
Subject: Re: about color table

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 18 Jun 2009 22:01:15 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: about color table

Posted by [Hu](#) on Fri, 19 Jun 2009 04:12:06 GMT

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Great, Thanks David

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Fri, 19 Jun 2009 04:30:27 GMT

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-Jeremy.

Subject: Re: about color table
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 19 Jun 2009 04:39:13 GMT
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Oh, my goodness! Now try to explain it to him. ;-)

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Subject: Re: about color table
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 19 Jun 2009 14:18:12 GMT
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Subject: Re: about color table

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Sat, 20 Jun 2009 03:55:27 GMT

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Yeah, `value_locate` is very handy for problems like this! I particularly like using it as a precursor to `histogram` - i.e. if you want to do something fancy using `reverse_indices` but don't have uniformly-spaced bins, first use `value_locate` to get integer indices and then use `histogram` to do the heavy lifting.

-Jeremy.
