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<http://web.astroconst.org/jbiu/jbiu-doc/misc/multi2index.htm> I

I just wish there was a built-in version... I'm sure it would be more efficient than mine, and when I tend to need this it's always when I'm juggling enormous multi-dimensional arrays.

(incidentally, now that I look at that code again it occurs to me that the PRODUCT and TOTAL calls should have the /INTEGER flag... going to have to put out a major update soon).

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