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Subject: Re: Matrix expansion performance  
Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Mon, 28 Mar 2005 13:43:39 GMT  
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In article <d28tre\$j32\$1@pegasus.fccn.pt>, "Ricardo Bugalho" <rbugalho@ibili.uc.pt> wrote:

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> enough for my needs. Any one has better sugestions? Still stuck in IDL  
> 5.4, by the way.  
> Thanks,  
> Ricardo  
>
```

Assuming your code was wrong, and that #p should be #C. A bit of reform magic will do what you want.

[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/rebin\\_magic.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/rebin_magic.html)

e.g.

```
b=rebin(reform(a, [m, n,1]), [m,n,p])
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Chris.

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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 28 Mar 2005 13:50:00 GMT  
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Ken Bowman

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Posted by [Ricardo Bugalho](#) on Tue, 29 Mar 2005 09:55:29 GMT  
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"Kenneth P. Bowman" <kpb@null.com> wrote in message  
news:kpb-E62DD6.07500028032005@news.tamu.edu...

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Subject: Re: Matrix expansion performance  
Posted by [Timm Weitkamp](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2005 08:22:46 GMT  
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Timm

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Timm Weitkamp <<http://people.web.psi.ch/weitkamp>>

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Posted by [Ricardo Bugalho](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2005 12:18:32 GMT

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I used Chris' method.

However, I've been having some problems posting and my thanks to him got lost.

"Timm Weitkamp" <[dont.try@this.address](mailto:dont.try@this.address)> wrote in message  
news:Pine.LNX.4.44.0503301010060.7505-100000@localhost.localdomain...

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My first reaction was "when did that happen?", I tried it without the  
reform, and it works...except

```
IDL> help, rebin(fltarr(4,5),[7,4,5,6])  
% REBIN: Result dimensions must be integer factor of original dimensions
```

doesn't work (6.1.1 Linux), but the reform version does

```
IDL> help, rebin(reform(fltarr(4,5),[1,4,5,1]),[7,4,5,6])  
<Expression>  FLOAT  = Array[7, 4, 5, 6]
```

So my world-view isn't completely shattered :)

Chris.

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