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sincerely  
Jonas

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I don't know what the execution time penalty is for doing this,  
but I have often used

```
avg=reform(rebin(A[3:6,*],1,10))
```

not sure if the reform is essential in this example but in general  
it is useful for making sure a vector is a one-D array.

Dick French

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"Jonas" <[jonas\\_2@hotmail.com](mailto:jonas_2@hotmail.com)> writes:

The general case may be hard, if not impossible. Depends on what you mean by 'operation' below. To do it generally probably requires that the operation be a linear combination of the elements of the arrays. Anyway, this will work to find the average.

if A is your 10 by 10 array.

```
tmpA=A[3:6,*] ; the sub-array
```

```
avg=replicate( 1, 4)##transpose(tmpA)/4.; the average.
```

or, equivalently, but transposed,

```
avg = transpose(replicate(1,4))#tmpA/4.
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You should almost always be able to replace loops of summations with the '#' (or '##') operator and a judicious choice of multiplicand.

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I don't speak for JPL, it doesn't speak for me.  
Well, not all the time, at least.  
William Daffer <vapuser@haifung.jpl.nasa.gov>
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