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Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Mon, 18 Aug 2003 11:51:22 GMT
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The wayyyy simplest, for me, (and ugly as hell) was to write a
stand-alone fortran program, and communicate via files. The fortran
program was called using the spawn command.

Ugly, but worked quickly.

Mirko

Subject: Re: Solving elliptic equation in IDL
Posted by [Stein Vidar Hagfors H\[2\]](#) on Tue, 19 Aug 2003 17:55:55 GMT
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I would also recommend looking at dlmform:

<http://www.astro.uio.no/~steinhh/idl/dlmform.html>

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