Subject: Re: Number of points inside a contour curve Posted by burking on Thu, 21 Dec 2006 15:38:15 GMT

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On Dec 20, 3:58 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote: > I note that HISTOGRAM_2D uses embedded FOR loops and that HIST_2D > is written by JD Smith. That's enough for me. :-) Ok, I'm using hist 2d. The results are similar, I was wrong... > If you did a HISTOGRAM on the result of HIST_2D, then I should

- > think you could find the level where a cumulative total of
- > the HISTOGRAM result was 90% of the total (VALUE_LOCATE
- > might be handy here). I'm mostly thinking out loud. There
- > seem to be a few details missing here....But I think this
- > might be a promising direction. :-)

Indeed, your suggestion to use histogram was good. However, I don't need VALUE LOCATE. This is how I solved the problem:

;density is the result from HIST 2D

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maxvalue=max(density,maxpoint)
maxcoord=ARRAY_INDICES(density,maxpoint)
max_x=xmin+maxcoord[0]*xbinsize+xbinsize/2
max_y=ymin+maxcoord[1]*ybinsize+ybinsize/2
print, 'The maximum density is: ', maxvalue
print, 'It occurs at coordinates:'
print, max x, max y
tot histo=total(density)
histoden=histogram(density)
n_histo=n_elements(histoden)
sum=0
k=0
while sum It 0.9*tot_histo do begin
sum = sum + histoden[n_histo-1-k] * (maxvalue-k)
k = k+1
endwhile
maxlevel=histoden[n_histo-1-k] * (maxvalue-k)
contour, density, xabscissa, yabscissa, c_colors=fsc_color('red'),
levels=maxlevel, /overplot
xyouts, max x, max y, '+', /data, color=fsc color('red')
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