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Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 25 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Have you ever read Pablo Neruda's The Book of Questions?
Fabulous. Here is an example.

Whom can I ask what I came
to make happen in this world?

Why do I move without wanting to,
why am I not able to sit still?

Why do I go rolling without wheels,
flying without wings or feathers,

and why did I decide to migrate
if my bones live in Chile?

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Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I'll bet *those* questions take
Craig longer than five minutes to answer. :-)

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> There you go! This is a speedy devil on my machine.

It sure is! I put your code into my code, and the running time went from 3.66 seconds <ahem> down to 0.15 seconds for each 512x512 image. It took a 2700x2700 'image' to make your code take 3.6 seconds!

Todd

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How about this solution. It's not a one-liner, and it uses two loops, but remember loops are not always bad if you can do a lot of work inside one iteration. This one makes $NX+NY-1$ iterations.

```
:: Set up the problem with some fake data, a NX x NY array
nx = 4 & ny = 3 & mm = indgen(nx, ny)

:: Output array
tt = fltarr(nx+ny-1)

:: Do the work
ll = lindgen(nx>ny)
for i = 0, ny-1 do tt(i) = total((mm(0+ll,i-ll))(0:i<(nx-1)))
for i = 1, nx-1 do tt(i+ny-1) = total((mm(i+ll,ny-1-ll))(0:(nx-1-i)<(ny-1)))
```

For the gobledy-gook impaired, first note that the two loops march down the left side of the array and then across the bottom, respectively. Second, I'm using array indexing along two dimensions simultaneously. The expression, $mm(0+ll,i-ll)$, is the actual diagonal of interest. The bit at the end of the expression, $(0:i<(nx-1))$, is used to trim off the end, which may contain the wrong data if the array is not square.

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Good luck,
Craig

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Subject: Re: Sum along diagonals
Posted by [jph](#) on Sat, 26 Aug 2000 02:28:10 GMT
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I hope you folks realize you are using the wrong language for this sort of thing. :-) To see what a *real*

array language does with this, look at the "J" solution
(J's a sort of APL in ASCII: <http://www.jsoftware.com/>)

NB. define a 4x4 matrix:

```
M=. i. 4 4
```

NB. display it:

```
M
0 1 2 3
4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15
```

NB. sum the diagonals:

```
+//. M
0 5 15 30 30 25 15
```

NB. Yes, that's it: +//. is the code!

NB. It doesn't have to be square:

```
M=. i. 4 6
M
0 1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23
+//. M
0 7 21 42 46 50 48 39 23
```

I know, it's got nothing to do with IDL, but I couldn't resist. Actually, I use J to compute things & IDL to display the results....

J. Patrick Harrington

In article <mole6e23-2508001450050001@checont6.ucsd.edu>, mole6e23@hotmail.com (Todd Clements)

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>
```

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Posted by [davidf](#) on Sun, 27 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Craig Markwardt (craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu) writes:

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Well done! :-)

I can foresee archeologists in the future digging up transcripts of the IDL newsgroup archives and wondering, "Who *were* those guys!"

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Nuggets of wisdom from the ages... Not answers to every question, but then again we must leave some mystery for the new people.

Craig

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> display: the image;

Oops, that's a syntax error. Unfortunately the IDL-ku form is overburdened with commas.

Craig

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Can he write a Stein-Vidar emulator in IDL? Or maybe David could write a
Craig emulator?

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Craig, pleeeaaase post these on your web page! They are great!

Martin

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