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Subject: Re: replacing blocks in an array with other array values?

Posted by [penteado](#) on Sun, 25 Dec 2011 23:43:48 GMT

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On Dec 25, 7:11 pm, Ecaterina Coman <ecatc...@umbc.edu> wrote:

> hi guys,  
> I have a 4\*4 array, for example, and i want to replace the center 2\*2  
> block of an array with the values in another array  
>  
> lets say A is 4\*4  
> and B is 2\*2  
> I tried doing A[1:2,1:2]=B but it doesn't change anything in A

Really?

```
IDL> a=bindgen(4,4)
```

```
IDL> b=100+bindgen(2,2)
```

```
IDL> print,a
```

```
 0  1  2  3  
 4  5  6  7  
 8  9 10 11  
12 13 14 15
```

```
IDL> print,b
```

```
100 101  
102 103
```

```
IDL> a[1:2,1:2]=b
```

```
IDL> print,a
```

```
 0  1  2  3  
 4 100 101  7  
 8 102 103 11  
12 13 14 15
```

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 25 Dec 2011 23:44:16 GMT

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> and B is 2\*2  
> I tried doing A[1:2,1:2]=B but it doesn't change anything in A  
> on the other hand, when I put A[1:2,1:2]=some scalar, it replaces the  
> whole block by that scalar and works  
>

> i feel like there should be a simple way to do this but cannot figure  
> it out

You will have to specify the lower-left corner of the  
array, like this:

```
IDL> a = indgen(4, 4)
IDL> b = indgen(2,2)+20
IDL> a[1,1] = b
IDL> print, a
```

0	1	2	3
4	20	21	7
8	22	23	11
12	13	14	15

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Subject: Re: replacing blocks in an array with other array values?  
Posted by [Ecaterina Coman](#) on Mon, 26 Dec 2011 04:42:27 GMT  
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Thanks guys!  
Those were both helpful, as I got to test them out and see I wasn't  
crazy and stuff IS supposed to work the way I thought it did!  
My issues was actually that my "b" was float and my "a" was type int.  
Amazing how something so simple can cause you to sit there scratching  
ur head at a loss for hours haha

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