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Subject: Averaging of my observations  
Posted by [Ali Gamal](#) on Sun, 22 May 2016 13:42:46 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Averaging of my observations  
Posted by [dg86](#) on Sun, 22 May 2016 14:36:04 GMT  
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On Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 9:42:49 AM UTC-4, AGW wrote:  
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If you have access to the online documentation for IDL, you should read  
<http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/RESTORE.html>  
and  
<http://www.harrisgeospatial.com/docs/MEAN.html>

The first link explains how to restore save files. The second explains how to obtain the average value of an array.

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Subject: Re: Averaging of my observations  
Posted by [Ali Gamal](#) on Sun, 22 May 2016 14:49:09 GMT  
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On Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 3:42:49 PM UTC+2, AGW wrote:  
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thank you, but the result of mean function is one value, I want to take average for four dimensions.

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Subject: Re: Averaging of my observations  
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sun, 22 May 2016 15:50:41 GMT  
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The MEAN() function will return a vector of values if you use the DIMENSION keyword.

On Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 10:49:11 AM UTC-4, AGW wrote:  
> On Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 3:42:49 PM UTC+2, AGW wrote:

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Subject: Re: Averaging of my observations  
Posted by [Ali Gamal](#) on Mon, 23 May 2016 11:39:46 GMT  
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```
IDL> y=mean(x,dimension=1)
% Keyword DIMENSION not allowed in call to: MEAN
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
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Subject: Re: Averaging of my observations  
Posted by on Mon, 23 May 2016 12:42:00 GMT  
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Den måndag 23 maj 2016 kl. 13:39:48 UTC+2 skrev AGW:  
> IDL> y=mean(x,dimension=1)  
> % Keyword DIMENSION not allowed in call to: MEAN  
> % Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

OK, you are using IDL version < 8.

You can use total() instead of mean, and divide by the number of summed items. total() does support the dimension to sum over since before IDL 8, although not as a keyword but as the second parameter.

So you could do something like

```
IDL> dim=1
IDL> y=total(x,dim)/(size(x,/dim))[dim-1]
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