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hi,

Well, it depends on how mathimaticly correct you need this stuff. I believe you could do some very very complicated stuff here, but there is a relatively simple solution.

Use the trigrid and triangulate procedures in IDL. In the Reference manual, there is a good example in the Trigrd section of how this works.

-hope this help (sorry, but I am no mathimatician. Cannot spell fro squate either!)

-stephen

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been clearer.

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coords that fit within the dimensions of the input array to be  
sampled.

Take a peek at the second example in the online help for BILINEAR...  
(slightly modified here...)

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JY = [[0.1, 0.9], [1.2, 1.8]] ;Define the Y subscripts.
Z = BILINEAR(P, IX, JY, MISSING = !VALUES.F_NAN) ;Interpolate.
PRINT, P
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PRINT,Z

P prints as...

0.00000	1.00000	2.00000
3.00000	4.00000	5.00000
6.00000	7.00000	8.00000

Z prints as ...

0.800000	4.60000
4.70000	NaN

Note that IX and JY are mostly falling within the 0-2 range of indices for a 3x3 array. BILINEAR can extrapolate - just remove the MISSING keyword - but it can only extrapolate a little ways. In your example IX are sampled at

0.00000	0.0809017	0.0618034	-0.0927051	-0.323607
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>>> tht = findgen(20.)/30. *2*!Pi

```

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>
>>> m = fltarr(20,20)
>
>>> for j=0,19 do begin
>>>   for i=0,19 do begin
>
>>>     m[i,j] = rr[i]*cos(tht[j]) + 5.*rr[i]*sin(tht[j])
>
>>>   ;print,i
>>>   endfor
>>> endfor
>
>>> m_p=bilinear(m,x,y)
>
>>> STOP
>>> End
>
>> hi Ben,
>
>> Thanks for getting back to me on this.
>
>> I guess I could not clearly state my problem before. So, I am going to
>> give it another try:
>
>> The data I deal with comes from a ccd camera and this goes some
>> tinkering and tweaking (to account for background noise and stuff).
>> Then this 'processed' data is in need for interpolation. why? well the
>> reason being this, that these processed data are actually in XY
>> frame.
>> We want them to be on a polar coordinate. The reason I cannot use
>> 'cv_coord' is because in that case I will get the data in a r-theta
>> plane which is
>> directly correlated to the experimental XY grid. If we use
>> interpolation, then we can be on a XY grid (yes, it is XY grid) which
>> is carefully 'designed' according to
>> our 'own' r-theta values. So in this way we have more leverage over
>> data manipulation.
>
>> Was it any clearer than before?
>
>> And one more thing, I could not find much changes in your version
>> except for an inclusion of 'STOP'. Did i miss something here??
>
>> Thanks again for your time.
>> Much appreciated !
>
>> ~ Tareque
>

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> Hi Again,
>
> The only thing I did other than STOP (which I forgot to remove) was
> redefine X and Y, which in your example were missing. I thought it
> would be helpful for others if the whole thing worked. I should have
> been clearer.
>
> Speaking of clearer... I think I am more confused now. You might
> need the intervention from the IDL gods that you originally
> petitioned. Regardless of the parts I don't understand, the thing I
> do get is that BILINEAR is looking for you to provide interpolation
> coords that fit within the dimensions of the input array to be
> sampled.
>
> Take a peek at the second example in the online help for BILINEAR...
> (slightly modified here...)
> P = FINDGEN(3,3)
> IX = [[0.5, 1.9], [1.1, 2.2]] ;Define the X subscripts.
> JY = [[0.1, 0.9], [1.2, 1.8]] ;Define the Y subscripts.
> Z = BILINEAR(P, IX, JY, MISSING = !VALUES.F_NAN) ;Interpolate.
> PRINT, P
> PRINT,Z
> P prints as...
>   0.00000   1.00000   2.00000
>   3.00000   4.00000   5.00000
>   6.00000   7.00000   8.00000
> Z prints as ...
>   0.800000   4.60000
>   4.70000   NaN
>
> Note that IX and JY are mostly falling within the 0-2 range of indices
> for a 3x3 array. BILINEAR can extrapolate - just remove the MISSING
> keyword - but it can only extrapolate a little ways. In your example
> IX are sampled at
>
> 0.00000  0.0809017  0.0618034 -0.0927051 -0.323607
> -0.500000 -0.485410 -0.216312  0.247214  0.728115
>
> and JY are sampled at ...
>
> 0.00000
> 0.0587785
> 0.190211
> 0.285317
> 0.235114
> -4.37114e-08
> -0.352671
> -0.665740

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> -0.760845  
> -0.529007  
>  
> Which to my way of thinking your are interpolating all around either  
> side of the [0,0] location. Is that what you intended? It is  
> possible that in my redo of your example I corrupted the X and Y  
> values you intended. In which case I would be not helping very much  
> at all!  
>  
> Cheers,  
> Ben

Hi Ben,

Thanks once again for your reply and also taking time to look into this problem.

I am trying to attach a picture of my problem. well, looks like I cant attach a picture here.

Anyways, I am going to give another shot at this. And,once again Boss, thanks so much for your help.

Alright, lets start:

Think of a big circle. Close to the periphery, there is another little circle inside of that big circle. Now, this little guy's positions are the bones of contentions. The coordinate system used are just rectangular ones. We want them to be in polar. At the same time I want the these positions in such a way that they corresponds to a r-theta grid 'designed' by me.

That's why we are trying to interpolate. We want to get the interpolated points based on our desired r-theta values.

In other words

Step one: Real data in a XY frame

Step two: 'Design a new xy frame, say X'Y' frame, whose values are generated from a chosen r\_vec and theta\_vec.

Step 3: Now interpolate from XY to X'Y'.

Now how does it sound?

Once again, Thank you so much for your help.

Best,

Tareque

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Subject: Re: Interpolation

Posted by [Spon](#) on Mon, 14 Apr 2008 15:34:15 GMT

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On Apr 13, 1:56 am, tarequea...@gmail.com wrote:

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; Once you've worked out where these two points are, you can use CONGRID on your xy dataset:

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; interpolate to new sub-grid

newdata = congrid(data, tempx, tempy)

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Subject: Re: Interpolation

Posted by [Spon](#) on Mon, 14 Apr 2008 18:44:48 GMT

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Weird. I've just noticed that while on my work computer (XP Pro /  
Firefox) the font I read google groups in can distinguish between  
1(one) and l(L), at home, (XP Home/Firefox) they both look the same.

In the above code, all 'l' are the letter L except in this line:

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newy = rebin(reform(newy,1,tempy),temp_x,temp_y)
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where the 1 is a 'one'.

Must see if I can set up my default browser fonts better, or  
something.  
Chris

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Subject: Re: Interpolation

Posted by [tarequeaziz](#) on Mon, 14 Apr 2008 20:13:12 GMT

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Hi Chris,

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Without your permission I sent a picture of my set up. Hope that will be able to shed some light on it.

Once again, much appreciated!

Best,  
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Subject: Re: interpolation

Posted by [anil](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2011 13:48:26 GMT

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Subject: Re: interpolation

Posted by [Russell\[1\]](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2011 16:42:22 GMT

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I'm not exactly sure what the issue is, but interpol seems to work fine?

```
readcol,'data.dat',depth,temp,salinity,pot_temp,density
thisdepth=findgen(300)*5 ;the values where you want the temperature
-- whose derivative changes sign
thistemp=interpol(temp,depth,thisdepth)
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You might add /quad or /lsq for a better fit, or even use a better spline routine...

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>> 84.3 8.100 19.372 8.093 15.0196
>> 89.8 8.050 19.613 8.043 15.2137
>> 94.6 8.069 19.781 8.062 15.3429
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>> 574.0 8.892 22.072 8.840 17.0375
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>> 649.4 8.900 22.137 8.840 17.0881
>> 699.5 8.907 22.169 8.842 17.1128
>> 749.4 8.913 22.195 8.843 17.1329
>> 799.3 8.921 22.215 8.847 17.1481
>> 849.3 8.929 22.230 8.850 17.1595
>> 899.5 8.938 22.246 8.853 17.1714
>> 949.5 8.947 22.258 8.857 17.1803
>> 999.3 8.954 22.266 8.859 17.1863
>> 1049.6 8.965 22.276 8.865 17.1933
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>> 1099.1  8.971 22.282  8.866 17.1979
>> 1149.0  8.980 22.288  8.870 17.2021
>> 1198.9  8.989 22.294  8.873 17.2063
>> 1249.3  8.996 22.297  8.875 17.2084
>> 1299.4  9.003 22.301  8.877 17.2113
>> 1349.4  9.011 22.304  8.879 17.2133
>> 1399.0  9.018 22.305  8.881 17.2139
>> 1449.1  9.025 22.308  8.882 17.2160
>> 1499.2  9.033 22.309  8.885 17.2165
>> 1549.2  9.040 22.311  8.886 17.2179
>> 1551.8  9.041 22.311  8.887 17.2178
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>> (7.5 is 6.7 and 9.6 is 10 in the next data and so on...). In some data
>> files, depth values end at 300 or 400 etc... . What I want to do is to
>> interpolate these depth values and their corresponding
>> temperature,salinity, etc.. to certain levels i assign
>> [5,10,15,20,25.....200,210,220.... 300,325,350,.....] or to 1m
>> depth levels starting from 5m, such as (5,6,7,.....50,....1550). The
>> problem here is with the 2nd and 4th column where the data first
>> descends to a certain level and then starts ascending again. Therefore
>> i can not use function interp. I have done such an interpolation
>> earlier:
>
>> pval=100; depth value
>> ind=0
>> if (p[0] le pval) then begin
>> while (ind le (nrows-2) and p[ind] le 100) do ind=ind+1
>> tempx(i)=t[ind]-((p[ind]-100)/(p[ind]-p[ind-1]))*(t[ind]-t[ind-1]))
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>> endif
>
>> ; i is the data index( 1st file,2nd file etc..) and nrows is the
>> number of rows, which are assigned earlier in the code.
>
>> with this, I interpolate the values and obtain temperature,salinity
>> etc., for this case at 100m.
>
>> I think i can find all the values i want with this way, but there
>> should be a much easier way I guess. I need help on this.
>> Regards
>
> My aim here is to obtain a regular data set. And use it to contour
> such a figure:http://argo.jcommops.org/FTPRoot/Argo/Doc/Floats/2008-03/podens200803...

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Subject: Re: interpolation

Posted by [anil](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2011 17:50:31 GMT

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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2011 20:07:58 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2011 20:13:04 GMT

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Posted by [Brian Wolven](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2011 20:27:52 GMT

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Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2011 22:25:39 GMT

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With linear interpolation that is certainly true, but it can occur with higher order schemes. Interpolation usually guarantees only that the interpolating function passes through the known data points.

If you take the spline interpolation example in my book

[http://csrp.tamu.edu/pdf/idl/sample\\_chapter.pdf](http://csrp.tamu.edu/pdf/idl/sample_chapter.pdf)

and compute the result at high resolution, you will see that the spline function overshoots the tabulated points.

Cheers, Ken Bowman

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Subject: Re: interpolation

Posted by [anil](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2011 12:15:10 GMT

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I would add only that it seems difficult to justify using any type of higher order scheme for data of this type, but that's more of a philosophical and aesthetic issue to debate. Getting values like -4000 when the data range from 4 to 26 is way more than just an overshoot problem!

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Subject: Re: interpolation

Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2011 21:24:14 GMT

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Maybe missing numbers represented as -9999, or something similar, in some of the files?

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Yngvar

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