
Subject: Re: Interpolation routines

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On Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 12:34:17 PM UTC-5, Craig Markwardt wrote:

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> I found most of the built-in IDL interpolation routines to be kind of a joke. The one I use often is SPL_INIT and SPL_INTERP, which are based on the Numerical Recipes interpolation routines. You will have to screen out your NANs manually with WHERE(), but that should not be a big deal.

I don't believe this is true anymore. INTERPOL() used to be biggest problem but since IDL 7.0, it is a professional level interpolation routine (and certainly more powerful than QUADTERP).

I do agree that your best bet is to probably remove the NAN values (using WHERE and FINITE()). I would use INTERPOL() without the /NAN keyword.

```
g = where(finite(y))
result = interpol( y[g], x[g], xinterp, /spline)
```

> The IDL Astronomy library has some other nice routines like QUADTERP. I have developed some specialized interpolators for IDL (example: Chebyshev). If you have known explicit derivatives at each sample point, then my CUBETERP or QINTERP might be of use.

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> Craig
