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Subject: map\_image or map\_patch?

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Dear IDL users,

I have recently started to use map\_patch for warping data to various map projections and have been pretty happy with the results.

Some recent testing I have done shows that map\_patch is about 5 times slower in IDL 5 compared to IDL 4. This is a little troubling as map\_image only slowed down by 1.5. These are all rough figures you understand!

I was wondering if anyone had any pointers in choosing which of map\_image or map\_patch to use in a given case? If it helps, most of my data is 1x1 degree regular grids of ints or floats.

Thanks,

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