
Subject: Re: majority voting

Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 18:13:20 GMT

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On Feb 11, 11:14 am, mort canty <m.ca...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

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x=[[0,1,1,2,1],$
```

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```

```
sz = SIZE(x, /DIM)
```

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votes = [[TOTAL(x EQ 0, 2)],$
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  [TOTAL(x EQ 1, 2)], $
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  [TOTAL(x EQ 2, 2)]]
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mx = MAX(votes, mxldx,dim = 2)
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majority = (array_indices(sz, mxldx, /dim))[1,*]
```

```
print, majority
```

```
***END
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Cheers,

Ben

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 19:52:47 GMT
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Ah ah, got it!

so, you get the votes, then:

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sortID = sort_nd(votes,2)
mostVotes = votes[sortID]
mostvotes = mostVotes[*,2] ;only the highest votes
shiftVotes = shift(votes[sortID],0,1) ; shift by 1, so that the 2nd
highest vote is now on the last line of the array
SecondMostVotes = shiftVotes[*,2] ;only the highest votes
ToLabel = where(secondMostVotes - mostVotes eq 0) ;When is the 2nd most
common vote the same as the 1st one
```

```
majority[toLabel] = 999
```

Jean

Subject: Re: majority voting
Posted by [Mort Canty](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 21:53:02 GMT
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ben.bighair schrieb:

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Thanks Ben. What I meant by "don't care" is that I don't care which of the labels that got equal votes is output. I think my solution is essentially the same as yours, certainly not more elegant:

```

function majority_vote, A, num_labels
  n = n_elements(A[*,0])
  B = intarr(n,num_labels)
  for i=0,num_labels-1 do begin
    C = A*0
    idx = where(A eq i,count)
    if count gt 0 then C[idx] = 1
    B[*,i] = total(C,2)
  endfor
  void = max(B,labels,dimension=2)
  return, labels/n
end

```

I was probably hoping for some HISTOGRAM magic :-)
Mort
