
Subject: Some histogram magic help required - gridding/counting large dataset

Posted by [rjp23](#) on Tue, 25 Mar 2014 10:11:03 GMT

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Cheers

Rob

Subject: Re: Some histogram magic help required - gridding/counting large dataset

Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Tue, 25 Mar 2014 12:56:48 GMT

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If it is a 2D (x/y) dataset you could use the built-in function hist_2d:

http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/HIST_2D.html

What exactly is the issue you are having? You can specify bin sizes and min/max values with keywords min1, max1, bin1, min2, max2, bin2.

Andy

On Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:11:03 AM UTC-4, rj...@le.ac.uk wrote:

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Posted by [rjp23](#) on Tue, 25 Mar 2014 14:59:41 GMT
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It's two 1D datasets with e.g. 20,000 values.

How I've used hist_nd before was to put these into a 2D dataset [20,000, 2] and then run hist_nd on that data but that doesn't seem to work and is only returning 1 bin, even though I'm specifying e.g. [100,2] bins.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:56:48 PM UTC, AMS wrote:

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Subject: Re: Some histogram magic help required - gridding/counting large dataset
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 25 Mar 2014 15:28:04 GMT
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I believe your thinking about this is All Wrong. :-)

Just histogram each 1D data set into the same number of bins.

```
h1 = cgHistogram(data1, NBins=100, Reverse_Indices=ri1)
```

```
h2 = cgHistogram(data2, NBins=100, Reverse_Indices=ri2)
```

When you want to find out, for example how many "hits" you have in bin 25 in the first data set and bin 45 in the second data set, you do this:

```
b25indices = cgReverseIndices(ri1, 24, COUNT=c1)
b45indices = cgReverseIndices(ri2, 44, COUNT=c2)
```

```
IF (c1) GT 0) && (c2 GT 0) THEN BEGIN
  indices = cgSetIntersection(b25indices, b45indices, COUNT=count)
  IF count GT 0 THEN BEGIN
    Print, 'Matches: ', count
  ENDIF ELSE Print, 'No matches.
ELSE Print, 'No matches'
```

If you want to plot the points in this intersection of bins:

```
cgPlot, data1[indices], data2[indices], PSYM=1
```

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Some histogram magic help required - gridding/counting large dataset

Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Tue, 25 Mar 2014 16:10:52 GMT

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On Tuesday, March 25, 2014 5:11:03 AM UTC-5, rj...@le.ac.uk wrote:

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Here's a snippet for how to do what (I think) you're asking:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/j9ffh1ns3wcguq4/histo_notes.pdf

In the notes, h2d will contain the counts per bin.
