

# N-Dimensional Lists (ndlist)

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## Abstract

The “ndlist” package is a pure-Tcl package for tensor manipulation and processing.

This package is also a Tin package, and can be loaded in as shown below:

### Example 1: Installing and loading “ndlist”

*Code:*

```
package require tin
tin add -auto ndlist https://github.com/ambaker1/ndlist install.tcl
tin import ndlist
```

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# 1-Dimensional Lists (Vectors)

Lists are foundational to Tcl, so in addition to providing utilities for ND-lists, this package also provides utilities for working with 1D-lists, or vectors.

## *Range Generator*

The command *range* simply generates a range of integer values. This can be used in conjunction with the Tcl *foreach* loop to simplify writing “for” loops. There are two ways of calling this command, as shown below.

```
range $n
range $start $stop <$step>
```

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>\$n</b>     | Number of indices, starting at 0 (e.g. 3 returns 0 1 2).             |
| <b>\$start</b> | Starting value.  |
| <b>\$stop</b>  | Stop value.  |
| <b>\$step</b>  | Step size. Default 1 or -1, depending on direction of start to stop. |

### Example 2: Integer range generation

*Code:*

```
puts [range 3]
puts [range 0 2]
puts [range 10 3 -2]
```

*Output:*

```
0 1 2
0 1 2
10 8 6 4
```

### Example 3: Simpler for-loop

*Code:*

```
foreach i [range 3] {
    puts $i
}
```

*Output:*

```
0
1
2
```

## Logical Indexing

The command *find* returns the indices of non-zero elements of a boolean list, or indices of elements that satisfy a given criterion. Can be used in conjunction with *nget* to perform logical indexing.

```
find $list <$op $scalar>
```

|                 |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>\$list</b>   | List of values to compare.         |
| <b>\$op</b>     | Comparison operator. Default “!=”. |
| <b>\$scalar</b> | Comparison value. Default 0.       |

### Example 4: Filtering a list

Code:

```
set x {0.5 2.3 4.0 2.5 1.6 2.0 1.4 5.6}
puts [nget $x [find $x > 2]]
```

Output:

```
2.3 4.0 2.5 5.6
```

## Linear Interpolation

The command *linterp* performs linear 1D interpolation. Converts input to “double”.

```
linterp $x $xList $yList
```

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>\$x</b>     | Value to query in <b>\$xList</b>                |
| <b>\$xList</b> | List of x points, strictly increasing           |
| <b>\$yList</b> | List of y points, same length as <b>\$xList</b> |

### Example 5: Linear interpolation

Code:

```
puts [linterp 2 {1 2 3} {4 5 6}]
puts [linterp 8.2 {0 10 20} {2 -4 5}]
```

Output:

```
5.0
-2.92
```

## Vector Generation

The command *linspace* can be used to generate a vector of specified length and equal spacing between two specified values. Converts input to “double”

```
linspace $n $start $stop
```

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b><code>\$n</code></b>     | Number of points |
| <b><code>\$start</code></b> | Starting value   |
| <b><code>\$stop</code></b>  | End value        |

### Example 6: Linearly spaced vector generation

*Code:*

```
puts [linspace 5 0 1]
```

*Output:*

```
0.0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1.0
```

The command *linspace* generates intermediate values given an increment size and a sequence of targets. Converts input to “double”.

```
linspace $step $x1 $x2 ...
```

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b><code>\$step</code></b>        | Maximum step size |
| <b><code>\$x1 \$x2 ...</code></b> | Targets to hit.   |

### Example 7: Intermediate value vector generation

*Code:*

```
puts [linspace 0.25 0 1 0]
```

*Output:*

```
0.0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1.0 0.75 0.5 0.25 0.0
```

## Functional Mapping

The command *lapply* simply applies a command over each element of a list, and returns the result. Basic math operators can be mapped over a list with the command *lop*.

```
lapply $command $list $arg ...
```

```
lop $list $op $arg...
```

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>\$list</code>    | List to map over.  |
| <code>\$command</code> | Command prefix to map with.  |
| <code>\$op</code>      | Math operator (see <code>::tcl::mathop</code> documentation).      |
| <code>\$arg ...</code> | Additional arguments to append to command after each list element. |

### Example 8: Applying a math function to a list

*Code:*

```
# Add Tcl math functions to the current namespace path
namespace path [concat [namespace path] ::tcl::mathfunc]
puts [lapply abs {-5 1 2 -2}]
```

*Output:*

```
5 1 2 2
```

## Mapping Over Two Lists

The commands *lapply* and *lop* only map over one list. The commands *lapply2* and *lop2* allow you to map, element-wise, over two lists. List lengths must be equal.

```
lapply2 $command $list1 $list2 $arg ...
```

```
lop2 $list1 $op $list2 $arg...
```

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>\$list1 \$list2</code> | Lists to map over, element-wise.                               |
| <code>\$command</code>       | Command prefix to map with.                                    |
| <code>\$op</code>            | Math operator (see <code>::tcl::mathop</code> documentation).  |
| <code>\$arg ...</code>       | Additional arguments to append to command after list elements. |

### Example 9: Mapping over two lists

*Code:*

```
lapply puts [lapply2 {format "%s %s"} {hello goodbye} {world moon}]
```

*Output:*

```
hello world
goodbye moon
```

### Example 10: Adding two lists together

*Code:*

```
puts [lop2 {1 2 3} + {2 3 2}]
```

*Output:*

```
3 5 5
```

## List Math

The Tcl command *lmap* allows you to loop over an arbitrary number of lists in parallel, evaluating a script at each iteration, and collecting the results of each loop iteration into a new list. The command *lexpr* is an extension of this concept, just calling *lmap* and passing the input through the Tcl *expr* command.

```
lexpr $varList $list <$varList $list ...> $expr
```

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>\$varList ...</b> | List(s) of variables to iterate with.               |
| <b>\$list ...</b>    | List(s) to iterate over.                            |
| <b>\$expr</b>        | Tcl expression to evaluate at every loop iteration. |

### Example 11: Filtering a list

Code:

```
set numbers [range 10]
set odds [lexpr x $numbers {$x % 2 ? $x : [continue]}]; # only odd numbers
puts $odds
```

Output:

```
1 3 5 7 9
```

### Example 12: Adding three lists together

Code:

```
set x {1 2 3}
set y {2 9 2}
set z {5 -2 0}
puts [lexpr xi $x yi $y zi $z {$xi + $yi + $zi}]
```

Output:

```
8 9 5
```

## List Statistics

The commands *max*, *min*, *sum*, *product*, *mean*, *median*, *variance*, and *stdev* compute the maximum, minimum, sum, product, mean, median, variance, and standard deviation of values in a list. For more advanced statistics, check out the Tellib `math::statistics` package.

```
max $list
```

```
min $list
```

```
sum $list
```

```
product $list
```

```
mean $list
```

```
median $list
```

```
variance $list <$pop>
```

```
stdev $list <$pop>
```

`$list` List (at least length 1) to compute statistic of.

`$pop` Compute population statistic instead of sample statistic. Default false.

### Example 13: List Statistics

*Code:*

```
set list {-5 3 4 0}
foreach stat {max min sum product mean median variance stdev} {
    puts [list $stat [$stat $list]]
}
```

*Output:*

```
max 4
min -5
sum 2
product 0
mean 0.5
median 1.5
variance 16.333333333333332
stdev 4.041451884327381
```



## Vector Algebra

The dot product of two equal length vectors can be computed with *dot*. The cross product of two vectors of length 3 can be computed with *cross*.

```
dot $a $b
```

```
cross $a $b
```

`$a` First vector.  
`$b` Second vector.

### Example 14: Dot and cross product

*Code:*

```
set x {1 2 3}  
set y {-2 -4 6}  
puts [dot $x $y]  
puts [cross $x $y]
```

*Output:*

```
8  
24 -12 0
```

The norm, or magnitude, of a vector can be computed with *norm*.

```
norm $a <$p>
```

`$a` Vector to compute norm of.  
`$p` Norm type. 1 is sum of absolute values, 2 is euclidean distance, and Inf is absolute maximum value. Default 2.

### Example 15: Normalizing a vector

*Code:*

```
set x {3 4}  
set x [lcp $x / [norm $x]]  
puts $x
```

*Output:*

```
0.6 0.8
```

For more advanced vector algebra routines, check out the Tcllib `math::linearalgebra` package.

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## 2-Dimensional Lists (Matrices)

A matrix is a two-dimensional list, or a list of row vectors. This is consistent with the format used in the Tcllib `math::linearalgebra` package. See the example below for how matrices are interpreted.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 7 & 9 \\ 6 & 8 & 3 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & -5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Example 16: Matrices and vectors

Code:

```
set A {{2 5 1 3} {4 1 7 9} {6 8 3 2} {7 8 1 4}}
set B {9 3 0 -3}
set C {{3 7 -5 -2}}
```

## Identity Matrix

The command `eye` generates an identity matrix of a specified size.

```
eye $n
```

`$n`                      Size of identity matrix

### Example 17: Generating an identity matrix

Code:

```
puts [eye 3]
```

---

Output:

```
{1 0 0} {0 1 0} {0 0 1}
```

## Matrix Transpose

The command *transpose* simply swaps the rows and columns of a matrix.

```
transpose $A
```

**\$A**                      Matrix to transpose, nxm.

Returns an mxn matrix.

### Example 18: Transposing a matrix

*Code:*

```
puts [transpose {{1 2} {3 4}}]
```

*Output:*

```
{1 3} {2 4}
```

## Matrix Multiplication

The command *matmul* performs matrix multiplication for two matrices. Inner dimensions must match.

```
matmul $A $B
```

**\$A**                      Left matrix, nxq.

**\$B**                      Right matrix, qxm.

Returns an nxm matrix (or the corresponding dimensions from additional matrices)

### Example 19: Multiplying a matrix

*Code:*

```
puts [matmul {{2 5 1 3} {4 1 7 9} {6 8 3 2} {7 8 1 4}} {9 3 0 -3}]
```

*Output:*

```
24 12 72 75
```

## Iteration Tools

The commands *zip* zips two lists into a list of tuples, and *zip3* zip three lists into a list of triples. Lists must be the same length.

```
zip $a $b
```

```
zip3 $a $b $c
```

`$a $b $c`

Lists to zip together.

### Example 20: Zipping lists

*Code:*

```
puts [zip {A B C} {1 2 3}]  
puts [zip3 {Do Re Mi} {A B C} {1 2 3}]
```

*Output:*

```
{A 1} {B 2} {C 3}  
{Do A 1} {Re B 2} {Mi C 3}
```

The command *cartprod* computes the Cartesian product of an arbitrary number of vectors, returning a matrix where the columns correspond to the input vectors and the rows correspond to all the combinations of the vector elements.

```
cartprod $list1 $list2 ...
```

`$list1 $list2 ...`

Lists, or vectors, to take Cartesian product of.

### Example 21: Cartesian product

*Code:*

```
puts [cartprod {A B C} {1 2 3}]
```

*Output:*

```
{A 1} {A 2} {A 3} {B 1} {B 2} {B 3} {C 1} {C 2} {C 3}
```

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## N-Dimensional Lists (Tensors)

A ND-list is defined as a list of equal length (N-1)D-lists, which are defined as equal length (N-2)D-lists, and so on until (N-N)D-lists, which are scalars of arbitrary size. This definition is flexible, and allows for different interpretations of the same data. For example, the list “1 2 3” can be interpreted as a scalar with value “1 2 3”, a vector with values “1”, “2”, and “3”, or a matrix with row vectors “1”, “2”, and “3”.

The command *ndlist* validates that the input is a valid ND-list. If the input value is “ragged”, as in it has inconsistent dimensions, it will throw an error. In general, if a value is a valid for N dimensions, it will also be valid for dimensions 0 to N-1. All other ND-list commands assume a valid ND-list.

```
ndlist $nd $value
```

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>\$nd</code>    | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix). |
| <code>\$value</code> | List to interpret as an ndlist                              |

### Shape and Size

The commands *nshape* and *nsiz*e return the shape and size of an ND-list, respectively. The shape is a list of the dimensions, and the size is the product of the shape.

```
nshape $nd $ndlist <$axis>
```

```
nsiz
```

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>\$nd</code>     | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix). |
| <code>\$ndlist</code> | ND-list to get dimensions of.                               |
| <code>\$axis</code>   | Axis to get dimension along. Blank for all.                 |

#### Example 22: Getting shape and size of an ND-list

Code:

```
set A [ndlist 2D {{1 2 3} {4 5 6}}]
puts [nshape 2D $A]
puts [nsiz
```

Output:

```
2 3
6
```

## Initialization

The command *nfull* initializes a valid ND-list of any size filled with a single value.

```
nfull $value $n ...
```

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <code>\$value</code> | Value to repeat                        |
| <code>\$n ...</code> | Shape (list of dimensions) of ND-list. |

### Example 23: Generate ND-list filled with one value

*Code:*

```
puts [nfull foo 3 2]; # 3x2 matrix filled with "foo"  
puts [nfull 0 2 2 2]; # 2x2x2 tensor filled with zeros
```

*Output:*

```
{foo foo} {foo foo} {foo foo}  
{0 0} {0 0} {0 0} {0 0}
```

The command *nrand* initializes a valid ND-list of any size filled with random values between 0 and 1.

```
nrand $n ...
```

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <code>\$n ...</code> | Shape (list of dimensions) of ND-list. |
|----------------------|--|

### Example 24: Generate random matrix

*Code:*

```
expr {srand(0)}; # resets the random number seed (for the example)  
puts [nrand 1 2]; # 1x2 matrix filled with random numbers
```

*Output:*

```
{0.013469574513598146 0.3831388500440581}
```

## Repeating and Expanding

The command *nrepeat* repeats portions of an ND-list a specified number of times.

```
nrepeat $ndlist $n ...
```

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>\$value</b> | Value to repeat            |
| <b>\$n ...</b> | Repetitions at each level. |

### Example 25: Repeat elements of a matrix

*Code:*

```
puts [nrepeat {{1 2} {3 4}} 1 2]
```

*Output:*

```
{1 2 1 2} {3 4 3 4}
```

The command *nexpand* repeats portions of an ND-list to expand to new dimensions. New dimensions must be divisible by old dimensions. For example, 1x1, 2x1, 4x1, 1x3, 2x3 and 4x3 are compatible with 4x3.

```
nexpand $ndlist $n ...
```

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>\$ndlist</b> | ND-list to expand.         |
| <b>\$n ...</b>  | New dimensions of ND-list. |

### Example 26: Expand an ND-list to new dimensions

*Code:*

```
puts [nexpand {1 2 3} 3 2]  
puts [nexpand {{1 2}} 2 4]
```

*Output:*

```
{1 1} {2 2} {3 3}  
{1 2 1 2} {1 2 1 2}
```

## Flattening and Reshaping

The command *nreshape* reshapes a vector into a compatible shape. Vector length must equal ND-list size.

```
nreshape $vector $n ...
```

**\$vector**                      Vector (1D-list) to reshape.

**\$n ...**                      Shape (list of dimensions) of ND-list.

### Example 27: Reshape a vector to a matrix

*Code:*

```
puts [nreshape {1 2 3 4 5 6} 2 3]
```

*Output:*

```
{1 2 3} {4 5 6}
```

The inverse is *nflatten*, which flattens an ND-list to a vector, which can be then used with *nreshape*.

```
nflatten $nd $ndlist
```

**\$nd**                          Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix).

**\$ndlist**                      ND-list to flatten.

### Example 28: Reshape a matrix to a 3D tensor

*Code:*

```
set x [nflatten 2D {{1 2 3 4} {5 6 7 8}}]
puts [nreshape $x 2 2 2]
```

*Output:*

```
{{1 2} {3 4}} {{5 6} {7 8}}
```



## Index Notation

This package provides generalized n-dimensional list access/modification commands, using an index notation parsed by the command `::ndlist::ParseIndex`, which returns the index type and an index list for the type.

```
::ndlist::ParseIndex $n $input
```

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>\$n</b>                   | Number of elements in list.   |
| <b>\$input</b>               | Index input. Options are shown below:                               |
| <b>* or :</b>                | All indices   |
| <b>\$start:\$stop</b>        | Range of indices (e.g. 0:4 or 1:end-2).                             |
| <b>\$start:\$step:\$stop</b> | Stepped range of indices (e.g. 0:2:-2 or 2:3:end).                  |
| <b>\$iList</b>               | List of indices (e.g. {0 end-1 5} or 3).                            |
| <b>\$i.</b>                  | Single index with a dot, “flattens” the ndlist (e.g. 0. or end-3.). |

Additionally, indices get passed through the `::ndlist::Index2Integer` command, which converts the inputs “end”, “end±integer”, “integer±integer” and negative wrap-around indexing (where -1 is equivalent to “end”) into normal integer indices. Note that this command will return an error if the index is out of range.

```
::ndlist::Index2Integer $n $index
```

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>\$n</b>     | Number of elements in list. |
| <b>\$index</b> | Single index.               |

### Example 29: Index Notation

*Code:*

```
set n 10
puts [::ndlist::ParseIndex $n *]
puts [::ndlist::ParseIndex $n 1:8]
puts [::ndlist::ParseIndex $n 0:2:6]
puts [::ndlist::ParseIndex $n {0 5 end-1}]
puts [::ndlist::ParseIndex $n end.]
```

*Output:*

```
A {}
R {1 8}
L {0 2 4 6}
L {0 5 8}
S 9
```

## Access

Portions of an ND-list can be accessed with the command *nget*, using the index parser *::ndlist::ParseIndex* for each dimension being indexed. Note that unlike the Tcl *lindex* and *lrange* commands, *nget* will return an error if the indices are out of range.

```
nget $ndlist $i ...
```

**\$ndlist**                      ND-list value.

**\$i ...**                      Index inputs, parsed with *::ndlist::ParseIndex*. The number of index arguments determines the interpreted dimensions.

### Example 30: ND-list access

*Code:*

```
set A {{1 2 3} {4 5 6} {7 8 9}}
puts [nget $A 0 *]; # get row matrix
puts [nget $A 0. *]; # flatten row matrix to a vector
puts [nget $A 0:1 0:1]; # get matrix subset
puts [nget $A end:0 end:0]; # can have reverse ranges
puts [nget $A {0 0 0} 1.]; # can repeat indices
```

*Output:*

```
{1 2 3}
1 2 3
{1 2} {4 5}
{9 8 7} {6 5 4} {3 2 1}
2 2 2
```

## Modification

A ND-list can be modified by reference with *nset*, and by value with *nreplace*, using the index parser *::ndlist::ParseIndex* for each dimension being indexed. Note that unlike the Tcl *lset* and *lreplace* commands, the commands *nset* and *nreplace* will return an error if the indices are out of range. If all the index inputs are “\*” except for one, and the replacement list is blank, it will delete values along that axis by calling *nremove*. Otherwise, the replacement ND-list must be expandable to the target index dimensions.

```
nset $varName $i ... $sublist
```

```
nreplace $ndlist $i ... $sublist
```

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>\$varName</b> | Variable that contains an ND-list (must exist).   |
| <b>\$ndlist</b>  | ND-list to modify.  |
| <b>\$i ...</b>   | Index inputs, parsed with <i>::ndlist::ParseIndex</i> . The number of index inputs determines the interpreted dimensions. |
| <b>\$sublist</b> | Replacement list, or blank to delete values.  |

### Example 31: Swapping rows in a matrix

*Code:*

```
# ND-list Value Modification
set a {{1 2} {3 4} {5 6}}
nset a {1 0} * [nget $a {0 1} *]; # Swap rows and columns (modify by reference)
puts $a
```

*Output:*

```
{3 4} {1 2} {5 6}
```

## Removal

The command *nremove* removes portions of an ND-list at a specified axis.

```
nremove $nd $ndlist $i <$axis>
```

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <code>\$nd</code>     | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix).  |
| <code>\$ndlist</code> | ND-list to modify.   |
| <code>\$i</code>      | Index input, parsed with <code>::ndlist::ParseIndex</code> . |
| <code>\$axis</code>   | Axis to remove at. Default 0.                                |

### Example 32: Deleting a column from a matrix

*Code:*

```
set a {{1 2 3} {4 5 6} {7 8 9}}
puts [nremove $a 2 1]; # Delete column 2
```

*Output:*

```
{1 2} {4 5} {7 8}
```

### Example 33: Removing list elements that satisfy criteria

*Code:*

```
set x [range 10]
puts [nremove $x [find $x > 4]]
```

*Output:*

```
0 1 2 3 4
```

## Insertion and Concatenation

The command *ninsert* allows you to insert an ND-list into another ND-list at a specified index and axis, as long as the ND-lists agree in dimension at all other axes. If “end” or “end-integer” is used for the index, it will insert after the index. Otherwise, it will insert before the index.

```
ninsert $nd $ndlist1 $index $ndlist2 <$axis>
```

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>\$nd</b>                | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix). |
| <b>\$ndlist1 \$ndlist2</b> | ND-lists to combine.  |
| <b>\$index</b>             | Index to insert at.   |
| <b>\$axis</b>              | Axis to insert at (default 0).                              |

The command *nstack* is shorthand for inserting at “end”, and concatenates two ND-lists.

```
nstack $nd $ndlist1 $ndlist2 <$axis>
```

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>\$nd</b>                | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix). |
| <b>\$ndlist1 \$ndlist2</b> | ND-lists to concatenate.                                    |
| <b>\$axis</b>              | Axis to concatenate at (default 0).                         |

### Example 34: Inserting a column into a matrix

*Code:*

```
set matrix {{1 2} {3 4} {5 6}}
set column {A B C}
puts [ninsert 2D $matrix 1 $column 1]
```

*Output:*

```
{1 A 2} {3 B 4} {5 C 6}
```

### Example 35: Concatenate tensors

*Code:*

```
set x [nreshape {1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9} 3 3 1]
set y [nreshape {A B C D E F G H I} 3 3 1]
puts [nstack 3D $x $y 2]
```

*Output:*

```
{{1 A} {2 B} {3 C}} {{4 D} {5 E} {6 F}} {{7 G} {8 H} {9 I}}
```

## Changing Order of Axes

The command *nswapaxes* is a general purpose transposing function that swaps the axes of an ND-list. For simple matrix transposing, the command *transpose* can be used instead.

```
nswapaxes $ndlist $axis1 $axis2
```

**\$ndlist** ND-list to manipulate.

**\$axis1 \$axis2** Axes to swap.

The command *nmoveaxis* moves a specified source axis to a target position. For example, moving axis 0 to position 2 would change “i,j,k” to “j,k,i”.

```
nmoveaxis $ndlist $source $target
```

**\$ndlist** ND-list to manipulate.

**\$source** Source axis.

**\$target** Target position.

The command *npermute* is more general purpose, and defines a new order for the axes of an ND-list. For example, the axis list “1 0 2” would change “i,j,k” to “j,i,k”.

```
npermute $ndlist $axis ...
```

**\$ndlist** ND-list to manipulate.

**\$axis ...** List of axes defining new order.

### Example 36: Changing tensor axes

*Code:*

```
set x {{{1 2} {3 4}} {{5 6} {7 8}}}  
set y [nswapaxes $x 0 2]  
set z [nmoveaxis $x 0 2]  
puts [lindex $x 0 0 1]  
puts [lindex $y 1 0 0]  
puts [lindex $z 0 1 0]
```

*Output:*

```
2  
2  
2
```

## ND Functional Mapping

The command *napply* simply applies a command over each element of an ND-list, and returns the result. Basic math operators can be mapped over an ND-list with the command *nop*, which is a special case of *napply*, using the `::tcl::mathop` namespace.

```
napply $nd $command $ndlist $arg ...
```

```
nop $nd $ndlist $op $arg...
```

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>\$nd</code>      | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix).      |
| <code>\$ndlist</code>  | ND-list to map over.   |
| <code>\$command</code> | Command prefix to map with.                                      |
| <code>\$op</code>      | Math operator (see <code>::tcl::mathop</code> documentation).    |
| <code>\$arg ...</code> | Additional arguments to append to command after ND-list element. |

### Example 37: Chained functional mapping over a matrix

*Code:*

```
napply 2D puts [napply 2D {format %.2f} [napply 2D expr {{1 2} {3 4}} + 1]]
```

*Output:*

```
2.00
3.00
4.00
5.00
```

### Example 38: Element-wise operations

*Code:*

```
puts [nop 1D {1 2 3} + 1]
puts [nop 2D {{1 2 3} {4 5 6}} > 2]
```

*Output:*

```
2 3 4
{0 0 1} {1 1 1}
```

## Mapping Over Two ND-lists

The commands *napply* and *nop* only map over one ND-list. The commands *napply2* and *nop2* allow you to map, element-wise, over two ND-lists. If the input lists have different shapes, they will be expanded to their maximum dimensions with *nexpand* (if compatible).

```
napply2 $nd $command $ndlist1 $ndlist2 $arg ...
```

```
nop2 $nd $ndlist1 $op $ndlist2 $arg...
```

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <code>\$nd</code>                | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D for a matrix).                 |
| <code>\$ndlist1 \$ndlist2</code> | ND-lists to map over, element-wise.                               |
| <code>\$command</code>           | Command prefix to map with.                                       |
| <code>\$op</code>                | Math operator (see <code>::tcl::mathop</code> documentation).     |
| <code>\$arg ...</code>           | Additional arguments to append to command after ND-list elements. |

### Example 39: Format columns of a matrix

Code:

```
set data {{1 2 3} {4 5 6} {7 8 9}}
set formats {%1f %2f %3f}
puts [napply2 2D format $formats $data]
```

Output:

```
{1.0 2.00 3.000} {4.0 5.00 6.000} {7.0 8.00 9.000}
```

### Example 40: Adding matrices together

Code:

```
set A {{1 2} {3 4}}
set B {{4 9} {3 1}}
puts [nop2 2D $A + $B]
```

Output:

```
{5 11} {6 5}
```



## Reducing an ND-list

The command *nreduce* combines *nmoveaxis* and *napply* to reduce an axis of an ND-list with a function that reduces a vector to a scalar, like *max* or *sum*.

```
nreduce $nd $command $ndlist <$axis>
```

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>\$nd</b>      | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix). |
| <b>\$command</b> | Command prefix to map with.                                 |
| <b>\$ndlist</b>  | ND-list to map over.  |
| <b>\$axis</b>    | Axis to reduce. Default 0.                                  |

### Example 41: Matrix row and column statistics

*Code:*

```
set x {{1 2} {3 4} {5 6} {7 8}}
puts [nreduce 2D max $x]; # max of each column
puts [nreduce 2D max $x 1]; # max of each row
puts [nreduce 2D sum $x]; # sum of each column
puts [nreduce 2D sum $x 1]; # sum of each row
```

*Output:*

```
7 8
2 4 6 8
16 20
3 7 11 15
```

## Generalized N-Dimensional Mapping

The command *nmap* is a general purpose mapping function for N-dimensional lists in Tcl, and the command *nexpr* a special case for math expressions. If multiple ND-lists are provided for iteration, they must be expandable to their maximum dimensions. The actual implementation flattens all the ND-lists and calls the Tcl *lmap* command, and then reshapes the result to the target dimensions. So, if “continue” or “break” are used, it will return an error; it cannot be used for filtering.

```
nmap $nd $varName $ndlist <$varName $ndlist ...> $body
```

```
nexpr $nd $varName $ndlist <$varName $ndlist ...> $expr
```

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>\$nd</b>      | Dimensionality of ND-list (e.g. 2D, 2d, or 2 for a matrix). |
| <b>\$varName</b> | Variable name to iterate with.                              |
| <b>\$ndlist</b>  | ND-list to iterate over.                                    |
| <b>\$body</b>    | Tcl script to evaluate at every loop iteration.             |
| <b>\$expr</b>    | Tcl expression to evaluate at every loop iteration.         |

### Example 42: Expand and map over matrices

*Code:*

```
set phrases [nmap 2D greeting {{hello goodbye}} subject {world moon} {  
    list $greeting $subject  
}]  
napply 2D puts $phrases
```

*Output:*

```
hello world  
goodbye world  
hello moon  
goodbye moon
```

### Example 43: Adding two matrices together, element-wise

*Code:*

```
set x {{1 2} {3 4}}  
set y {{4 1} {3 9}}  
set z [nexpr 2D xi $x yi $y {$xi + $yi}]  
puts $z
```

*Output:*

```
{5 3} {6 13}
```

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