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Subject: Need help in Volume manipulation  
Posted by [Alvin Das](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 13:41:21 GMT  
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Alvin

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Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Thu, 20 Apr 2006 15:36:40 GMT  
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Why do you need to transform your data in data space? It is trivial to do it in visualization space using `/T3D` or `IDLgrModel` transforms.

If you really need to do it the hard way, without checking the literature I would suggest converting the indices of your 3d cube into a  $3 \times N$  array and transform that (using `VERT_T3D` or `IDLgrModel`). Then you would have to associate your intensity values with the transformed index locations and use them to interpolate values back into your 3d array.

There have to be better ways of doing this though. I would use your favorite web search tool to find an algorithm for doing this in the 2d case (i.e. `ROT`) and go from there.

-Rick

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