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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT

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Okay now I understand. So in this case X would be the distance along
the cruise path, and Y would be the depth from the surface.

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The more appropriate question is probably, how broad should the
gaussian be in X and Y? This depends on how much smoothing you want
to accomplish, and the new sampling. For example, if your original
sampling was 10-20 km, then the interpolated image might have ~2 km
resolution. With minimal smoothing, the gaussian sigma would be
around 15 km (ie, comparable to your sampling). The response function
should have around +/- 2 sigmas = +/- 30 km, which is about 30 pixels.

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> iy = round((y-y0)/ybinsize) - nry
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> ;; Make sure we keep all values in-bounds
> wh = where(ix GE 0 AND ix LT nxbins-nrx AND iy GE 0 AND iy LT nybins-nry, ct)
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> iz = z(wh)
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> The cast data is comprised of sample information from every 0.5 meters
> from the surface to the seafloor. The 20 or so casts are separated
> from each other by about 10-20km and are nearly colinear. I need to
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> techniques described to grid the data. I list them here in hopes that

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> someone familiar with this kind of data can suggest alternatives.

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