

---

Subject: Re: difficulty using "linterp" command - need help making loop to exclude a value yet average others

Posted by [Nikola](#) on Sun, 14 Aug 2011 08:49:27 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

It seems like you haven't defined wgrid in the procedure  
interpolatedsixteen.pro.

linterp is not a standard idl function. Why not use interpol instead  
(for the difference see the header of linterp.pro)?

> Also, in each of our 8 data sets, there is an increment of wavelength  
> values where the value of the flux is 0, which will make the average  
> of all 8 messed up. Do you have any ideas how to write a loop that  
> goes through all of the wgrid values and averages the values of the  
> interpolated flux values, but skips the flux values that are 0 and  
> continues to the next? Is there a skip command? Would a where command  
> work the best?

If you need to find mean of an array excluding elements equal to some  
variable x (in your case x = 0) you don't need a loop. Just do

```
mask = array NE x  
y = TOTAL(array*mask)/TOTAL(mask)
```

---