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Subject: Re: Another "IDL way to do this" question  
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 09 Nov 2011 20:08:55 GMT  
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On 11/9/11 3:58 AM, Fabzou wrote:

> Wow Jeremy, you produced a nice piece of code here, I will try to  
> decipher it!  
>  
> The problem is that in my case, the abscissae values X are of the same  
> dimension as V. In the third dimension case, for example, each column  
> [Xn,Yn] has different pressure values, which does not work with your  
> assumption that X must have the same number of elements as the dimension  
> 3 in V.  
>  
> Your algorithm is indeed much faster (couldn't check the results, though):  
>  
> varin = FLTARR(200,200,27,24), interpolation on DIM3:  
>  
> Mine: 19.391076 sec  
> JB : 0.43421888 sec  
>  
> Do you think I could adapt it?  
>  
> Thanks a lot,

Ah, I see! Sorry about that. Okay, well I'm sure I can adapt the algorithm. The trick is to effectively create a multi-dimensional version of VALUE\_LOCATE. How about this (just done for your case where the dimension is 3, so it doesn't have some of the fancy dimensional footwork):

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function value_locate_3d, source, data
    compile_opt idl2

    ssize = size(source,/dimen)
    ssize_3d1 = ssize
    ssize_3d1[2] = 1
    ndata = n_elements(data)
    dsize = ssize
    dsize[2] = ndata

    ; change source minimum to be zero (otherwise this will fail if it's
    ; negative)
    ; and find the maximum
    minsouce = min(source, dimen=3)
    source += rebin(reform(minsouce, ssize_3d1), ssize, /sample)
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maxsource = max(source)*1.01
source += rebin(findgen(ssize_3d1)*maxsource, ssize, /sample)

; now do the same to data and then use value_locate
data_uniq = rebin(reform(data, 1,1,ndata,1), dsize, /sample) + $
  rebin(reform(minsource, ssize_3d1) + findgen(ssize_3d1)*maxsource,
dsize, /sample)
data_in_source_uniq = value_locate(source, temporary(data_uniq))

; restore source
source -= rebin(reform(minsource, ssize_3d1), ssize, /sample) + $
  rebin(findgen(ssize_3d1)*maxsource, ssize, /sample)

; and turn into a 1D index into the third dimension
return, reform((array_indices(source,
temporary(data_in_source_uniq)))[2,*], dsize)
end

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function interpol_3d_jb, varin, z_in, loc_param

compile_opt idl2

vsize = size(varin, /dimen)
outsize = vsize
outsize[2] = n_elements(loc_param)

; where do output values lie w/r/t input values
loc_in_z = value_locate_3d(z_in, loc_param)
outsize_3d1 = outsize
outsize_3d1[[0,1,3]] = 1
noutput = n_elements(loc_in_z)

; prepare indices
index1 = rebin(indgen(vsize[0],1,1,1),outsize,/samp)
index2 = rebin(indgen(1,vsize[1],1,1),outsize,/samp)
index4 = rebin(indgen(1,1,1,vsize[3]),outsize,/samp)

; fractional difference between locations and z_in
xfrac = (rebin(reform(loc_param,outsize_3d1),outsize,/sample) -
z_in[index1,index2,loc_in_z,index4]) / $
  (z_in[index1,index2,loc_in_z+1,index4] -
z_in[index1,index2,loc_in_z,index4])

; do the linear interpolation
output = varin[index1,index2,loc_in_z,index4]*(1.-xfrac) + $

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varin[index1,index2,loc_in_z+1,index4]*xfrac
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return, output
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end
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-Jeremy.

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