
Subject: Re: Incrementing an Array

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Craig Markwardt wrote:

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> s007amf@news.wright.edu (ALAN FRAZIER) writes:
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>> Once again I am struggling with the finer points of IDL. What I am trying
>> to do seems simple, but is causing me some headaches. What I am trying to
>> do is this:
>>
>> matrix[x,y,z] = matrix[x,y,z] + 1
>>
>> Where matrix is a 3D array and x,y,z are 1D arrays. Matrix starts out
>> all 0's and I am trying to increment values at elements [x,y,z]. The
>> problem
>> is that some elements should be incremented multiple times. All the
>> proper elements are incremented once, but the second, third,
>> fourth....increments are not showing up. Any ideas? I know that I could
>> write this with loops, but that would be too slow.
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> This is a common error using array indices. The problem is that each
> element evaluated in parallel, not in sequence.
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> You really want to use HISTOGRAM for this one. JD Smith wrote an
> n-dimensional histogramming function which you can find here:
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I wasn't going to say anything because the answer to this one is in the manual entry for histogram! Take a look. By the way a few minor bugs in hist_nd were squashed. Attached is the latest incarnation. There's really no need to use it for this problem though... simply transform your indices into 1-d before using the method at the end of the manual entry.

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ind=x+nx*(y+ny*z)
matrix=HISTOGRAM(ind, INPUT=matrix, MIN=0, MAX=N_ELEMENTS(matrix)-1)
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JD
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; NAME:
; HIST_ND
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; PURPOSE:
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; Perform an N-dimensional histogram, also known as the joint
; density function of N variables, ala HIST_2D.
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; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; hist=HIST_ND(V,BINSIZE,MIN=,MAX=,NBINS=,REVERSE_INDICES=)
;
; INPUTS:
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; V: A NxP array representing P data points in N dimensions.
;
; BINSIZE: The size of the bin to use. Either a P point vector
; specifying a separate size for each dimension, or a scalar,
; which will be used for all dimensions. If BINSIZE is not
; passed, NBINS must be.
;
; OPTIONAL INPUTS:
;
; MIN: The minimum value for the histogram. Either a P point
; vector specifying a separate minimum for each dimension, or a
; scalar, which will be used for all dimensions. If omitted,
; the natural minimum within the dataset will be used.
;
; MAX: The maximum value for the histogram. Either a P point
; vector specifying a separate maximum for each dimension, or a
; scalar, which will be used for all dimensions. If omitted, the
; natural maximum within the dataset will be used.
;
; NBINS: Rather than specifying the binsize, you can pass NBINS,
; the number of bins in each dimension, which can be a P point
; vector, or a scalar. If BINSIZE it also passed, NBINS will be
; ignored, otherwise BINSIZE will then be calculated as
; binsize=(max-min)/nbins. Note that *unlike* RSI's version of
; histogram as of IDL 5.4, this keyword actually works as
; advertised, giving you NBINS bins over the range min to max.
;
; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
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; MIN,MAX,NBINS: See above
;
; REVERSE_INDICES: Set to a named variable to receive the
; reverse indices, for mapping which points occurred in a given
; bin.
;
; OUTPUTS:
;
; The N-Dimensional histogram, of size N1xN2xN3x...xND where the
; Ni's are the number of bins implied by the data, and/or
; optional inputs min, max and binsize.
;
; OPTIONAL OUTPUTS:

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; The reverse indices
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; EXAMPLE:
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; v=randomu(sd,3,100)
; h=hist_nd(v,.25,MIN=0,MAX=1,REVERSE_INDICES=ri)
;
; SEE ALSO:
;
; HISTOGRAM, HIST_2D
;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
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;   Fri Apr 20 12:57:34 2001, JD Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu>
;
;       Slight update to NBINS logic.  More aggressive keyword
;       checking.
;
;   Wed Mar 28 19:41:10 2001, JD Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu>
;
; Written, based on HIST_2D, and suggestions of CM.
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function hist_nd,V,bs,MIN=mn,MAX=mx,NBINS=nbins,REVERSE_INDICES=ri
  s=size(V,/DIMENSIONS)
  if n_elements(s) ne 2 then message,'Input must be N(dimensions) x P (points)'
  if s[0] gt 8 then message, 'Only up to 8 dimensions allowed'

  if n_elements(mx) eq 0 then begin
    mx=make_array(s[0],TYPE=size(V,/TYPE))
    need_mn=n_elements(mn) eq 0
    if need_mn then mn=mx
    for i=0,s[0]-1 do begin
      mx[i]=max(V[i,*],MIN=tmn)
      if need_mn then mn[i]=tmn
    endfor
  endif

  if s[0] gt 1 then begin
    if n_elements(mn) eq 1 then mn=replicate(mn,s[0])
    if n_elements(mx) eq 1 then mx=replicate(mx,s[0])
    if n_elements(bs) eq 1 then bs=replicate(bs,s[0])
    if n_elements(nbins) eq 1 then nbins=replicate(nbins,s[0])
  endif

  if n_elements(bs) eq 0 then begin

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if n_elements(nbins) ne 0 then begin
  nbins=long(nbins)      ;No fractional bins, please
  bs=float(mx-mn)/nbins
endif else message,'Must pass either binsize or NBINS'
endif else nbins=long((mx-mn)/bs)

total_bins=nbins[s[0]-1]  ;Accumulate the size of all bins
h=(nbins[s[0]-1]-1)<long((V[s[0]-1,*]-mn[s[0]-1])/bs[s[0]-1]) >0L
for i=s[0]-2,0,-1 do begin
  ;; The scaled indices, s[n]+a[n-1]*(s[n-1]+a[n-2]*(s[n-2]+...
  h=nbins[i]*h+((nbins[i]-1)<long((V[i,*]-mn[i])/bs[i])>0L)
  total_bins=total_bins*nbins[i]
endfor

ret=make_array(TYPE=3,DIMENSION=nbins,/NOZERO)
if arg_present(ri) then $
  ret[0]=histogram(h,min=0,max=total_bins-1,REVERSE_INDICES=ri ) $
else $
  ret[0]=histogram(h,min=0,max=total_bins-1)
return,ret
end

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File Attachments

1) [hist_nd.pro](#), downloaded 140 times
