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Subject: Re: xyz triplet array to a "flat" 2D array?

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"Todd Bowers" <[tbowers@nrlssc.navy.mil](mailto:tbowers@nrlssc.navy.mil)> writes:

> Does anybody have a quickie that'll convert data in xyz triplets  
> to "flat" format? e.g.

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> x y z            to        89.5 89.6 89.7 89.8

> 89.7 20.1 00.1        20.1            00.1

> 89.6 20.3 00.2        20.2            00.3

> 89.8 20.2 00.3        20.3    00.4 00.2

> 89.5 20.3 00.4

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> with x running across the top and y down the first column, blanks  
> are NaN's or whatever. Like it's been interpolated, but without  
> the interpolation ;).

How about:

$dx = (x1 - x0) / nx$

$dy = (y1 - y0) / ny$

$flat = \text{fltarr}(nx, ny)$

$flat((x - x0) / dx, (y - y0) / dy) = z$

where [x0,x1] and [y0,y1] are the X and Y ranges of the data. Error checking, and one-off questions are left as an exercise for the reader. Creative uses of HISTOGRAM and REVERSE\_INDICES can also be used, if you are interested in extra credit.

Good luck,

Craig

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