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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 10:21:08 GMT

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- > looking for.

I guess you have probably tried the LEGO keyword on a SURFACE command, huh?

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2005 15:34:21 GMT

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How is your data structured? If you only had x/y data points (i.e. a vector of x values and a vector of y values), hist\_2d should do exactly what you want. So, why does hist\_2d not do what you want it to?

-Mike

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Subject: Re: histograms in 2D

Posted by [Tim Lamont-Smith](#) on Mon, 05 Sep 2005 02:04:38 GMT

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Very humble apologies. I now can't even remember why/how I thought hist\_2d didn't work. It can only have been incompetence; that and the fact it was my birthday. (Old age/senility etc)

Cheers, Tim

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