
Subject: Re: Another "IDL way to do this" question
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 18:26:03 GMT
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On 11/9/11 11:48 AM, Brian Wolven wrote:

> Aha! That was a routine I'd used in code prior to the 1998-1999 time frame when INTERPOL was modified, so that is good to know.

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> Thank *you*! (and David...)

Since the creation of VALUE_LOCATE, it should be much faster than a hand-coded binary search... in my code (which I'm working on modifying for the general case) I use the following two lines to efficiently get the fractional index:

```
u_in_x_low = value_locate(x, u)
xfrac = (u - x[u_in_x_low]) / (x[u_in_x_low+1] - x[u_in_x_low])
```

(the fractional index is then `u_in_x_low+xfrac`)

-Jeremy.
