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Subject: Re: majority voting

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On Feb 11, 4:53 pm, Mort Canty <m.ca...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

> ben.bighair schrieb:

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>> On Feb 11, 11:14 am, mort canty <m.ca...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

>>> Hi all,

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>>> Given a 2-D array such as

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>>>     0    1    1    2    1

>>>     0    2    1    1    1

>>>     1    0    2    2    1

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>>> where the entries are labels, the columns represent items and the rows

>>> are voters, I want a IDL function that returns the majority vote labels.

>>> So here I should get

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>>> 0 ? 1 2 1

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>>> as output, where ? = "don't care". There must not be a loop over

>>> columns. I've got a clumsy solution, but I'm sure there's an elegant one

>>> somewhere?

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>> Hi,

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>> This is incomplete as it doesn't flag the "don't care" crowd. I can't

>> noodle that part out without column looping. Looping would make it

>> easy to use something like...

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>> for i = 0, ncol-1 do dontCare[i] = ARRAY\_EQUAL(votes[i,\*],votes[i,0])

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>> but by your rules, that is out of bounds.

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>> \*\*\*BEGIN

>> x=[[0,1,1,2,1],\$

>> [0,2,1,1,1],\$

>> [1,0,2,2,1]]

>> sz = SIZE(x, /DIM)

>> votes = [[TOTAL(x EQ 0, 2)],\$

>> [TOTAL(x EQ 1, 2)], \$

>> [TOTAL(x EQ 2, 2)]]

>> mx = MAX(votes, mxldx,dim = 2)

>> majority = (array\_indices(sz, mxldx, /dim))[1,\*]

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>> print, majority
>> ***END
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>> Cheers,
>> Ben
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> Thanks Ben. What I meant by "don't care" is that I don't care which of
> the labels that got equal votes is output. I think my solution is
> essentially the same as yours, certainly not more elegant:
>
> function majority_vote, A, num_labels
>   n = n_elements(A[*],0)
>   B = intarr(n,num_labels)
>   for i=0,num_labels-1 do begin
>     C = A*0
>     idx = where(A eq i,count)
>     if count gt 0 then C[idx] = 1
>     B[*],i] = total(C,2)
>   endfor
>   void = max(B,labels,dimension=2)
>   return, labels/n
> end
>
> I was probably hoping for some HISTOGRAM magic :-)
> Mort

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Oooo. Histogram... well my mojo just isn't working that way today.  
 But deep inside Jean's addition is sort\_nd (I had never heard of it  
 before - slick!) which has a histogram \*with\* reverse indices. Double  
 the mojo!

Cheers,  
 Ben

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