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Subject: Re: Extract Array positions for a set of Values

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On Mar 9, 5:48 am, Paul Magdon <paulmag...@yahoo.de> wrote:

> Hi,  
> have a quite simple problem for which I can find a fas solution:  
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> 1.) I have an IntArray A (e.g a result from LABEL\_REGION)  
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> 1 1 1 1 0 0 0  
> 1 1 1 1 0 0 2  
> 0 0 0 0 9 0 2  
>  
> 2.) I have a vector B with Integers (e.g. 1,2,9)  
>  
> Now I want to extract the positions of B in A and set all values in A which are included in B to  
let's say 99. How can I do this without a loop?  
> I tested HISTOGRAM(,REVERSE\_INDICES) but as B is not consecutive (e.g 1,2,3,4) I can't  
find a solution.  
>  
> Cheers Paul

Here's a solution that uses a FOR-loop and histogram:

```
H = histogram(A,min=0,max=max(B),reverse_indices=ri)
for i=0,n_elements(B)-1 do begin
  if H[B[i]] eq 0 then continue
  A[ri[B[i]]:ri[B[i]+1]-1] = 99
endfor
```

Who cares if B isn't consecutive? Just use it to index the histogram  
(and the reverse\_indices array), so you only have to loop over B. I  
would remove duplicate values, if any, from B beforehand to save  
redundant iterations.

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