
Subject: Re: algorithm question. Can I get rid of the for loop?
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 27 Mar 2013 16:53:05 GMT
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On 3/27/13 9:31 AM, Si;½ren Frimann wrote:

> Den fredag den 22. marts 2013 14.25.44 UTC+1 skrev Heinz Stege:

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>> Before entering the loop get the indices of the lower and upper limits

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>> for all x values by use of the VALUE_LOCATE function. Then you can use

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>> this pre-calculated indices instead of the index array from the WHERE

>>

>> function.

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> That was a very nice hint indeed! Below an implementation where this has been done (as well as a few general updates). It's much faster than my older solution although, it retains the for loop

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> FUNCTION hampel, x, y, dx, THRESHOLD=threshold

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> IF N_Elements(threshold) EQ 0 THEN threshold = 3

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> s0 = FltArr(N_Elements(y))

> y0 = FltArr(N_Elements(y))

> yy = y

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> lower_Boundary = Value_Locate(x,x-dx)+1 ; indices of lower boundaries

> upper_Boundary = Value_Locate(x,x+dx) ; indices of upper boundaries

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> FOR i=0,N_Elements(y)-1 DO BEGIN

> IF lower_Boundary[i] EQ upper_Boundary[i] THEN BEGIN

> ; only one point in gap

> y0[i] = y[i]

> s0[i] = !Value.F_NAN

> ENDIF ELSE BEGIN

> ; Two or more points in gap

> y_temp = y[lower_Boundary[i]:upper_Boundary[i]]

> y0[i] = Median(y_temp) ; median filtering

> s0[i] = 1.4826*Median(Abs(y_temp - y0[i])) ; estimating uncertainty

> ENDELSE

> ENDFOR

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> gp = Where(Abs(y - y0) LT threshold*s0) ;index of good points

> ol = Where(Abs(y - y0) GE threshold*s0,n) ;index of outliers

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> yy[ol] = y0[ol] ; replace outliers
>
> result = Create_Struct('y' ,yy, $
>         'sigma',s0, $
>         'gp' ,gp, $
>         'ol' ,ol, $
>         'n' ,n) ; number of outliers
>
> RETURN, result
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> END
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> Den fredag den 22. marts 2013 18.29.31 UTC+1 skrev bobgst...@gmail.com:
>> Using histogram and reverse indices would be much faster than looping and whereing. (i.e.
>> get all of your "index" arrays in one call, rather than n_elements(y) calls of where).
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> I've looked into it, and I really don't see a way of using histogram, since it involves binning of
> the data, and my data aren't binned - rather they are subject to a moving window running
> smoothly over the data set.
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> Cheers,
> Sï¿½ren
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Anything can be turned into a solution using histogram. ;-) You just need to create an array that *can* be binned. Which, of course, probably also involves histogram! It may be much less readable, and involve 3 histograms including a histogram-of-a-histogram, but here's my replacement for your loop, which is about 3x faster in my tests:

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nwindow_per_element = upper_boundary - lower_boundary + 1
nwindow_runningtot = total(nwindow_per_element, /cumulative, /int)

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; we're going to treat all possible points in the window around
; each element as one gigantic long array:
longarr = lindgen(nwindow_runningtot[ny-1])

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; So we need easy ways
; of figuring out, for each point i in that long array, which
; element it is in the window of.
; The number of points in the window of each element is given
; by nwindow_per_element, so we can use that as the number

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; of times to repeat each integer.
; Use the histogram trick to do the repeats - see the histogram tutorial
reph = histogram(nwindow_runningtot-1, bin=1, min=0,$
  reverse_indices=repri)
elementnum = repri[0:n_elements(reph)-1] - repri[0]

; We also need to know, for each point in the long array, what
; element in y it refers to. First figure out which point within
; the window that is:
windownum = longarr - longarr[ ([0,nwindow_runningtot])[elementnum] ]
; Then combine them with lower_boundary to figure out where in y that is
ynum = lower_boundary[elementnum] + windownum

; now histogram the elementnums so each window falls into
; a separate bin
winh = histogram(elementnum, min=0, reverse_indices=winri)

; and use the double-histogram trick so we only need to loop through
; repeat counts instead of through elements - see the drizzling/chunking
; page
h2 = histogram(winh, reverse_indices=ri2, min=1)
if h2[0] gt 1 then begin
  ; single-element windows
  vec_inds = ri2[ri2[0]:ri2[1]-1]
  y0_jb[vec_inds] = y[ynum[winri[winri[vec_inds]]]]
  s0_jb[vec_inds] = !value.f_nan
endif
for j=1,n_elements(h2)-1 do if h2[j] gt 0 then begin
  ; windows of width j+1
  element_inds = ri2[ri2[j]:ri2[j+1]-1]
  vec_inds = rebin(winri[element_inds], h2[j], j+1, /sample) + $
    rebin(transpose(lindgen(j+1)), h2[j], j+1, /sample)
  y_temp = y[ynum[winri[vec_inds]]]
  ; first dimension is which element, second is where in the window
  ; so to do operations over the window, work on the second dimension
  y0_jb[element_inds] = median(y_temp, dimension=2)
  y0_temp = rebin(y0_jb[element_inds], h2[j], j+1, /sample)
  s0_jb[element_inds] = 1.4826*median(abs(y_temp - y0_temp), dimension=2)
endif

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-Jeremy.