Subject: recursive routine

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Hi,

I am having a hard time to figure out how to write a recursive routine for the case below.

I have 2 arrays of similar size that contain integers.

For the value 2 of A:

- (a) I want to find the corresponding elements of B, B[i].
- (b) Then, I search for the values of A that are equal to the B[i] values found in step (a)
- (c) repeat step (a) with new A values and so on

Example:

A = [2, 7, 6, 2, 0]

B = [6, 3, 1, 4, 6]

- (a) A[0] and A [3] have value $2 \Rightarrow$ the corresponding B elements are B[0]=6 and B[3]=4
- (b) the value 4 is not found in A
- (b) the value 6 is found in A: A[2]=1
- (c) value 1 does not exist in B

I could easily write the algorithm in this simple example (using the where function), but cannot make it work with much larger arrays in case of N "levels", i.e. all the steps have to be repeated N times because several elements match the condition at each step.

I guess that I should use a recursive routine... (?)

Any help much appreciated! Thanks