
Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 02 Dec 2008 23:28:36 GMT

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I don't think this is what you want to do.

Just use CONGRID (or REBIN) to resize your image. (CONGRID uses INTERPOLATE to do the interpolation, so you can see how it is done, if you read the code.) Then mask out your ocean pixels in the usual way, with the WHERE function.

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IF count GT 0 THEN image[oceanPixels] = 0
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing

Posted by [Chris\[6\]](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 04:04:39 GMT

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On Dec 2, 1:28 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 04:07:47 GMT
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Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 10:13:41 GMT
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 13:43:50 GMT
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Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing
Posted by [loebasboy](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 13:52:58 GMT
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b = interpolate(a, indices)

and the interpolated numbers in b are interpolated with available numbers in 2 dimensions...

Is there a function in IDL that can do this, because interpolate and other related functions work differently I guess (making extra rows or columns between rows or columns). I'm sorry that this is a very 'open' question but I'm rather busy and this something I could use later on.

Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing

Posted by [bryan.s.hong](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 15:49:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 15:54:56 GMT
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bryan.s.hong@gmail.com writes:

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To a string!?! How would that work?

```
IDL> a = lindgen(5)
IDL> a[2] = 999
IDL> I = where(a eq 999)
IDL> a[I] = 'nan'
% Type conversion error: Unable to convert given STRING to Long.
% Detected at: $MAIN$
```

Cheers,

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Posted by [bryan.s.hong](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 16:17:10 GMT

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Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 16:25:22 GMT

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Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 16:36:02 GMT
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Maybe we should have one of those december xmas
calendars for IDL: every day we open a little window
and discover a new IDL feature never dreamed
of before!

Ciao,
Paolo

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Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing
Posted by [Chris\[6\]](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 21:02:42 GMT
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On Dec 3, 6:36 am, Paolo <[pgri...@gmail.com](#)> wrote:

> David Fanning wrote:

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% Type conversion error: Unable to convert given STRING to Float.
```

Subject: Re: interpolation for resizing
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2008 21:19:06 GMT
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I really love this ;-)

```
IDL> a=float('nanny')
IDL> help,a
A          FLOAT    =      NaN
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Chris wrote:

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I guess you didn't read my question properly (although I maybe didn't have to ask it in this thread to avoid this, but I didn't want to make a new thread because of David's post several days ago). I'm not trying to resize anything. I just want the -999 or NaN (I make them with ! Values.F_NAN option btw.) values to have a value in the b array that is calculated by interpolation (for instance: the IDW of the

surroundig pixels in a 3x3 window).

So sorry for the mixup and thanks if you guys still feel like finding a solution for this.
