
>
> Here, x, y, and sigma are arrays of the same cardinality. I know the
> for loop is slow in IDL compared to array operations, but I'm having
> problems finding a faster way to do this. Is it really faster to make
> an array of findgen(101) and then do some sort of summation over
> that?
>
> I'm hoping somebody has run into this before - I'd appreciate any
> advice you have!
>
> Thank you,
>
> -Charles

One simple optimization step is to replace:

```
y = y + (blahblahblah...)
```

with

```
y += (blahblahblah...)
```

This avoids making IDL acquire memory each iteration to store the
result of y + (blahblahblah...).