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## Instance Method

# specifyHistogram(\_:destination:)

Performs a histogram specification operation on an 8-bit-per-channel, 3-channel multiple-plane pixel buffer.

iOS 16.0+ | iPadOS 16.0+ | Mac Catalyst | macOS 13.0+ | tvOS 16.0+ | visionOS | watchOS 9.0+

```
func specifyHistogram(
    _ histogram: vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>.Histogram888,
    destination: vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>
)
```

Available when `Format` is `vImage.Planar8x3`.

## Parameters

### `histogram`

The histogram.

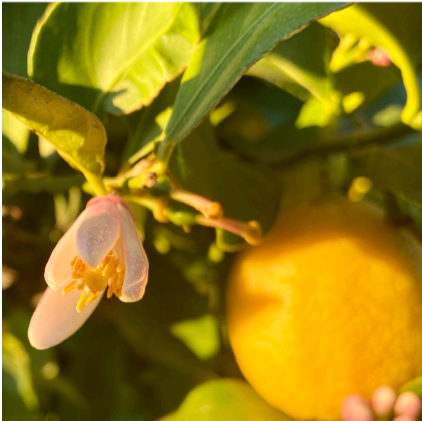
### `destination`

The destination pixel buffer.

## Discussion

*Histogram specification* is a technique that allows you to calculate the histogram of a reference image and apply it to an input image.

The example below shows a source image (bottom left) and a histogram reference image (top left), with the histogram specification output on the right:



The code below initializes the source and reference buffers from the `CGImage` instances `sourceImage` and `referenceImage` respectively:

```
var cgImageFormat = vImage_CGImageFormat(  
    bitsPerComponent: 8,  
    bitsPerPixel: 8 * 3,  
    colorSpace: CGColorSpaceCreateDeviceRGB(),  
    bitmapInfo: CGBitmapInfo(rawValue: CGImageAlphaInfo.none.rawValue))!  
  
let interleavedSource = try vImage.PixelBuffer(  
    cgImage: sourceImage,  
    cgImageFormat: &cgImageFormat,  
    pixelFormat: vImage.Interleaved8x3.self)  
let multiplePlaneSource = vImage.PixelBuffer<vImage.Planar8x3>(  
    planarBuffers: interleavedSource.planarBuffers())  
  
let interleavedReference = try vImage.PixelBuffer(  
    cgImage: referenceImage,  
    cgImageFormat: &cgImageFormat,  
    pixelFormat: vImage.Interleaved8x3.self)  
let multiplePlaneReference = vImage.PixelBuffer<vImage.Planar8x3>(  
    planarBuffers: interleavedReference.planarBuffers())
```

The following code calls `histogram()` to calculate the histogram of the reference image and passes the histogram to `specifyHistogram(_:destination:)` to generate the specification result. This function works in place, that is, the input and output can share the same underlying memory.

```
let histogram = multiplePlaneReference.histogram()

multiplePlaneSource.specifyHistogram(histogram,
                                     destination: multiplePlaneSource)
```

## See Also

### Related Documentation

`{}` Specifying histograms with `vImage`

Calculate the histogram of one image, and apply it to a second image.

### Histogram specification

```
func specifyHistogram(vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>.Histogram8888,
destination: vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>)
```

Performs a histogram specification operation on an 8-bit-per-channel, 4-channel interleaved pixel buffer.

```
func specifyHistogram(vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>.HistogramFFFF,
destination: vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>)
```

Performs a histogram specification operation on a 32-bit-per-channel, 4-channel interleaved pixel buffer.

```
func specifyHistogram(vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>.HistogramFFF,
destination: vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>)
```

Performs a histogram specification operation on a 32-bit-per-channel, 3-channel multiple-plane pixel buffer.

```
func specifyHistogram(vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>.Histogram8888,
destination: vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>)
```

Performs a histogram specification operation on an 8-bit-per-channel, 4-channel multiple-plane pixel buffer.

```
func specifyHistogram(vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>.HistogramFFFF,  
destination: vImage.PixelBuffer<Format>)
```

Performs a histogram specification operation on a 32-bit-per-channel, 3-channel multiple-plane pixel buffer.