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Subject: Re: INTERPOLATE function - Question  
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On Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:34:04 AM UTC-5, dmfl...@gmail.com wrote:

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> Hi all
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> I wrote the following code because I'm interested to understand how the INTERPOLATE
(bilinear) function works.
>
> Big = randomu(2,136,136)
> nint = size(Big, /dimensions)
>
> Small = fltarr(4,4)
> Small[0,0]=0.1
> n = size(Small, /dimensions)
> n = n[1:*]
>
> X = (n[0]-1)*findgen(nint[0])/(nint[0]-1E)
> Y = (n[0]-1)*findgen(nint[0])/(nint[0]-1E)
>
> Small_int = fltarr(nint[0],nint[1])
> Small_int = INTERPOLATE(reform(Small[*,*]), X, Y, /GRID)
>
> The Small array which is the array I want to interpolate has only one non-zero entry. When I
interpolated from [4,4] to [136,136] I noticed that Small_int[0:44,0:44] its the non-zero part of the
matrix (2025 non-zero pixels), i.e. that part of matrix affected by interpolation.
>
```

Your formulae for X and Y are incorrect. The output values currently go from 0 to 3 whereas you want them to go from 0 to 4. (In one dimension "0" refers to the left edge of the first pixel, and "4" refers to the right edge of the last pixel.)

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Y = n[0]*findgen(nint[0])/nint[0]
```

if you do this you will find same percentage of non-zero pixels in the small array as the big one. In your case, 1 out of 4 pixels should be nonzero so  $136/4 = 34$  pixels in each dimension, `small_int[0:33,0:33]`

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