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Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Wed, 09 Jun 2004 13:22:46 GMT

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Thanks for helping,  
Haje

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Subject: Re: Array indices and lookup tables

Posted by [tam](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2004 17:52:41 GMT

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Christopher Lee wrote:

> In article <ca9mms\$f24\$1@aplcore.jhuapl.edu>, "Haje Korth"

> <haje.korth@jhuapl.edu> wrote:

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>> Christopher,

>> oops, you are right, the 360 should have been a 720. I have worked with

>> triangulate and trigrid in the past and what I learned is that you do

>> NOT use these in time-critical operations. This is even slower than

>> looping through a lookup table.

>> Cheers,

>> Haje

>> "Christopher Lee" <cl@127.0.0.1> wrote in message

>> news:20040610.093904.771151432.32286@buckley.atm.ox.ac.uk...

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>>> In article <ca72v6\$qlb\$1@aplcore.jhuapl.edu>, "Haje Korth"

>>> <haje.korth@jhuapl.edu> wrote:

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> Ok, so you have two vectors of numbers, each one 1440*720 numbers long..
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> cx=fltarr(1440,720) ; Just setting the scene :)
> cy=fltarr(1440,720)
> ;these map the value at source[cx[i,j],cy[i,j]] to
> dest[i,j], which I think is what your doing.
...
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I guess I thought that's the inverse to the problem.

We have an original image (src), a new image (dest) and a set of vectors that describe the transformation of pixels between them (cx,cy).

$$\text{dest}[cx,cy] = \text{src}$$

rather than

$$\text{dest} = \text{src}[cx,cy]$$

which is what I think you are suggesting [I'm using an oversimplified notation].

I.e., I think the first element of cx,cy shows where the first pixel in src is found in the output image. What you're doing says take the first vector and find the pixel at that location in the input image and make it the first pixel in the output. If you are correct a user might want to use interpolate to get a linear interpolation rather than a nearest neighbor approximation. If not, then to get dest we need to interpolate from what is likely an irregularly space grid.

The problem smacks of trying to resample a rectangular projection map after moving the pole... Perhaps the original poster could clarify the problem.

Regards,  
Tom McGlynn

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Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Fri, 11 Jun 2004 11:34:24 GMT  
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Thanks everyone for your input, which helped me solve my problem. Here a brief summary: Chris Lee's code works great and was an option. The execution time for the [3,1440,720] array was 0.8 seconds on my machine. But I also tried a modified version of David Fanning's solution and noticed that it is slightly faster (0.5 seconds on my machine). The version I am now using is (just for the record):

```
function permute_rgb, rgb_image, perm

sz=size(rgb_image,/structure)

x=reform(perm[0,*,*])
y=reform(perm[1,*,*])

idx=y*sz.dimensions[1]+x

new_rgb_image=bytarr(3,sz.dimensions[1],sz.dimensions[2])
new_rgb_image[0,*,*]=(rgb_image[0,*,*])[idx]
new_rgb_image[1,*,*]=(rgb_image[1,*,*])[idx]
new_rgb_image[2,*,*]=(rgb_image[2,*,*])[idx]

return,new_rgb_image

end
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"Haje Korth" <haje.korth@jhuapl.edu> wrote in message news:ca72v6\$qlb\$1@aplcore.jhuapl.edu...  
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