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Subject: Re: Gridding-Interpolation of satellite data  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 22 Feb 2004 00:52:21 GMT  
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Matt McCabe writes:

> I always get nervous posting to this site for fear of asking a  
> particularly stupid question....well, here goes.

My goodness, you should try *\*answering\** a question if  
you want to experience real trepidation. :-)

Let's just say, you have me so shook up now, I can't  
even *\*think\** about this question!

Cheers,

David

P.S. Are you *\*sure\** about GRIDDATA not handling missing  
data? I see an awful lot of MISSING keywords in the on-line  
help.

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Subject: Re: Gridding-Interpolation of satellite data  
Posted by [btt](#) on Mon, 23 Feb 2004 14:05:01 GMT  
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Matt McCabe wrote:

> I always get nervous posting to this site for fear of asking a  
> particularly stupid question....well, here goes.  
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> I'm using some satellite data and need to regrid the standard EASE  
> projection (around 25km resolution) onto a regular grid of my own  
> design - a 1/8th degree grid over the US. Previous postings have been  
> very helpful in assisting me in this.  
>  
> I realise GRIDDATA and TRIANGULATE would do this no  
> problems...however, I have gaps in the global/continental data from  
> the overpasses which are causing me issues. The satellite scans leave  
> no-data values (assigned 8888) in between overpasses. However, I don't  
> see that GRIDDATA allows me to ignore these areas without affecting  
> the interpolated values around the 'edges' (areas between data and

> no-data) i.e. values near the boundary of these, depending on the  
> interpolation routine employed, will be affected by the no-data  
> values. A post-interpolation mask, while getting rid of most of the  
> affected data - will still leave numerous edge effects significantly  
> different to the 'true' value.  
>  
> I thought I might be able to set no-data values to !VALUES.F\_NAN - but  
> GRIDDATA and TRIANGULATE don't handle this....basically I just want to  
> interpolate within those areas that have data and exclude from the  
> interpolation values I don't want so I don't significantly influence  
> the 'real' data. My aim is not so much to smooth or massage the raw  
> data - just regularly grid it.  
>  
> Have I missed something completely fundamental or is it actually a bit  
> tricky.  
>  
> Thanks in advance,  
> Matt  
Hi,

I think you want to look into the FAULT\_POLYGONS and FAULT\_XY keywords.

You should be getting rid of the missing data, before using  
GRIDDATA, by using the GRID\_INPUT routine with the EXCLUDE keyword set  
to the indices of you NODATA values.

Ben

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Subject: Re: Gridding-Interpolation of satellite data  
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Ben Tupper <[btupper@bigelow.org](mailto:btupper@bigelow.org)> wrote in message  
news:<c1d1ad\$1e5jka\$1@ID-189398.news.uni-berlin.de>...

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> GRIDDATA, by using the GRID\_INPUT routine with the EXCLUDE keyword set  
> to the indices of you NODATA values.  
>  
> Ben

Thanks guys (although MISSING wasn't my only problem). GRID\_INPUT  
certainly assisted, but the trick (as you suggested) was just to get  
rid of the missing data completely before doing the triangulation,  
using a simple search. I was able to get rid of most of the 'edge'  
effects using combinations of SEARCH\_ELLIPSE, SECTOR and  
EMPTY\_SECTORS. The result wasn't too bad. I wanted to affect the data

as little as possible - so limiting the amount of interpolation was a priority.

Thanks to Dan Bergman for a funky little bit of code from way back in 1994!!! that I found in a posting. This is an intuitive (in that I can actually read and understand what it is doing) approach to interpolation - allowed me to customise for my own particular needs.

Cheers,  
Matt

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> interpolation - allowed me to customise for my own particular needs.  
>  
> Cheers,  
> Matt

Here's a link to see the interpolation code mentioned above.

<http://tinyurl.com/2js92>

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