
Subject: Re: Creating a new image from an image input in IDL
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 05 May 2010 12:01:00 GMT
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On May 5, 2:45 am, bcubeb3 <barry.brian.barr...@gmail.com> wrote:

> After typing this line of code:
> IMAGE=READ_TIFF(FILEPATH('/bin/butterfly.tiff'))
> help, IMAGE
>
> I get the output
> IMAGE BYTE = Array[3, 4800, 6000]
>
> Now I want to write a computer program to systematically loop through
> each of the $n \times n$ pixels of the image and to use a coordinate system
> in pixel units to compute new coordinates based on the formula θ_s
> = $\theta - (\text{size parameter of your choosing in units of}$
> $\text{pixels}) * \theta_{\text{hat}}$.
>
> The vector θ_s tells me where to look in the original image to
> extract intensity information which will then store in my image array.
> I will use a bilinear scheme when assigning new intensity values that
> will be stored for my newly created image array θ . Now I have no
> idea how to even begin. I was looking for stuff online and I was
> looking at help manuals but all efforts proved futile. Let me know of
> your suggestions and I greatly appreciate your help on this.
>
> -Barry

So I think what you're saying (please correct me if I've misunderstood!) is that you have a simple transformation between the pixel coordinates of the new image and the pixel coordinates of the old image. So there's two steps here:

- 1) Calculate the transformation for each of the pixel locations of the new image
- 2) Copy the image values over

For 1) I would do something like this:

```
; size of image:
imagesize = size(image,/dimen)
nchan=imagesize[0]
nx=imagesize[1]
ny=imagesize[2]
npix = nx*ny
```

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; get a 2D list of all pixel coordinates. This is going to take a LOT
of memory
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; for a 4800x6000 image!
newcoords_2d = array_indices([nx,ny], lindgen(npix), /dimen)

; apply the transformation. I don't really understand your formula,
; but hopefully this example will help you.
; reform is needed to flatten it instead of being 1xNPIX
; X coordinate in old image, as a linear combination of X and Y
; coordinates of new image (oldX = A*newX + B*newY)
oldcoordsX = reform( A * newcoords[0,*] + B * newcoords[1,*], npix)
; Y coordinates in new image, as a linear combination of X and Y
; coordinates of new image (oldY = C*newX + D*newY)
oldcoordsY = reform( C * newcoords[0,*] + D * newcoords[1,*], npix)
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Once you've done that, copying it over is easy (though again, very memory-intensive):

```
newimage = bytarr(imagesize)
for chan=0,2 do newimage[chan,*,*] = oldimage[replicate(chan,npix),
oldcoordsX, oldcoordsY]
```

(NOTE: COMPLETELY UNTESTED)

-Jeremy.
