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Posted by Liam Gumley on Sat, 20 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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Subject: Re: FORTRAN to IDL translation
Posted by Michael Asten on Tue, 23 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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I was faced with a similar task when I needed a procedure to compute modified
bessel functions of complex argument - idl routines happily accept a complex
argument, but only operate on the real part (*#!). In the end I did a
line-for-line translation from fortran and found it quite straightforward, since
idl allows horrible programming features common in F77 such as goto statements
and line-labels. Without optimising loops, I found that the speed comparison on
the maths was
fortran : idl = 3 : 11 seconds.

The big challenge is likely to be the rewrite to take advantage of array
processing - good luck.

Regards,
Michael Asten

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