
Subject: Re: an envi question- extracting the pixel values of several points with lat-lon values

Posted by [Jeff N.](#) on Fri, 27 Oct 2006 23:14:38 GMT

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gis_learner wrote:

> Dear All,

>

> I know that this is not right place for envi. But the message dates of
> the envi pages are rather old. Thus I wrote here,

>

> I have several points (25 app.) with their lat and long values at hand.

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> I have to extract the pixel values that they fall in image. Images
> belong to different dates and there are about 150 images. Is there a
> quick way other than using the pixel locator ? :(

>

> Best Regards

Have a look at the ENVI routine ENVI_CONVERT_FILE_COORDINATES.
Although I've never used it, from looking at the ENVI help files this
routine is the one you will need in order to take the lat/long values
for your points and figure out which pixels (file coordinates) you will
need to read values for. So you can write a routine that loops through
each of your input images, opens them, gets the pixel values you need,
and then reads those values.

Hope that helps,
Jeff

Subject: Re: an envi question- extracting the pixel values of several points with lat-lon values

Posted by [MarioIncandenza](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2006 17:06:19 GMT

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Jeff,

This problem should be ridiculously easy to solve in ENVI, but when I
had to solve it, I had to do it the hard way. At bottom, the text of
ENVI_POINT_PRO.PRO, which is a mini-library of routines for solving
your point extraction problem.

How to use this:

1) Get your XY points into an IDL variable. At worst, just type them in
at the command line like:

```
ENVI> XDATA = [n.nn , n.nn , n.nn....]
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ENVI> YDATA = [n.nn , n.nn , n.nn...]
```

2) Save the text below as ENVI_POINT_PRO.PRO, just copy it into notepad or download it from <ftp://ftp.nrlmry.navy.mil/pub/receive/hyer/idl/>.

3) Compile it with
 ENVI> .COMPILE <FULL PATH>ENVI_POINT_PRO.PRO

4) Pull data from one file, to see if it works:

4a) Load the file into ENVI and display it in Display #1

4b) from the command prompt, type:
 ENVI> MYROI = ENVI_POINT_ROIGEN(0,XDATA,YDATA,NAME="My ROI", /GETDATA, DATA=MYROI_DATA)
 ENVI> HELP, MYROI, MYROI_DATA

4c) MYROI should be a single number greater than 0, and MYROI_DATA should be an array of the file values for each of your points.

5) If your other image files have different areas and/or geographic extents, you will have to automate or repeat Step 4. If they are all the same, you can just do Steps 6-10:

6) Load as many files into ENVI as you can without crashing. If you do crash ENVI, just start back at Step 1 (not a big deal, really).

7) Get the file IDS:
 ENVI> ENVI_LIST_FILEIDS, FIDS=MYFIDS

8) Hopefully, all of these IDS are files you are interested in. If not, modify Steps 9-10.

9) Create an array to hold your results:
 ENVI> MY_ALLFILES_DATA = FLTARR(N_ELEMENTS(MYFIDS),N_ELEMENTS(XDATA))

10) Loop through loading in results:
 ENVI> FOR i = 0,N_ELEMENTS(MYFIDS)-1 DO
 MY_ALLFILES_DATA[i,*]=ENVI_POINT_ROIMATCH(MYROI,MYFIDS[i])

An annoying and difficult solution to a very common problem.

Here's the program text:

```
; ENVI_POINT_PRO.PRO
;This is a set of routines for handling XY point data in ENVI. It
;provides the following functions:
; ENVI_get_ddbounds: given a display number or file ID, returns the
NSEW
; edges of the file (or Image window) in decimal degrees.
; ENVI_point_subsets(): given XY data in decimal degrees and a display
; number, returns the indices of points within the area of the file,
; (and optionally within the area of the Image window)
; ENVI_point_xyconvert(): given XY data in decimal degrees and a
display
; number, returns file coordinates (or image window coordinates)
; ENVI_point_roigen: given XY data in decimal degrees and a display ID,
; generates a point ROI for that display. Optionally, returns data
; from the file.
; ENVI_point_roimatch: given an ROI ID and a file ID, returns file
; data
; ENVI_point_ddplot: use PLOTS to put XY data directly onto Image or
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; Scroll windows
function envi_get_ddbounds,dn,image=image
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NSEW
; edges of the file (or Image window) in decimal degrees.
if(n_elements(dn) eq 0) then dn=0; Display #1 default
ENVI_DISP_QUERY, dn,w1=dwin,fid=fid,x0=dx0_p,y0=dy0_p
,xds=dxdim_p,yds=dydim_p,nl=fydim_p,ns=fxdim_p,rebin=scrolls cale
map=envi_get_map_info(dn=dn); rather than fid=fid[0])
proj_u=map.proj; extract projection from structure $MAP
proj_dd=envi_proj_create(/GEOGRAPHIC);projection structure for lat/lon
data
; Establish file coordinate system
fwest_p=0; NW corner of file is 0,0
fnorth_p=0; NW corner of file is 0,0
feast_p=fwest_p+fxdim_p
fsouth_p=fnorth_p+fydim_p; file and display count up when all others
count down.
; Establish map coordinate system
fxcent_p=map.mc[0]; UTM coordinates defined from center
fycent_p=map.mc[1]; UTM coordinates def. from center
fxcent_u=map.mc[2]
fycent_u=map.mc[3]
xpxsz_u=map.ps[0]
ypxsz_u=map.ps[1]
fwest_u=fxcent_u+(long(fwest_p-fxcent_p)*xpxsz_u)
feast_u=fxcent_u+(long(feast_p-fxcent_p)*xpxsz_u)
fnorth_u=fycent_u+(long(fycent_p-fnorth_p)*ypxsz_u)
fsouth_u=fycent_u+(long(fycent_p-fsouth_p)*ypxsz_u)
; convert map coordinate boundaries to DD
envi_convert_projection_coordinates,[fwest_u,feast_u,fxcent_
u,fxcent_u],[fycent_u,fycent_u,fnorth_u,fsouth_u],proj_u,fcornerx_dd,fcornery_dd,proj_dd
fwest_dd=fcornerx_dd[0]
feast_dd=fcornerx_dd[1]
fnorth_dd=fcornery_dd[2]
fsouth_dd=fcornery_dd[3]
nsew_out=[fnorth_dd,fsouth_dd,feast_dd,fwest_dd]; NSEW for FILE
if(keyword_set(image)) then begin; get bounds for Image window
dwest_p=dx0_p
deast_p=dwest_p+dxdim_p[0]
dnorth_p=dy0_p
dsouth_p=dnorth_p+dydim_p[0]
dwest_u=fxcent_u+(long(dwest_p-fxcent_p)*xpxsz_u)
deast_u=fxcent_u+(long(deast_p-fxcent_p)*xpxsz_u)
dnorth_u=fycent_u+(long(fycent_p-dnorth_p)*ypxsz_u)
dsouth_u=fycent_u+(long(fycent_p-dsouth_p)*ypxsz_u)
envi_convert_projection_coordinates,[dwest_u,deast_u],[dnort
h_u,dsouth_u],proj_u,dcornerx_dd,dcornery_dd,proj_dd

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dnorth_dd=dcorner_y_dd[0]
dsouth_dd=dcorner_y_dd[1]
dwest_dd=dcorner_x_dd[0]
deast_dd=dcorner_x_dd[1]
nsew_out=[dnorth_dd,dsouth_dd,deast_dd,dwest_dd]; NSEW for IMAGE WINDOW

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return,nsew_out; return NSEW for IMAGE WINDOW
endif
return,nsew_out; return NSEW for FILE
end; end FUNCTION ENVI_GET_DDBOUNDS()

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function envi_point_subsets,dn,xdata,ydata,image=image
; ENVI_point_subsets(): given XY data in decimal degrees and a display
; number, returns the indices of points within the area of the file,
if(keyword_set(image)) then $
  nsew=envi_get_ddbounds(dn,/image) else $
  nsew=envi_get_ddbounds(dn)
sub_x=(xdata gt nsew[3] and xdata le nsew[2])
sub_y=(ydata gt nsew[1] and ydata le nsew[0])
sub=where(sub_x*sub_y,subc)
if(subc eq 0) then print,'no points within bounds!'
return,sub
end; end function ENVI_POINT_SUBSETS()

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function
  envi_point_xyconvert,dn,xdata,ydata,image=image,scroll=scroll,nosub=nosub
; ENVI_point_xyconvert(): given XY data in decimal degrees and a
display
; number, returns file coordinates (or image window coordinates)

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if(keyword_set(nosub)) then $
  sub=lindgen(n_elements(xdata)) else $
  if(keyword_set(image)) then $
    sub=envi_point_subsets(dn,xdata,ydata,/image) else $
    sub=envi_point_subsets(dn,xdata,ydata)
if(sub[0] eq -1) then message, "No data within bounds." ; bail if no
data
subc=n_elements(sub)
out=lonarr(2,subc); XY output array
; get projection information
ENVI_DISP_QUERY, dn,w1=dwin,fid=fid,x0=dx0_p,y0=dy0_p
,xds=dxdim_p,yds=dydim_p,nl=fydim_p,ns=fxdim_p,rebin=scrollscale
map=envi_get_map_info(dn=dn); rather than fid=fid[0]
proj_u=map.proj; extract projection from structure $MAP
proj_dd=envi_proj_create(/GEOGRAPHIC);projection structure for lat/lon
data

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; convert XY data to map projection, then to file coords

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envi_convert_projection_coordinates,xdata[sub],ydata[sub],proj_dd,x_u,y_u,proj_u;
convert lat/long points to map projection
envi_convert_file_coordinates,fid[0],x_fp,y_fp,x_u,y_u; convert map
points to file coordinates
if(mean(y_fp) lt 0) then begin
    print,'dealing with negative y-values'
    y_fp=y_fp+fydim_p      ; deal with different UTM setup
endif
; some SH UTM have a high false northing which means you deal with
; positive numbers. Without this false northing, the equation gives
; negative results in file coordinates.
if(keyword_set(scroll)) then begin
scrollx=x_fp/float(scrollscale)
scrolly=(fydim_p[0]-y_fp)/float(scrollscale)
out[0,*]=scrollx
out[1,*]=scrolly
return,out
endif
if(keyword_set(image)) then begin
; establish display coordinate system
dwest_p=dx0_p
deast_p=dwest_p+dxdim_p[0]
dnorth_p=dy0_p
dsouth_p=dnorth_p+dydim_p[0]
; convert file coords to display
x_dp=x_fp-dwest_p
y_dp=dydim_p[0]-(y_fp-dnorth_p);
out[0,*]=x_dp
out[1,*]=y_dp
return,out
endif
;default setting is to return file coords
out[0,*]=x_fp
out[1,*]=y_fp
return,out
end; end FUNCTION ENVI_POINT_XYCONVERT

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function envi_get_wid,dn,image=image,scroll=scroll
ENVI_DISP_QUERY, dn,w1=dwin,fid=fid,x0=dx0_p,y0=dy0_p
,xds=dxdim_p,yds=dydim_p,nl=fydim_p,ns=fxdim_p,rebin=scrollscale
if(keyword_set(image)) then return,dwin[0]
if(keyword_set(scroll)) then return,dwin[2]
return,dwin; default is to return 3-element window array
end
; end function ENVI_GET_WID

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function envi_point_roimatch,roi_id,fid,channels=channels
; ENVI_point_roimatch: given an ROI ID and a file ID, returns file

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; data
; set channels to query
if(n_elements(channels) eq 0) then pos=0 else pos=channels
data=envi_get_roi_data(roi_id,fid=fid,pos=pos)
return,data
end; end function ENVI_POINT_ROIMATCH

function
  envi_point_roigen,dn,xdata,ydata,image=image,sub=sub,name=name,
  me,getdata=getdata,data=data,channels=channels,nosub=nosub
; ENVI_point_roigen: given XY data in decimal degrees and a display ID,
; generates a point ROI for that display. Optionally, returns data
; from the file.
if(n_elements(name) eq 0) then name='New ROI' ;
; Get subset and check for points in bounds
if(keyword_set(nosub)) then $
  sub=lindgen(n_elements(xdata)) else $
if(keyword_set(image)) then $
  sub=envi_point_subsets(dn,xdata,ydata,/image) else $
  sub=envi_point_subsets(dn,xdata,ydata)
if(sub[0] eq -1) then message, "No data within bounds." ; bail if no
data
subc=n_elements(sub)
; Convert points within bounds to file coords
filecoords= envi_point_xyconvert(dn,xdata[sub],ydata[sub],/nosub)
; create an ROI to hold the points
ENVI_DISP_QUERY, dn,w1=dwin,fid=fid,x0=dx0_p,y0=dy0_p
,xds=dxdim_p,yds=dydim_p,nl=fydim_p,ns=fxdim_p,rebin=scrolls cale
roi_id=envi_create_roi(name=name,nl=fydim_p,ns=fxdim_p)
; add points to the ROI
envi_define_roi,roi_id,/point,xpts=filecoords[0,*],ypts=file coords[1,*]
; ***KLOOGE***: Save, Delete, and Restore ROI for proper function
envi_save_rois,'temp.roi',roi_id
envi_delete_rois,roi_id
envi_restore_rois,'temp.roi'
;find your ROI again
ids=envi_get_roi_ids(dn=dn)
nids=n_elements(ids)
roi_id=ids[nids-1]; last element = newest ROI = yours
;*** end KLOOGE***

; If requested, get ROI data from the file
if(keyword_set(getdata)) then begin $
data=envi_point_roimatch(roi_id,fid[0],channels=channels)
endif; end GETDATA sub
return,roi_id; give the ROI ID back to the USER
end; end function ENVI_POINT_ROIGEN

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pro
  envi_point_ddplot,dn,xdata,ydata,scroll=scroll,_extra=extra_keywords
; ENVI_point_ddplot: use PLOTS to put XY data directly onto Image or
; Scroll windows
if(keyword_set(scroll)) then begin
xy=envi_point_xyconvert(dn,xdata,ydata,/scroll)
w=envi_get_wid(dn,/scroll)
endif else begin $
xy=envi_point_xyconvert(dn,xdata,ydata,/image)
w=envi_get_wid(dn,/image)
endelse
wset,w
plots,/device,xy[0,*],xy[1,*],_extra=extra_keywords
end; end pro ENVI_POINTS_DDPlot

function
  envi_boundingbox_roigen,dnsmall,dnbig,name=name,getdata=getdata,
ata,data=data,channels=channels
; generates an ROI corresponding to the area of overlap between two
; images. The ROI is generated to be displayed and manipulated in the
; larger image.
nsew_small=envi_get_ddbounds(dnsmall)
nsew_big=envi_get_ddbounds(dnbig)
; find overlap area
if( $; tests for no overlap
  nsew_small[0] lt nsew_big[1] or $;
  nsew_small[1] gt nsew_big[0] or $;
  nsew_small[2] lt nsew_big[3] or $;
  nsew_small[3] gt nsew_big[2] ) then $
  message, "No overlap between displays!"
overlap_north=min([nsew_small[0],nsew_big[0]])
overlap_south=max([nsew_small[1],nsew_big[1]])
overlap_east=min([nsew_small[2],nsew_big[2]])
overlap_west=max([nsew_small[3],nsew_big[3]])
;print,'NSEW of
  overlap',overlap_north,overlap_south,overlap_east,overlap_west

; create ROI with overlap dims
ENVI_DISP_QUERY, dnbig,w1=dwin,fid=fid,x0=dx0_p,y0=dy0_p
,xds=dxdim_p,yds=dydim_p,nl=fydim_p,ns=fxdim_p,rebin=scrolls_cale
roi_id=envi_create_roi(name=name,nl=fydim_p,ns=fxdim_p)
if(roi_id eq -1) then message, "nocando create_roi!"
xbox=[overlap_west,overlap_east,overlap_east,overlap_west,overlap_west]
ybox=[overlap_south,overlap_south,overlap_north,overlap_north,overlap_south]
box_fp=envi_point_xyconvert(dnbig,xbox,ybox,/nosub); convert to file
coords

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;print,'Box in File coords',box_fp[0,*],box_fp[1,*]
;print,break
  envi_define_roi,roi_id,/polygon,xpts=reform(box_fp[0,*]),ypts=reform(box_fp[1,*])
;; ***KLOOGE***: Save, Delete, and Restore ROI for proper function
;envi_save_rois,'temp.roi',roi_id
;envi_delete_rois,roi_id
;envi_restore_rois,'temp.roi'
;;find your ROI again
;ids=envi_get_roi_ids(dn=dn)
;nids=n_elements(ids)
;roi_id=ids[nids-1]; last element = newest ROI = yours
;;*** end KLOOGE***

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; If requested, get ROI data from the big file
if(keyword_set(getdata)) then begin $
data=envi_point_roi_match(roi_id,fid[0],channels=channels)
endif; end GETDATA sub
return,roi_id; give the ROI ID back to the USER
end; end function ENVI_BOUNDINGBOX_ROIGEN

```

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pro envi_list_fileids,fids=fids
fids = envi_get_file_ids()
if (fids[0] gt 0) then begin
for i = 0, n_elements(fids) - 1 do begin
  envi_file_query, fids[i], fname = fname
  print, fids[i], fname,format='(i5," ",a)'
endfor
endif
end; end PRO ENVI_LIST_FILEIDS

```

```

pro envi_roi_info
ids=envi_get_roi_ids(); get all valid ROI IDs
if(ids[0] eq -1) then return; don't run if no ROIs.

```

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  envi_get_roi_information,ids,/short_name,nl=nl,ns=ns,npts=np
ts,roi_colors=roi_colors,roi_names=roi_names
print,['ID',"NAME","COLOR","POINTS","DX","DY"],$
  format='(a-5,a-35,a6,a9,a7,a7)'
for iroi=0,n_elements(ids)-1 do $
  print, $
    ids[iroi],$
    roi_names[iroi],$
    roi_colors[iroi],$
    npts[iroi],$
    ns[iroi],$
    nl[iroi],$
    format='(i-5,a-35,i6,i9,i7,i7)'
return

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end; end PRO ENVI_ROI_INFO

Subject: Re: an envi question- extracting the pixel values of several points with lat-lon values

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2006 17:09:44 GMT

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Ed Hyer writes:

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Yikes!

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [Jeff N.](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2006 20:15:42 GMT

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pro junk

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;open bhtmref.img that comes with ENVI.
```

```
fname = 'C:\Program Files\RS\IDL62\products\ENVI42\data\bhtmref.img'
```

```
envi_open_file, fname, r_fid = fid
```

```
;use pixel locator to find map coords for pixel
;at file coords 242,195 (picked at random).
;They are:
e = 282015.00
n = 4901085.00
```

```
envi_convert_file_coordinates, fid, xf, yf, e, n
print, xf+1, yf+1 ;should print 242, 195
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end

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Seems about right to me :)

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2006 20:39:56 GMT

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Posted by [jeffnetles4870](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2006 21:55:47 GMT

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Posted by [gis_learner](#) on Wed, 01 Nov 2006 15:44:44 GMT

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Dear All,

Thank you very much. For all. I did not want to cause a problem...Anyway I did..

Jeff is right that the field gathered point data is in lat long...

Jean is also right that the images daily... Sometimes hourly...

Now may I ask what to do? :)

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Subject: Re: an envi question- extracting the pixel values of several points with lat-lon values

Posted by [jeffnettles4870](#) on Thu, 02 Nov 2006 21:18:57 GMT

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Well, the general idea is to write a quick routine that does the following for each image:

- 1) calls ENVI_CONVERT_PROJECTION_COORDINATES to convert your lat/lon points to the projection of your image.
- 2) calls ENVI_CONVERT_FILE_COORDINATES to convert the results from 1) into file coordinates (the col/row coordinates for the pixels you need)

3) call ENVI_GET_DATA using the coordinates you got from 2) to give you the brightness values of your image at those coordinates.

This is a general scheme b/c i don't know the projection info for your images, though it doesn't appear that you even need to know. ENVI_CONVERT_FILE_COORDINATES seems to be smart enough to figure that out for you. I wasn't clear from what you said, but I think you mentioned that you might get a new image every hour or so? If so, you might want to write some code that checks for a new image and then calls your routine that does 1-3 above on any new images you get.

I have to say, though, that I'm curious as to why Ed had to write all that code, b/c it makes me wonder if i've missed something (this is what usually has happened in cases like these :(), or whether or not these are just brand new routines that weren't available when he needed them. If that's the case, sorry Ed, I feel your pain :(

Jeff

gis_learner wrote:

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> Dear All,
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> Thank you very much. For all. I did not want to cause a
> problem...Anyway I did..
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> Jeff is right that the field gathered point data is in lat long...
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> Jean is also right that the images daily... Sometimes hourly...
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> Now may I ask what to do? :)
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> jeffnettles4870@gmail.com wrote:
>> Oh yeah, forgot to include that part :) And I also should've included
>> that, since the original poster's data are in lat/lon values, a call to
>> ENVI_CONVERT_PROJECTION_COORDINATES might also be in order.
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>> Jeff
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>> Jean H. wrote:
>>> I think 'gis_learner' wanted the value on the different images.... not
>>> only the coordinate of the point. So once the image is opened and the XY
>>> coordinated obtained, I would go for ENVI_GET_DATA ... you can loop
>>> through your points, setting DIMS accordingly.
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>>> Jean
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>>> PS: and the whole code remains small :-)  
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