
Subject: Using "tie points" in rasters

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Hello,

I am working with a digital elevation map raster and ran into a problem that I am unsure how to approach.

Once I get the spatial reference object of my DEM raster, I then get the tie_point_pixel, the tie_point_map, and pixel_size from the spatialref. I then seek to transform the map coordinates of a set of LiDAR points into the pixel indices of my raster. The thing I am confused about is how rounding plays into this problem.

For instance, lets say that I use the following function to convert the x-coordinate of my lidar point into pixel coordinates:

$(\text{lidar_point_x} - \text{tie_point_map}[0]) / \text{pixel_size}[0]$

But, I get a decimal place in the outcome. Lets say that the decimal point is 0.64. Would this decimal point translate into the point belonging to index 0 or to index 1?

I suppose I am confused about if the tie_point_map is centered on the tie_point_pixel such that it extends a range of $-0.5 * \text{pixel_size}$ to $0.5 * \text{pixel_size}$. If anyone could elaborate on this I would be very thankful.
