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Subject: Swap even/odd elements in array  
Posted by [photosalex](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 08:16:14 GMT  
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Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Swap even/odd elements in array  
Posted by [Xavier Lobet](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 08:52:04 GMT  
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In article <1119428174.330105.170110@o13g2000cwo.googlegroups.com>,  
[photosalex@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:photosalex@freenetname.co.uk) wrote:

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n = (size(a))(1)
ind=2*indgen(n)
b=reform(transpose(reform([a(ind+1),a(ind)],n/2,2)),n)
```

Bear my IDL 3.6.1 notation...

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\_xavier

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Only one "o" in my e-mail address

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A: Because it messes up the order in which people normally read text.

Q: Why is top-posting such a bad thing?

A: Top-posting.

Q: What is the most annoying thing on usenet and in e-mail?

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Subject: Re: Swap even/odd elements in array  
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 13:22:43 GMT  
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In article <1119428174.330105.170110@o13g2000cwo.googlegroups.com>, photosalex@freenetname.co.uk wrote:

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Cheers, Ken Bowman

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Subject: Re: Swap even/odd elements in array  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 14:06:46 GMT  
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Ken Bowman writes:

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Those of you who have been invited to answer the Test Question ([http://www.dfanning.com/misc\\_tips/iepa.html](http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips/iepa.html)) at this year's IEPA conference might want to take careful note of this answer. I'd say the chances are pretty good you might see it again. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Swap even/odd elements in array  
Posted by [Peter Mason](#) on Wed, 22 Jun 2005 21:43:18 GMT  
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One from the south-east:

```
j=indgen(16)
print,fix(swap_endian(long(swap_endian(j),0,8),0,16))
```

Subject: Re: Swap even/odd elements in array  
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 23 Jun 2005 07:52:36 GMT  
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"Peter Mason" <peter.mason@deleteme.csiro.au> writes:  
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... and a sure route to insanity. :-)

Craig

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Craig B. Markwardt, Ph.D.   EMAIL: [craigmnet@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu](mailto:craigmnet@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu)  
Astrophysics, IDL, Finance, Derivatives | Remove "net" for better response  
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Subject: Re: Swap even/odd elements in array  
Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Tue, 28 Jun 2005 19:00:49 GMT  
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On Wed, 22 Jun 2005 10:52:04 +0200, Xavier Llobet wrote:

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A similar approach using the new stride indexing operator would be:

```
b=reform(transpose([[a[1:*:2]],a[0:*:2]]),n_elements(a))
```

The problem with all of these dimensional-juggling approaches is that they fail for vectors of odd length (or, more generally, require the length be a strict multiple of  $p$ , where  $p$  is the transposition length).

Here's a method which doesn't have this requirement:

```
ind=lindgen(n_elements(a))/2*2 & ind[0:*:2]+=1
b=a[ind]
```

It can be generalized for any  $p$  like this:

```
ind=lindgen(n_elements(a))/p*p
for i=0,p-2 do ind[i:*:p]+=p-1-i
b=a[ind]
```

It does require the vector to have at least  $p-1$  elements.

JD

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