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Subject: Re: Another "How to efficiently do this in IDL" question

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On Friday, October 21, 2011 6:15:09 PM UTC-4, robintw wrote:

>  
> The other main question is that if I've got an array of points like the  
> following:  
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> 1 3 3 5 6 2 1  
>       \*  
>  
> What is an efficient way to check that there are at least two points on  
> each side of the central point (marked with a star) that have a lower  
> value than it. My original thought was to loop through the cells, but I  
> suspect some fancy histogram command could do something to help with this...  
>

You can find all the "5 point peaks" relatively efficiently:

wh=where(d gt ((m=median(d,3))) and smooth((d eq m)\*(n-2),n-2) eq n-3)

n=5 in your case.

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