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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 02 Jan 2003 21:20:36 GMT

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Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Thu, 02 Jan 2003 23:56:58 GMT

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-Rick

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Posted by [jacobian](#) on Sun, 05 Jan 2003 19:01:46 GMT

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probably your volume is not isotropic (i.e. each voxel has the same voxel size in every dimension, for example 1mm x 1mm x 1mm). So, when you rotate it with the transformation matrix it assumes the volume is isotropic and 'stretches' the z dimension.

There are various ways to solve for that:

1. Use congrid to resample your volume to isotropic dimensions.
2. Incorporate the changes in the transformation matrix itself and then apply the Tx matrix (just multiply them actually, the matrices).

Make sure that you write down on paper what dimension becomes what and what the initial and final voxel sizes are. Otherwise your result might

appear OK, but there will be errors. In short: $\text{DimX}_1 \cdot \text{voxmm}_1 = \text{DimX}_2 \cdot \text{voxmm}_2$

(dimension times mm should be the same and equal to the total distance in one direction).

hope this helps a bit,

G.

"Rick Towler" <rtowler@u.washington.edu> wrote in message news:<[av2jqc\\$ugi\\$1@nntp6.u.washington.edu](mailto:av2jqcugi1@nntp6.u.washington.edu)>...

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