
Subject: Re: Ordered index array

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 07 Sep 2005 17:01:57 GMT

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Emmanuel Christophe writes:

> I would like to change the values on an array according to the order
> they appear. Following this example:
>
> starting with the array
> [3,6,2,1,2,8,1,1]
> I would like to get
> [1,2,3,4,3,5,4,4]
>
> 3 being the first value seen it is affected to 1
> 6 being the second, affected to 2
> ...
>
> I guess this process is similar to lookup tables, or color tables. As I
> would like to process quite big arrays (>60000 long elements), i'm
> looking for an efficient function. I don't really know what to look for
> in IDL help to find something which could help.

How about this:

```
PRO TEST
```

```
a = [3,6,2,1,2,7,1,1]
```

```
h = Histogram(a, Reverse_Indices=ri, Min=0)
```

```
b = Indgen(N_Elements(h)) + 1
```

```
c = Intarr(N_Elements(h))
```

```
FOR j=0,N_Elements(h)-1 DO BEGIN
```

```
  IF ri[j+1] NE ri[j] THEN $
```

```
    c[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1] = Min(b[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1])
```

```
ENDFOR
```

```
Print, c
```

```
END
```

```
  1   2   3   4   3   6   4   4
```

Note that your original example is wrong. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Ordered index array

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> END
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> Note that your original example is wrong. :-)
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Whoops! *I* didn't use the original example either (although yours is still wrong!).

Here is a more complete solution, using the original data:

```
PRO TEST
a = [3,6,2,1,2,8,1,1]
h = Histogram(a, Reverse_Indices=ri, Min=0)
b = Indgen(N_Elements(h)) + 1
c = Intarr(N_Elements(h))
FOR j=0,N_Elements(h)-1 DO BEGIN
  IF ri[j+1] NE ri[j] THEN $
    c[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]] = Min(b[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]])
ENDFOR
Print, c[0:N_Elements(a)-1]
END
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 08:22:30 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

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>> How about this:

>>

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>> a = [3,6,2,1,2,7,1,1]

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>> b = Indgen(N_Elements(h)) + 1

>> c = Intarr(N_Elements(h))

>> FOR j=0,N_Elements(h)-1 DO BEGIN

>> IF ri[j+1] NE ri[j] THEN \$

>> c[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]] = Min(b[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]])

>> ENDFOR

>> Print, c

>> END

>>

>> 1 2 3 4 3 6 4 4

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> FOR j=0,N_Elements(h)-1 DO BEGIN

> IF ri[j+1] NE ri[j] THEN \$

> c[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]] = Min(b[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]])

> ENDFOR

```
> Print, c[0:N_Elements(a)-1]
```

```
> END
```

But this will fail if 'a' has more elements than the number of its different values, for instance a=[3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3].

One could try this:

```
PRO test
```

```
a=[3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3]
```

```
b=a
```

```
c=intarr(n_elements(a))
```

```
h=histogram(a,min=1,reverse_ind=ri)
```

```
done=0
```

```
rank=1
```

```
WHILE NOT done DO BEGIN
```

```
  actual_value=b[0]
```

```
  ind_actual_value=ri[ri[actual_value-1]:ri[actual_value]-1]
```

```
  c[ind_actual_value]=rank
```

```
  rank=rank+1
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```
  indremove=where(b NE actual_value,count)
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```
  IF count GT 0 THEN b=b[indremove] ELSE done=1
```

```
ENDWHILE
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print,a
```

```
print,c
```

```
END
```

but it will get inefficient as the numbers of different values in 'a' grows, as the code in the loop get called more and more times...

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Ciao,
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Paolo
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>
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> Cheers,
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> David
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Subject: Re: Ordered index array

Posted by [Emmanuel Christophe](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 08:48:08 GMT

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Sorry, my example was confusing:

if the input is

```
[2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,5,8]
```

I would like an output like

```
[1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,2,3]
```

The property that should be verified is the n-th symbol of the output is either

- the same as one between 0 and (n-1)th position
- equal to $\max(\text{output}[0:n-1])+1$

and $\text{output}[0]=1$

I thought also about using the `reverse_indices` of the histogram function, but as it doesn't preserve the order, I'm not sure it would work.

Thanks,

Emmanuel

David Fanning a écrit :

> David Fanning writes:

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>> How about this:

>>

>> PRO TEST

>> a = [3,6,2,1,2,7,1,1]

>> h = Histogram(a, Reverse_Indices=ri, Min=0)

>> b = Indgen(N_Elements(h)) + 1

>> c = Intarr(N_Elements(h))

>> FOR j=0,N_Elements(h)-1 DO BEGIN

>> IF ri[j+1] NE ri[j] THEN \$

>> c[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]] = Min(b[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]])

>> ENDFOR

>> Print, c

>> END

>>

>> 1 2 3 4 3 6 4 4

>>

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> b = Indgen(N_Elements(h)) + 1
> c = Intarr(N_Elements(h))
> FOR j=0,N_Elements(h)-1 DO BEGIN
>   IF ri[j+1] NE ri[j] THEN $
>     c[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]] = Min(b[ri[ri[j]:ri[j+1]-1]])
> ENDFOR
> Print, c[0:N_Elements(a)-1]
> END
>
> Cheers,
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> David
>
>
```

Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [Emmanuel Christophe](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 08:58:54 GMT
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Thanks Paolo,
Your function does exactly what I want, but my problem is precisely that I need to do it on huge array (300 000 elements at least), that why i'm looking for a more 'IDL' way to do it :)

Emmanuel

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> PRO test
>
> a=[3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3]
>
> b=a
> c=intarr(n_elements(a))
```

```
>
> h=histogram(a,min=1,reverse_ind=ri)
>
> done=0
> rank=1
> WHILE NOT done DO BEGIN
>   actual_value=b[0]
>   ind_actual_value=ri[ri[actual_value-1]:ri[actual_value]-1]
>   c[ind_actual_value]=rank
>   rank=rank+1
>   indremove=where(b NE actual_value,count)
>   IF count GT 0 THEN b=b[indremove] ELSE done=1
> ENDWHILE
>
> print,a
> print,c
>
> END
>
>
> but it will get inefficient as the numbers of different values
> in 'a' grows, as the code in the loop get called more and more
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> Ciao,
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>> David
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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 10:03:07 GMT
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Emmanuel Christophe wrote:

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> Your function does exactly what I want, but my problem is precisely that
> I need to do it on huge array (300 000 elements at least), that why i'm
> looking for a more 'IDL' way to do it :)
```

The problem is not in the number of *elements* of a, but
in the number of *different values* that a can take...

but yes, if this is large, you should not use that routine.

Paolo

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>
> Emmanuel
>
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```

>>> Cheers,
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>>> David
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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 12:30:25 GMT
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Emmanuel Christophe wrote:

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> I need to do it on huge array (300 000 elements at least), that why i'm
> looking for a more 'IDL' way to do it :)
>
> Emmanuel

Ok, let's do it. We'll use a loop, but this should not be too bad as long as you don't have more than a few million elements, provided that we just do simple operations in the loop.

PRO test2

```
a=[1,3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3]
```

```
c=lonarr(n_elements(a))
```

```
h=histogram(a,min=1L,reverse_ind=ri)
```

```
listlowestind=replicate(-1L,n_elements(h))
```

```
FOR i=0L,n_elements(h)-1 DO BEGIN  
  IF ri[i] NE ri[i+1] THEN listlowestind[i]=ri[ri[i]]  
ENDFOR
```

```
indok=where(listlowestind GT -1L,countindok)  
indoffset=n_elements(listlowestind)-countindok  
indsorted=(sort(listlowestind))
```

```
FOR i=0L,countindok-1 DO BEGIN  
  this_element=a[listlowestind[indsorted[i+indoffset]]]  
  c[ri[ri[this_element-1]:ri[this_element]-1]]=i+1  
ENDFOR
```

```
print,c
```

```
end
```

The idea here is to use histogram to scout for the first occurrence of each integer number and store it in `listlowestind`. We then sort the list, such that we know which element occurs first, and then with a second loop we fill the output array `c` with the occurrences of each element, and since we have sorted the array first, we know which rank to assign to each element. This should be moderately efficient. I assumed that the array `a` has integer elements starting from 1, if not the case, just sum $1 - \min(a)$ to the array before performing the operation.

Ciao,
Paolo

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>>
>> b=a
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>>
>> h=histogram(a,min=1,reverse_ind=ri)
>>
>> done=0
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>> WHILE NOT done DO BEGIN
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>> ENDWHILE
>>
>> print,a
>> print,c
>>
>> END
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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 13:02:36 GMT
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Paolo Grigis writes:

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```
    ; Create index array and output array.
    b = Indgen(N_Elements(a))+ 1
    c = Intarr(N_Elements(a))
```

To these:

```
    ; Create index array and output array.
    b = Indgen(N_Elements(a) > N_Elements(h)) + 1
    c = Intarr(N_Elements(a) > N_Elements(h))
```

Then,

```
IDL> a=[3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3]
IDL> Print, a
  1  1  3  4  1  4  4  3  4  1
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 13:08:46 GMT
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David Fanning writes:

> Then,

```
>
> IDL> a=[3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3]
> IDL> Print, a
> 1 1 3 4 1 4 4 3 4 1
```

Well, I'll go get my coffee now, but I think you know this should be:

```
IDL> a=[3,3,1,2,3,2,2,1,2,3]
IDL> Print, Test(a)
1 1 3 4 1 4 4 3 4 1
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 13:51:41 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

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> [...]

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Well, I guess this depends on whether the original poster minds having gaps in the "rankings" (no element with "rank" 2 in your example)...

Ciao,
Paolo

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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 13:55:19 GMT
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Paolo Grigis writes:

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Subject: Re: Ordered index array
Posted by [Emmanuel Christophe](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2005 14:51:20 GMT

Thanks to you both, the solution proposed by Paolo does exactly what I wanted (I don't want gaps in the "rankings") and this is fast enough for my case.

Thanks again,
Emmanuel

David Fanning a écrit :

> Paolo Grigis writes:

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>

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> David

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