
Subject: Re: How to Sort/Uniq a list and keep its original index
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On Wed, 11 Oct 2006 17:12:07 -0600, David Fanning wrote:

```
>  
> I haven't tested this, but just off the top of my head:  
>  
> I = Where(Histogram(indexU, Min=0, Max=N_Elements(testTotal)) $  
> EQ 0, count)
```

I think that will leave out one of the duplicates of each set (since one of them by definition is unique).

If you're going to use HISTOGRAM, you could use it to do the whole thing:

```
h=histogram(testTotal, REVERSE_INDICES=ri)  
wh=where(h gt 1, cnt) ;; bins with duplicates  
for i=0, cnt-1 do do_something_with, ri[ri[wh[i]]:ri[wh[i]+1]-1]
```

since it's faster than SORT for well-behaved data. Notice that I didn't explicitly test for empty bins, since I'm only looping over those bins with 2 or more entries. If most of your duplicate counts are low (2x, 3x, etc.), you can see another big speedup by binning the resulting histogram. Standard sparse data warnings apply.

If you want to use SORT anyway (for simplicity, or for instance because the data could be very sparse), you could just do the opposite of what UNIQ does:

```
indexDUP=where((test eq shift(test,-1)) OR (test eq shift(test,1)))
```

JD
