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Subject: Re: Count duplicate elements in an array but keep their order!

Posted by [Steve Daal](#) on Mon, 16 Sep 2013 17:51:58 GMT

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On Tuesday, September 3, 2013 7:58:33 AM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

> Josh Sixsmith writes:

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>> The following might work.

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>> Using the UNIQ function will give the indices, which you can use to get the value counts.

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>> To get the counts for each value you'll then need to use the SHIFT function to offset the indices in order subtract from the original indices.

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> Using the UNIQ function on a floating point array is probably a bad

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> idea. You might find that ALL your floating point numbers are unique,

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> depending upon how you arrive at them.

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> I think to solve this problem you are going to have to convert the

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> floats to integers of whatever degree of "floating" accuracy makes sense

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> for the problem. Then work with the integers to find, count, and remove

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> duplicates.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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- > Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
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- > Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Thanks Josh and David. That helped a lot.

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