
Subject: Anyway to avoid this last for loop
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Hi Everybody,

after having worked my way through dfannings and jdsmiths histogram tips I still haven't found a way to avoid one last (and time consuming) FOR-loop. Maybe someone has an idea.

I have two lists (Millions of entries): one containing detector hit-times, one containing anticoincidence hit-times. Only those detector hits which do not have a AC event at the same time are supposed to be kept.

I used a histogram approach:

;ACLength is how many frames are thrown out after one AC Hit ->
multiple entries can fall into one bin

```
detHist=histogram(data,REVERSE_INDICES=ri, /L64, binSize=ACLength)  
acHist=histogram(ACdeletes, /L64, binSize=ACLength)
```

```
;renormalize to one  
dl=where(detHist GT 1, cntD)  
al=where(acHist GT 1, cntA)  
IF cntD NE 0 THEN detHist[dl]=1  
IF cntA NE 0 THEN acHist[al]=1
```

```
;subtract the two histograms. All detector frames which have  
corresponding AC frame should now have value 0, if AC frame exists but  
not detector frame then value is -1. If only detector frame exists  
(the ones we want) value stays 1!!!  
diffHist=detHist-acHist
```

```
;keep the ones with one  
keep=where(diffHist EQ 1, cnt)
```

;And now my problem. I need the indices of the keep-frames but there can be more than one in a bin so I'm stuck with this loop:

```
FOR k=0L, cnt-1 DO BEGIN  
    keepIndices=[keepIndices,ri[ri[keep[k]]:ri[keep[k]+1]-1]]  
ENDFOR
```

Is there any way I can avoid this, especially because it scales with the number of hits which are kept.

Best Regards,

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