
Subject: Re: Weighted histogram

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On Aug 27, 10:20 pm, snudge42 <snudg...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi guys,
>
> I have an array of velocities, final_v, and an array of weightings,
> prob_arr, which may look something like:
>
> final_v = [0,10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90]
> prob_arr = [0.05,0.1,0.05,0.0,0.05,0.15,0.2,0.2,0.15,0.05]
>
> I'd like to plot a histogram with the velocities along the x-axis and
> the weighted histogram values along the y-axis. I've got the first bit
> happening, but am having trouble working out how to do the y-axis.
> This is my code so far:
>
> testHisto = HISTOGRAM(final_v)
> s = SIZE(testHisto)
> maxData = MAX(final_v, MIN=minData)
> x = FINDGEN(s(1)) * ((maxData - minData)/(s(1)-1)) + minData
> plot, x, testHisto, PSYM = 10, XSTYLE=1
>
> Any help out there?
>
> Sebastian
```

So, first things first. You could make use of the locations keyword to histogram and save yourself some trouble:

```
testHisto = histogram( final_v, locations=x )
plot, x, testHisto, psym=10, xs=1
```

That gives the exact same result as your calculation, but is faster and more robust. As for your problem, you will want to use the `reverse_indices` keyword to histogram (see http://www.dfanning.com/tips/histogram_tutorial.html for hints on using histogram). You should try something like this:

```
final_v = [0,10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90]
prob_arr = [0.05,0.1,0.05,0.0,0.05,0.15,0.2,0.2,0.15,0.05]
prob_arr /= max(prob_arr) ; normalize prob_arr to one

; build histogram and extract reverse_indices
testHisto = histogram( final_v, locations=x, reverse_indices=ri )
testHisto = float(testHisto)
```

```
; loop through each bin
for i=1,n_elements(testHisto)-1 do begin
  ; see if there is data in this bin
  if ri[i-1] eq ri[i] then continue
  ; retrieve the indices of the original data
  inds = ri[ri[i-1]:ri[i]-1]

  ; loop through and multiply the histogram by the probability
  for j=0,n_elements(inds)-1 do testHisto[i-1] *= probb_arr[inds[j]]

endfor

; plot the result
plot,x,testHisto,yr=[0,2],psym=10
```

The reverse_indices to a histogram are highly useful, and worth learning. You should definitely memorize that entire link.
