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Subject: Re: help on avoiding a FOR loop  
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On Jan 18, 9:45 am, steffenh <hlde...@gmx.de> wrote:

> Hi there,  
>  
> maybe someone can help me on avoiding this FOR loop:  
>  
> ha=histogram(myBin.event, binSize=1, reverse\_indices=r\_acc, min=0)  
>  
> FOR i=0L, n\_elements(ha)-1 DO BEGIN  
> IF (ha[i] ne 0) THEN BEGIN  
> idx=reverse\_indices(ha, r\_acc, i)  
> myBin2[idx].energy=total(myBin[idx].energy, /CUMULATIVE)/  
> total(myBin[idx].energy)  
> ENDIF  
> ENDFOR  
>  
> To explain: I have a dataset, which contains multiple energy entries  
> which can be linked to individual events. The energies should be  
> comulatively summed for each event. Each event spreads over roughly  
> 10-100 energy entries and I am looping in excess of 1 Mio. events. For  
> all what I know this is "sub-optimal" in IDL, since I'm actually doing  
> very little processing in each loop-iteration.  
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> Cheers and thanks in advance,  
>  
> Steffen

How's this:

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h1 = histogram(myBin.event, binSize=1, reverse_indices=ri, min=0)
nh1 = n_elements(h1)
t1 = total(myBin.energy[ri[ri[0]:ri[nh1]-1]], /cumulative)
startpts = total(h1,/cumulative,/int) - 1
t1_droppts = t1[startpts] - [0,t1[startpts]]
h2 = histogram(total(h1,/cumulative)-1, bin=1, min=0,
reverse_indices=ri2)
nh2 = n_elements(h2)
i2 = ri2[0:nh2-1]-ri2[0]
denom = t1_droppts[i2]
enew = myBin[ri[ri[0]:ri[nh1]-1]].energy / denom
enew[startpts[0:nh1-2]+1] -= 1.
myBin2[ri[ri[0]:ri[nh1]-1]].energy = total(enew, /cumulative)
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Explanation: You're really just taking a cumulative sum that gets reset every bin and dividing it by a different denominator in every

bin. So I use the histogram chunk indexing trick to create an array of denominators, and then subtract 1 at the beginning of every bin so that the cumulative total effectively gets reset.

Incidentally, this should also solve Wox's problem of a few days ago.

-Jeremy.

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