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In article <7t9v2m\$lf5\$1@almendralejo.unex.es>,

> Hello!

> I'm having some trouble with PCOMP function, which is used to perform
> Principal Component Analysis. I have 8 different values associated with each
> pixel of a 791x1128 image. This is a lot of information, and I want to
> reduce it by PCA. My questions are:
> 1) How do I allocate this information to apply the PCOMP function? The input
> to the function must be an NxM array.
> 2) This function seems to be very slow. I have tried applying the function
> to a 256x256 array and it took it almost two hours in a Pentium 200 MHz with
> 64Mb RAM. Is this normal?
> Many thanks in advance...
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I have never used PCOMP in IDL, but what I know from Principal component analysis suggests to me that you should assign the number of variables (8 in your case) to M and the values to N. You will have to treat your array as a vector, e.g. by converting it as follows:

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s = size(data)
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vector = reform(data,s*s)
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Or if you have IDL 5.2 and your data already stored as array(8,791,1128):

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s = size(data,./DIMENSIONS)
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pcarr = reform(data,8,s*s[2])
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Hope this helps a little.

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