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Subject: Re: Generating a grid in the 3D,4D,5D...N space -

Advice/Combinatory/Matrices

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On 11/13/2017 03:50 PM, clement.feller@obspm.fr wrote:

> I coming back to you for some advice on how to properly generate a grid in an N-D space. I hope that this expression is the proper one in english, but in any case, let me illustrate this by the following exemple:

```
>> a = indgen(3,3) & print, a
```

```
> 0 1 2
```

```
> 3 4 5
```

```
> 6 7 8
```

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```

> What I am looking for would be to find the clean and proper IDL way to generate the following sets of combinations:

```
> 0,1,2
```

```
> 0,1,5
```

```
> 0,1,8
```

```
> 0,4,2
```

```
> 0,4,5
```

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> .....
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> .....
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```
> 6,7,2
```

```
> 6,7,5
```

```
> 6,7,8
```

```
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```

> Now, I have found ways to do this for a 2D,3D,4D,5D space with either nested loops (yuck! I know), or with combinations of rebin, reform and transpose.

> I've been successfully using those solutions for several weeks, yet I wonder on how to expand this to a general case and in the proper IDL way.

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> [...]
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```

> I've playing around with nested indgen, looking for a repetitive motive from the 2D to the 5D space when using rebin, reform, transpose to assemble a generic command. But nothing much so far....

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```

> Does anybody out there already had a go with such problem before or any advice ?  
is this what you are looking for ?

```
array=lindgen(n,long(n)^n)
```

```
for k=0,n-1 do array[k,*]= $
```

```
    rebin((n*lindgen(n^(k+1))+k) mod (n^2),long(n)^n,/sample)
```

Markus

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