
Subject: Re: rebin question

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```
print, round(rebin(float([5,5,5,5,4]),1))
```

Hassle?

Maybe you could write a function. Which leads me to a new question:

Is it possible to define a function or procedure in IDL that can take an arbitrary number of arguments, e.g.:

```
function my_rebin, a, arg1, arg2, ...  
  
    return, round( rebin( float(a), arg1, arg2, ... ) )  
end
```

On Fri, 22 Mar 2002 11:58:41 -0500, Jonathan Joseph <jj21@cornell.edu> wrote:

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> I figured I would use rebin to downsample an image by averaging the  
> pixels in blocks of specified size. What I discovered, was that for  
> integer type images, rebin averages the pixels, but then instead of  
> rounding to the nearest integer, simply takes the integer part of  
> the average. Hence:  
>  
> print, rebin([5,5,5,5,4], 1)  
>  
> gives the result of 4, not 5 which is what I would like. I suppose  
> this is done for speed - to work around the problem, I need to convert  
> to a floating point type, do the rebin, then round, then convert back  
> to the proper integer type - a hassle.  
>  
> But, I would really like a more generic way of doing downsampling  
> of this sort, without the high overhead of a loop. Apart from  
> taking the mean of a block of pixels, I would also like the option  
> of downsampling using the median of a block of pixels, or using the  
> mean of a block of pixels disregarding the farthest outlier (or  
> n outliers).  
>  
> Has anyone written IDL code to do downsampling in a more generalized  
> way than rebin, or have any clever ideas about how to do it quickly?  
>  
> Thanks
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