Subject: Re: arrays in integration (qpint1d)
Posted by Craig Markwardt on Tue, 13 Nov 2012 21:42:38 GMT

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And yes, you will need to do an inner loop over THETA variable. The "1D" of QPINT1D is there for a reason. Sorry. Since QPINT1D does a fair amount of work per call, I don't think it would be any faster to try to "vectorize" it.

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> Craig

OK -- nested FOR loops it is, then. (Just don't tell JD.) Thanks!   Also, it's immensely helpful to have the quadpack available in IDL, so thanks for writing that too.

- Lucy