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Subject: Re: binning a point clouds in the xy plane  
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Nafiseh M writes:

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> Thanks a lot,  
>  
> it is really a brilliant idea. :)  
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> I have just problem with cgReverseIndices to find indices of avg z values.  
>  
> here is the code;  
>  
> readcol, 'sampledata.txt', x, y, z  
>  
> hist_xy=hist_nd(transpose([[x],[y]]),[0.05,0.05],$  
> min=[min(x),min(y)],max=[max(x),max(y)],reverse_indices=ri)  
>  
> avg_hist_xyz=make_array(size(hist_xy,/DIMENSIONS),VALUE=!VAL UES.F_NAN)  
>  
> for j=0,n_elements(hist_xy)-1 do if ri[j+1] gt ri[j] then $  
>     avg_hist_xyz[j]=mean(z[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]])  
>  
> ;;;;;;;;;;; I am not sure how to use correctly "cgReverseIndices"  
>  
> help, indicesz ?????
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I would use it like this:

```
for j=0,n_elements(hist_xy)-1 do begin  
    indicesz = cgReverseIndices(ri, j, COUNT=cnt)  
    if cnt gt 0 then avg_hist[j] = Median(z[indicesz])  
endfor
```

I would use Median rather than Mean so I wasn't being confused by outliers, but you should decide what is best for you.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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