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Posted by [tomson](#) on Tue, 19 Aug 2003 03:00:03 GMT

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Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Thu, 28 Aug 2003 16:35:22 GMT  
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On Mon, 18 Aug 2003 20:00:03 -0700, tomson wrote:

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The HISTOGRAM solution is detailed in the tutorial on D. Fanning's site:

Problem: Remove some elements, listed in random order, from a vector.

```
IDL> vec=randomu(sd,10)
IDL> remove=[3,7,2,8]
IDL> keep=where(histogram(remove,MIN=0,MAX=n_elements(vec)-1) eq 0,cnt)
IDL> if cnt ne 0 then vec=vec[keep]
IDL> print,keep
      0      1      4      5      6      9
```

We've used HISTOGRAM and WHERE to simply generate a list of kept indices.

This method will excel when you have lots of elements to remove, or any repeated elements.

JD

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