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Thanks for any help

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This is just the way IDL does it, and you can certainly reorder as you guessed. Here's a routine to do it:

```
PRO svdc_sort, m, diag, u, v

;Singular value decomposition with diagonal elements ordered from
;largest to smallest
;
;written by Henry Chapman, AMP, LLNL
;November, 1996

svdc, m, diag, u, v
s = reverse(sort(diag))
n = n_elements(diag)
rr = fltarr(n, n)
i = indgen(n)
rr[i, s[i]] = 1.
v = v##rr
u = u##rr
diag = diag[s]

return
END
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