
Subject: array manipulation (TOTAL-ing or MEDIAN-ing) in uneven bins

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I have several unrelated problems that I'm solving in the same efficient way (with loops). I'm trying to perform some array operation on an array, according to a list of (let's call them) uneven bins.

I have an array, say `d`, of 146 elements. I have a separate array that represents uneven bins that I want to perform the operation on, like MEDIAN, or TOTAL. For example,

`ntot = [15,45,56,90,116,146]`

I want as output an array, of 6 elements, that contains the MEDIAN (or TOTAL) of array `d` according to the indices listed in `ntot`.

So the 1st element would contain `median(d[0:14],/even)`, the 2nd `median(d[15:44],/even)`, etc....

Or the same thing with `total`....`total(d[0:14])`, `total(d[15:44])` , etc...

Right now I'm looping over the number of elements in `ntot` to do this and I don't much care for loops.

I don't think this is quite the same thing as the example given in the "Horror and Disgust of Histogram" article nor does this sound like something I can do with `value_locate`, although I'm not too familiar with `value_locate`.

Any ideas on this? Thanks a lot.
