
Subject: Re: Help: Plotting 3d data as 2d intensity map or histogram

Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 22 Oct 2004 15:32:26 GMT

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Two functions will help you here (for IDL 5.5+) GRID_INPUT will handle
duplicates in a variety of ways (including average). If you are OK with
interpolating from there, use GRIDDATA to manufacture the 2D 'image'.

If you don't want to interpolate across 'empty' cells, but would rather
'sprinkle' your data onto the image - then you will need to translate your r and
t data pairs into 'image coordinates'. I think something like the following
(kind of thinking out loud here, I have not tried this in a long time)...

```
nX = imageXSize ;these are based on what resolution you
ny = imageYSize ;need in r and t space
data = MAKE_ARRAY(nx,ny, VALUE = !VALUES.F_NAN)
count = LonArr(nx,ny)
```

```
;normalize r and t - then scale up to image coordinates
rValues = (r - MIN(r))/(MAX(r)-MIN(r)) * (nX -1)
tValues = (t - MIN(t))/(MAX(t)-MIN(t)) * (nY -1)
```

```
;sprinkle the data onto the image
for i = 0L, n_elements(f)-1 Do Begin
  data[rValues[i],tValues[i]] += f[i]
  count[rValues[i],tValues[i]] += 1
EndFor
```

```
;find the mean of the data
;you could skip this part if you first filtered the data
;using GRID_INPUT with DUPLICATES = 'AVG'
;in which caase data already holds the mean values
data[rValues,tValues] /= count[rValues,tValues]
```

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> PS: this group seems more active than the "plain" lang.idl. what is
> the difference between idl and idl-pvwave?

I think the .idl group works with "Interface Definition Language" while idl-pvwave is for IDL and PVWAVE (and David Fanning's tennis game.) The .idl groupies might be quieter? Perhaps they are Yankees fans? I don't follow pro sports, but I noticed my rabid Red-Sox-fan co-workers high-fiving and hugging each other lately - they certainly aren't quiet.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 22 Oct 2004 17:39:58 GMT
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Ben Tupper writes:

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Alas, 17 clay courts within 1/2 of me and I haven't played tennis once. :-(

I did buy some tennis balls, though. I paid 13 Euro for four balls. "Nine, nine,", I said, not the gold-plated ones! But, yes, this is what even the ordinary balls cost. Guess I'm going to give up tennis and learn UNIX administration. Will have to if I'm going to pay for those balls.

Cheers,

David

P.S. I'm trying to think of something IDL-related to mention, but nothing occurs to me. :-(

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Subject: Re: Help: Plotting 3d data as 2d intensity map or histogram

Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Fri, 22 Oct 2004 18:48:28 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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Which 1/2 of you are they within?

:~)

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 22 Oct 2004 21:33:43 GMT

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James Kuyper writes:

> Which 1/2 of you are they within?

This happens when you are learning a new language.

You can't decide if it is "miles" or "kilometers"

and while you are thinking, your brain just freezes

up on you. It must happen a dozen times a day to me,

at least. :~)

The good news is, I'll speak German when I get home.

The bad news is, I won't remember any English. Sigh...

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [gianguido](#) on Sat, 23 Oct 2004 19:47:32 GMT

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Grazie tanto,
Gianguido

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Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Mon, 25 Oct 2004 13:07:11 GMT
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I think you're only partially right. Most of us have jobs (I hope!), but
I sent you my reply at midday, from work. I consider reading
comp.lang.idl-pvwave to be a work-related activity.

A lot of the people on this newsgroup are based in the US. Judging from
your "Grazie tanto", I suspect that working hours for us correspond to
after-work hours for you, and that may be the real reason for the delay
you mentioned.

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> I thought hist_2d could do it but that is not what I need... any help
> or suggestions? I have no idea about how to go about coding...
>
> Many thanks for any help you can give!

Using HIST_ND (http://www.dfanning.com/programs/hist_nd.pro) with reverse indices should do the trick. You bin the data in 2D (choose an appropriate number of bins in each direction), and then compute the total (or average) F value in each bin by visiting the reverse indices one at a time (they will be indices to the row of the 3xn array you mention).

All together it would look like, calling your array "a":

```
im=hist_nd(a[0:1,*],NBINS=[20,20],REVERSE_INDICES=ri)
F_im=make_array(/FLOAT,size(im,/DIMENSIONS))
for j=0,n_elements(im)-1 do if ri[j+1] gt ri[j] then $
    F_im[j]=total(a[2,ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]])
```

JD
