
Subject: Re: REFORM: new subscripts must not change the number elements in array

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On Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:46:52 PM UTC+1, g.na...@gmail.com wrote:

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> I didn't understand the logic of this reform(a, 100l, 200l*2l).
> If instead of A=[200,200] we have A=[216,216] and we want 120x(216x216) then this is written
as reform(a, 120l, 216l*2l). Is that correct?
>
> I am trying to understand how you end up with reform(a, 100l, 200l*2l). Because when I typed
this
> a = randomu(s, 216,216)
> help, reform(a, 120l, 216l*2l,/overwrite)
> I got the same error "REFORM: New subscripts must not change the number elements in A."
```

Look, it's getting difficult to help if the cards keep on changing.

Did you see my last message? You can do the same thing without using reform(), because I think you have not read the documentation of the reform command.

```
xSize = 216
ySize = 216
nImages = 120
finalArray = fltarr(xSize,ySize,nImages)
for i=0, nImages-1 do begin
    ;generate the array
    a = randomu(s,xSize,ySize)
    ;put it in the final array
    finalArray[0,0,i] = a
endfor
```

I didn't use the reform. For your information this:

```
finalArray[0,0,i] = a
is the same as this:
finalArray[*,* ,i] = a
Just a bit faster.
```

As an example, try this:

```
test = fltarr(3,3,5)
print, test
ones = fltarr(3,3)+1.0
test[0,0,2] = ones
print, test
```

Test contains 5 "images" of 3x3 pixels. When you first print it, you will see 5 images with zeros in each pixel. After

```
test[0,0,2] = ones
```

you will find that the third image is filled with ones.

I think this is described here:

http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/Array_Subscript_Ranges.html
in the section "Avoid using range subscripts for assignment".

Cheers,
Helder
