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Subject: Re: 2D Histogram error

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On 03/31/2017 01:58 PM, mitali1203@gmail.com wrote:

> I am a newbie to IDL. I am currently working on event files (which  
> are similar to FITS files) in IDL. I have written a code which will sort out  
> event files from a list of directories and then compute detector plane  
> histograms (DPH) (2D Histograms, basically) for each of those event  
> files. In the process, I have also set up a 4-D array (4,25,64,64) and  
> run a 'for' loop to save all DPH's to this array.  
> However, I keep getting this error "Expression must be an array in  
> this context:H", at the line where I have used 'hist\_2d' function. I  
> heard this is because there may not be any events in that particular  
> file; hence IDL does not have any data values to create histogram. I  
> guess I have to put a conditional loop (if..else) in order to detect  
> such null event files. I am getting confused as to how this problem can  
> be solved. It would be of great help if someone can troubleshoot this  
> problem.  
> Here is the code I have written- The line containing hist\_2d  
> function is where the error is-  
>  
> function compute\_dph, infile, outpath  
>  
> dph=fltarr(4,25,64,64)  
> for quad=0,3 do begin  
> data=mrdfits(infile,quad+1, /unsigned,/dscale)  
> for ebin=0,24 do begin  
> index=where(data.energy gt 5+ebin\*10 and data.energy le 5+(ebin+1)\*10)  
> qdph=hist\_2d(data(index).detx,data(index).dety,MAX1=63,MAX2= 63,MIN1=0,MIN2=0)  
> dph(quad,ebin,\*,\*)=qdph  
> endfor  
> endfor  
>  
> names=strsplit(infile,'/ ', /EXTRACT)  
> stem=names(N\_ELEMENTS(names)-1)  
> outfile=strmid(stem,0,srtlen(stem)-3)+'dph'  
> outfile=outpath+outfile  
> save,dph,filename=outfile  
>  
> print,infile,outpath  
> return,0  
> end  
Hi,

the following within the innermost loop should work:

index=where( (data.energy gt 5+ebin\*10) and (data.energy le

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5+(ebin+1)*10) ,cnt)
if cnt ne 0 then
  dph[quad,ebin,*,*]=hist_2d(data(index).detx,data(index).dety
,MAX1=63,MAX2=63,MIN1=0,MIN2=0)
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or assuming  $0 \leq \text{detx}, \text{dety} \leq 63$  &  $\text{detx}, \text{dety}$  are integers you could put instead of the inner loop

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dat=64L*27L*data.detx+27L*data.detx+(0L>ceil((data.energy-5)/10) <26L)
dat=[reform(dat,n_elements(dat),/overwrite),64L*64L*27L-1L]
dph[0,*,*,*]=( reform(histogram(dat),[27,64,64]) )[1:25,*,*]
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The latter I have not debugged.

I hope this helps, Markus

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