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Subject: Re: Mapping image into a polar-square coordinate  
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> yeah, but i dont know how to extract a rectangular matrix which rows  
> are radius and columns are angles

Paolo's suggestion of bilinear is a good one.

The best thing to do is construct a polar coordinate system and then transform that into a rectangular system that is equivalent to your pixel indices.

Suppose there is a rectangular coordinate system, centered on the middle pixel of your 981 x 981 data. Then if we want to extract the annulus which is between 100 and 200 pixels from the center, we could do something like this.

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image: 981 x 981 (same as your ``data" array)  
new\_image: 4096 x 10

;; first construct the equivalent polar coordinates

min\_r = 100.0  
max\_r = 200.0

;; this is theta = [0, 2\*pi)  
new\_th = rebin(dindgen(4096) / 4096d \* (2d \* !dpi), 4096, 10)

;; this is r = [r\_min, r\_max]  
new\_r = rebin(transpose((max\_r - min\_r) \* dindgen(10) / 9d + min\_r),  
4096, 10)

;; now convert to rectangular coordinates  
;; and shift such that the origin lies not at the center  
;; but at image[0,0]

new\_x = new\_r \* cos(new\_th) + 490.0  
new\_y = new\_r \* sin(new\_th) + 490.0

;; new\_x and new\_y are fractional pixel coordinates  
;; use bilinear to extract the values

new\_img = bilinear(image, new\_x ,new\_y)

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Hope that helps,  
Josiah

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