
Subject: Re: averaging over same index

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In article <1124814140.855435.78130@f14g2000cwb.googlegroups.com>, andi.walther@web.de wrote:

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> Hello,
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> I have an array V(alues) and an array S(ubscripts of a target array)
> and I want to
> extract the mean of all values with the same index in order to put them
> into the new array.
>
> As a simple example:
> V = [ 3, 7, 99, 5, 2 , 10]
> S = [ 1, 3, 3, 2, 0 , 1]
>
> new vector should be --> new = [ 2 , 6.5 , 5, 53 ]
>
> slow way would be: for n = 0 , max(S)-1 do new[n]=mean(v[where(S eq
> n)])
>
> a bit faster without WHERE in the loop:
>
>   VSorted = v[sort(S)]
>   SSorted = S[sort(S)]
>   uu = uniq(iSorted)
>   for n = 0 , n_elements(uu)-1 do new[iSorted[uu[n]]] =
> mean(vSorted[n:(n-1)>0])
>
> But is there a way to do what I want without resorting to
> a loop? In my real-world problem I have vectors with 500000 elements
> and the number of the occurence of indices
> are quite irregular and can exceed 30 times.
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> Thanks Andi
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Use HISTOGRAM with reverse indices to get lists of each s. Then average using array subscripting for each list.

See JD's HISTOGRAM tutorial on David's web site.

http://dfanning.com/tips/histogram_tutorial.html

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