
Subject: Re: Help with matrix operations
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In article <1rk7gs\$4m6@morrow.stanford.edu>, pln@egret0.Stanford.EDU (Patrick L. Nolan) writes:

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How about

for k=1,n do c(*,*,k) = a(*,*) + b(k)

That has a loop but its not to ugly.

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Some one has suggested what may probably be the best (fastest) way to do this:

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for k=0,n-1 do a(0,0,k) = a(*,*) * b(k) .
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However there is a way to do this without loops. Let's take a more general situation. Let

```

A = FLTARR(x,y)
B = FLTARR(z)
C = FLTARR(x,y,z)

```

to get $C(i,j,k) = A(i,j) * b(k)$ do the following (make sure you are doing integer math here).

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; Make the indicies
ma  = LINDGEN(x,y,z) mod (x*y)
mb  = LINDGEN(x,y,z) / (x*y)
; define the destination array
c   = fltarr(x,y,z)
; DO IT!
c(*) = a(ma(*)) * b(mb(*))

```

That is all there is to it. I'll argue that you have done way too much math this way then you would have done with the single loop idea. Some may argue that the use of LINDGEN is an implicit loop. I won't argue with that either.

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I don't think it's trivial. Here's how I would solve it.

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; First expand A and B out to NxNxN arrays.  
;  
AA = A(*) # REPLICATE(1,N) ;AA is now (N*N, N) array  
AA = REFORM(AA,N,N,N) ;Make it (N, N, N)  
BB = REPLICATE(N*N) # B ;Do the same for B  
BB = REFORM(BB,N,N,N)  
C = AA + BB
```

I don't know if this is any more or less "ugly" than doing it in a loop, but it should be much quicker. Of course you can combine all this into one command if you want.

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