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Subject: Re: Combinatorial

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Fri, 27 Aug 2004 13:51:29 GMT

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Ken Bowman

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This is how I do it in Fortran. If IDL doesn't already have something like this built in, the kludge below should be relatively easy to implement. I think. Does IDL allow recursion?

```

    RECURSIVE SUBROUTINE predictor_combination( initialize,    & ! In/Output
                                                n_in_set,      & ! Input
                                                n_in_subset,   & ! Input
                                                i,              & ! In/Output
                                                predictor_index, & ! Output
                                                done            ) ! Output

    ! -- Input
    LOGICAL,          INTENT( IN OUT ) :: initialize
    INTEGER,          INTENT( IN )    :: n_in_set    ! == n
    INTEGER,          INTENT( IN )    :: n_in_subset ! == k
    INTEGER,          INTENT( IN OUT ) :: i

    ! -- Output
    INTEGER, DIMENSION( n_in_subset ), INTENT( OUT ) :: predictor_index
    LOGICAL,          INTENT( OUT ) :: done

    ! -- Local variables
    INTEGER :: j
    INTEGER :: max_index
    INTEGER :: i_minus_1

    IF ( initialize ) THEN
        initialize = .FALSE.
        done = .FALSE.
        i = n_in_subset

```

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    predictor_index(:) = (/ ( j, j = 1, n_in_subset ) /)
    RETURN
END IF

max_index = n_in_set - n_in_subset + i
IF ( predictor_index( i ) < max_index ) THEN
    predictor_index( i ) = predictor_index( i ) + 1
    IF ( i == 1 .AND. predictor_index( i ) == max_index ) THEN
        done = .TRUE.
    END IF
ELSE
    i_minus_1 = i - 1
    CALL predictor_combination( initialize,    & ! Input
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    predictor_index( i ) = predictor_index( i - 1 ) + 1
END IF
END SUBROUTINE predictor_combination

```

And the documentation:

**! CALLING SEQUENCE:**

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!                               i,             & ! In/Output
!                               predictor_index, & ! Output
!                               done           ) ! Output
!

```

**! INPUT ARGUMENTS:**

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!   initialize:   A logical variable used to initialize the predictor
!                 sequence generation. Must be set to .TRUE. on first
!                 call. It is set to .FALSE. after first call. If at
!                 any stage this variable is reset to .TRUE. for
!                 subsequent calls, the predictor sequence generation
!                 starts from scratch.
!   UNITS:       N/A
!   TYPE:        LOGICAL
!   DIMENSION:   Scalar
!   ATTRIBUTES:  INTENT( IN OUT )
!
!   n:           The size of the predictor set. This is the total
!                 number of predictors available for selection.
!   UNITS:       N/A

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!      TYPE:    INTEGER
!      DIMENSION: Scalar
!      ATTRIBUTES: INTENT( IN )
!
!      k:      The size of the predictor subset. This is the
!              number of predictors used in the absorber coefficient
!              regression. The total number of predictor combinations
!              generated by this routine is the binomial coefficient
!               $n(C)k$ . See PROCEDURE below.
!              UNITS:    N/A
!              TYPE:    INTEGER
!              DIMENSION: Scalar
!              ATTRIBUTES: INTENT( IN )
!
!      i:      The predictor index subset element to modify. This
!              value is initialized on the first call to this
!              routine so the calling program does not have to
!              (indeed it SHOULDN'T) define or modify this value.
!              UNITS:    N/A
!              TYPE:    INTEGER
!              DIMENSION: Scalar
!              ATTRIBUTES: INTENT( IN OUT )
!
! OPTIONAL INPUT ARGUMENTS:
!   None.
!
! OUTPUT ARGUMENTS:
!   predictor_index: The index list for a predictor combination sequence.
!                   This array is updated each call with the next
!                   possible combination of predictor indices.
!                   UNITS:    N/A
!                   TYPE:    INTEGER
!                   DIMENSION: Rank-1, DIMENSION( k )
!                   ATTRIBUTES: INTENT( OUT )
!
!   done:          A logical variable used to indicate to the CALLING
!                   routine that all of the possible combinatorial
!                   sequences have been generated. This value is
!                   initialized to .FALSE. on the first call to this
!                   routine and set to .TRUE. when all predictor index
!                   sequences have been exhausted.
!                   UNITS:    N/A
!                   TYPE:    LOGICAL
!                   DIMENSION: Scalar
!                   ATTRIBUTES: INTENT( OUT )

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A simple test program below shows how it is called in practice. Each trip through the DO

loop spits out the next combination based on on the "n" and "k" inputs.

```
PROGRAM predictor_combination_test
! $Id: predictor_combination_test.f90,v 1.1 2001/11/30 18:07:27 paulv Exp $

! -- Use the required module
USE coefficient_generation

! -- Type declarations
LOGICAL :: initialise, done
INTEGER :: n, k, i, j
INTEGER, DIMENSION(:), ALLOCATABLE :: p

! -- Get some n, k values
WRITE( *, '( /5x, "Enter values for n and k : " )', &
      ADVANCE = 'NO' )
READ( *, * ) n, k

! -- Allocate the predictor index array
ALLOCATE( p(k) )

! -- Initialisation
j = 0
initialise = .TRUE.

! -- Output the combinations
DO
  CALL predictor_combination( initialise, n, k, i, p, done )
  PRINT *, p
  j = j + 1
  IF (done) EXIT
END DO
WRITE( *, '( 5x, "Total combinations = ", i5, / )' ) j

! -- Deallocate the predictor index array
DEALLOCATE( p )

END PROGRAM predictor_combination_test
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Paul Van Delst writes:

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I'll say! IDL sales are up by a factor of 5 today, is what I hear. :-)

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.  
Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

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Posted by [andrade\\_bahia](#) on Mon, 30 Aug 2004 14:58:26 GMT  
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