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Subject: Re: Fractional Pixels Origin?

Posted by [mmiller3](#) on Fri, 17 Feb 2006 13:36:24 GMT

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>>>> > "David" == David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> writes:

> Then, JD Smith writes:

>> I'd urge those of you making the choice for your programs

>> to save the world confusion, and adopt the "natural"

>> choice: pixels centered on [a.5,b.5].

Here, here! JD - if you were running for office on that platform, I'd vote for you!

> I'm not sure when (if ever) I am going to \*use\* fractional  
> pixels, but I would like to understand it. :-)

I used to feel the same way, but then I started working on multimodality medical image registration. In nut shell, I create registration transformations for each image from pixel coordinates to space coordinates. When I want any image intensity at any point in space, I use the inverse transforms to take my space coordinates to pixel coordinates and then interpolate the original data at those pixel coordinates. If I use integer pixel coordinates, I naturally get nearest neighbor interpolation. If I want to use some other interpolation method, I need to use fractional pixel coordinates.

Now my main problem is that every time I see a discussion like this, I have an anxiety attack about whether or not my code consistently does what I think it does!

Mike

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