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Subject: Re: Indices ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2004 12:58:44 GMT

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Oh, well, fear. We'd probably all be better off never getting out of bed. :-)

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It is not totally clear to me exactly why you think you need them. There will certainly be points on an X grid (for example) that contain both valid and invalid points. So, I can't see that having a(data\_valid) would be very helpful in any particular application that I can envision.

But that said, you can turn your 1-D subscripts into, for example, column and row subscripts by using any of the routines mentioned on this newsgroup over the years, for example:

[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/where\\_to\\_2d.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/where_to_2d.html)

Or, just use the built-in IDL routine `ARRAY_INDICES`:

```
r = Array_Indices(data_valid)
col_indices = Reform(r[0,*])
row_indices = Reform(r[1,*])
```

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [George N. White III](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2004 17:06:14 GMT

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On a cold Canadian December day it would be nice to think that somewhere  
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Posted by [sdj](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2004 16:03:17 GMT

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Subject: Re: Indices ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2004 16:31:08 GMT

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I don't think so. I think maybe you are confusing the grid with the data that goes \*on\* the grid. It seems to me that lat and lon are just lat\_sensor2 and lon\_sensor2.

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Well, I'm always confused, but I'm not ready to think I'm wrong, yet. :-)

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Posted by [tam](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2004 18:54:04 GMT

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So you have something like (with presumably higher resolution!)

```

lon0 = findgen(360)
lat0 = findgen(181)-90
nx = 360

```

```

; Your dimensions are different... Let's make the number of lons, nx.

```

```

data = fltarr(360,181)

```

```

w = where(... data is valid ...)

```

```

lon1 = a set of longitudes you want to interpolate to

```

```

lat1 = a set of latitudes you want to interpolate to

```

```

ox = n_elements(lon1)
oy = n_elements(lat1)

```

```

a = fltarr(oy)+1

```

```

olon1 = lon1 # a ; Creates a 2D array of longitudes for each output point

```

```

a = fltarr(ox)+1

```

```

olat1 = a # lat1 ; Ditto for lats

```

```

; Don't know if interp_sphere will handle 2-D output coordinates.

```

```

; if not then...

```

```
olon1 = reform(olon1, ox*oy)
olat1 = reform(olat1, ox*oy)
```

```
odata = interp_sphere(olon1, olat1, [lon0[w mod nx], lat0[w /nx], data[w]])
```

```
odata = reform(odata, ox, oy) ; if needed to get back to a 2-d array
```

Done...

Regards,  
Tom McGlynn

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Subject: Re: Indices ?  
Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2004 20:44:09 GMT  
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In article <1102003397.924936.135630@c13g2000cwb.googlegroups.com>,  
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lat1 and lon1 will be valid wherever data1 is valid, and the same for  
lat2, lon2. So the only question is whether you have the lat and lon as  
1d or 2d arrays.

If you have 2d arrays, (then contouring lat1 or lon1 will give you a  
series of straight lines of longitude or latitude), then simply use the  
result from the WHERE to index the lat and lon arrays, so

```
valid2=where(data2 is valid) ;pseudo code...
valid2=where(data2 is valid) ;pseudo code...
lon=lon2[valid2]
lat=lat2[valid2]
```

```
data=[lon1[valid1], lat1[valid1], data1[valid1]] ;might need a transpose
```

If your lat and lon arrays are 1d vectors, then you can either use  
George's original method of constructing a 2d array, i.e.

```
>>> lon=b#transpose(1+lonarr(y))
>>> lat=(1+lonarr(x))#transpose(c)
```

Once you have these, use them as above, valid data points should have valid lat and longitude points. If you want an alternative method, then you can use (something like)

```
lon=lon2[valid2 mod n_lon] ; n_lon = number of longitude points  
lat=lat2[long(valid2 / n_lat)]
```

which may, or may not, work, the same for lon1 and lat1.

You might also want to try TRIANGULATE and TRIGRID, or SPH\_SCAT instead of the INTERP\_SPHERE. I dare say they are similar in method and results, but with the blistering speed (and eccentricities) of TRIANGULATE...

for triangulate, trigrid..

```
triangulate , lon1[valid1], lat1[valid1], triangles,sphere=s,/degrees  
;degrees only if your lat, lon are in degrees...  
result = trigrid(lon1[valid1], lat1[valid1], data1[valid1],  
triangles,sphere=s, xgrid=lon2[valid2], ygrid=lat2[valid2])
```

This will interpolate data1 onto data2's grid. If your data2 grid is regular. Then you can use some of the other keywords in trigrid if you need to. Or for more fun, forget the WHERE command, and use the MISSING and MIN\_VALUE, MAX\_VALUE keywords in trigrid, vis. (assuming the `SST' value of the land is -1e30 say)

```
triangulate, lon1, lat1, triangles,sphere=s,/degrees  
result = trigrid(lon1, lat1, data1,triangles, xout=lon2, yout=lat2,  
missing=LAND_VALUE, MIN_VALUE=LAND_VALUE*0.9)
```

I forgot my cellphone PIN this morning, but TRIGRID keywords are no problem.... why ?

Chris.

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