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Subject: Re: the fastest way to find number of points in sphere(radius r)

Posted by [Xavier Llobet](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2005 15:29:13 GMT

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In article <1132665267.676156.221240@g49g2000cwa.googlegroups.com>,  
"PYJ" <snfinder@naver.com> wrote:

> Thank you, Xavier Llobet~^^  
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> Actually, I expect a vectorizing method. (finding number of points  
> about all centers at a time.)  
>  
> By the way,  
> The points that I have are about  $5 \cdot 10^5$ .  
> The number of centers is about  $3 \cdot 10^6$ .  
> These are quite large.

In that case, use `ix = lindgen(n_elements(X))`

> Anyway, I can't understand your way exactly.  
> Can you explain it more ?  
>  
> So `sph(2,*)` is the array of distances.  
> -> distances? Whose distances?

The only obscure point is

```
>> ; Shift points' coordinates to the j-th sphere's center
>>   blas_axpy, t1, -1, [XC(j), YC(j), ZC(j)], 1, [0,0], 2, ix
```

It is a fast way of doing  $X1 = X - XC(j)$ ,  $Y1 = Y - YC(j)$ ,  $Z1 = Z - ZC(j)$

> \*\*\*I need a number of points. \*\*\*  
> Do I use a where function about every centers again?

Quoting myself:

```
>> ; Histogram it, or treat as you please.
```

> I want to avoid loops if possible.

Well, given that you have  $5E5$  points and  $3E6$  centers, you have  $1.5E12$  distances to consider. It might be difficult to do it without loops...

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\_xavier

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Only one "o" in my e-mail address

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A: Because it messes up the order in which people normally read text.

Q: Why is top-posting such a bad thing?

A: Top-posting.

Q: What is the most annoying thing on usenet and in e-mail?

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