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Subject: Re: array 'minus'

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On Mon, 18 Aug 2003 20:00:03 -0700, tomson wrote:

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> Hi, I'd like to eliminate some elements in a array. For example,  
>      A=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0]  
>      N=[3,6]  
> I want to get a array b equal to A but without A(3) and A(6). How to do  
> that?  
>
```

The HISTOGRAM solution is detailed in the tutorial on D. Fanning's site:

Problem: Remove some elements, listed in random order, from a vector.

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IDL> vec=randomu(sd,10)  
IDL> remove=[3,7,2,8]  
IDL> keep=where(histogram(remove,MIN=0,MAX=n_elements(vec)-1) eq 0,cnt)  
IDL> if cnt ne 0 then vec=vec[keep]  
IDL> print,keep  
      0      1      4      5      6      9
```

We've used HISTOGRAM and WHERE to simply generate a list of kept indices.

This method will excel when you have lots of elements to remove, or any repeated elements.

JD

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