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Subject: Array index for arrays

Posted by [the\\_cacc](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2001 13:18:02 GMT

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z=indgen(4,4)
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ix=[0,1]
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help,z[ix,ix]
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<Expression>  INT      = Array[2]
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Not what I expected !?!

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Subject: Re: Array index for arrays

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2001 16:16:12 GMT

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air\_jlin@yahoo.com (Johnny Lin) writes:

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> Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote in message
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> news:<onr8qb6ok2.fsf@cow.physics.wisc.edu>...
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>> [...]
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>> Yes, this has burned me a couple of times. The short answer is that
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>> when you combine two or more "index lists", then they are treated as
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>> one-for-one coordinate lists. What you want can be achieved in two
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>> separate indexing steps:
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> but how come adding a third "*" dimension gives something you would
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> expect?
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The special behavior only shows up when all of the dimensions are indexed by arrays. If even one dimension is indexed by a scalar number or A:B index range, then you will get the "standard" behavior.

Craig

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