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Subject: Re: Accurate/fast interpolation

Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 14:47:20 GMT

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One way is to use interpolate afte transforming the homogeneous coordinates of the points of your image with the !p.t matrix. Suppose your image data is in an [Nx,Ny] array. You can set up the !p.t matrix with something like

```
saved_pt = !p.t
t3d, /reset
t3d, rotate=[0.0, 0.0, angle], translate=[dx, dy, 0]
matrix = !p.t
!p.t = saved_pt
```

This sets up !p.t as a transformation matrix for rotation by angle around the z-axis (or is that -angle?) with translations of dx and dy along x and y (again, I may be dropping a sign here). Your array of homogeneous coordinates will be [Nx\*Ny,4], call it p0. Then you can transform those points with the !p.t matrix:

```
p1 = p0 # matrix
```

and use the new points (in the rotated and translated coordinate system) to interpolate the image like this:

```
new_image = reform(interpolate(image, p1[* , 0], p1[* , 1], p1[* , 2]),
Nx, Ny)
```

I have never timed this against triangulate and trigrd, but I suspect it will be faster.

Mike

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Posted by [mattf](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 14:47:36 GMT

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- > S.R.Crothers [at] rl.ac.uk

Maybe a brute-force approach-- 'up-sample' your data so that the displacements are full pixels rather than part-pixels. This leaves you with a quantization error, but you've already got a larger quantization error in the original image, no?

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 03:56:41 GMT

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Why not use INTERPOLATE?

If it's true that the points are very nearly on the right grid already, then nearest neighbor interpolation can do quite well.

Cubic interpolation with CUBIC= set to some number between -0.5 and -1.0 should be quite good too. I have a nice paper by Parker Kenyon and Troxel (1983; IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, Vol MI-2, No. 1 p.31) which compares the various interpolation strategies, and the cubic methods have better frequency response at various pixel offsets than bilinear or nearest neighbor (which means less smoothing).

Good luck,  
Craig

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