
Subject: Re: rebinning data on new time samples without loops?

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In article <d916d48a.0312111543.8425684@posting.google.com>, j battat@cfa.harvard.edu (James) wrote:

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> Hi there,
>
> I have a time series of data, y, sampled on an irregular grid, t1.
> I would like to rebin y onto an existing time series (also irregular),
> t2.
>
>   for loop over t1
>   dT = t2 - replicate(t1[i],nt2)
>   ID = where(dT EQ min(dT))
>   dump y1[i] data into y2[ID] if min(dT) < dTMax
>   increment counter[ID]
>   endfor loop
>
>   then divide y2/counter to get the rebinned value.
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Since your data is already sorted by time, you can use a binary search (VALUE Locate). It is *much* faster than WHERE on long vectors.

Loop over t2 (not t1), find the points in t1 closest to t2-dt and t2+dt using VALUE Locate. Then average as you are doing.

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