
Subject: Re: Creating a new image from an image input in IDL

Posted by [bcubeb3](#) on Wed, 05 May 2010 11:38:23 GMT

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Follow up.

Sorry for not being specific. The following describes the algorithm I have to code up but can't figure how to set up a blank $n \times n$ pixel image or how to compute new coordinates θ using a transformation

of your choosing or how to use the bilinear interpolation scheme to extract the intensity for each pixel. This is a gravitational lensing problem. Any help of any form is greatly appreciated. I am a newbie so I am new to IDL and it's hard for me to find the routine that does the trick since there are so many of them and I tried google with no luck. You don't have to solve the problem just a direction of where to start is much appreciated.

- Choose a size (in units of pixels) for the Einstein radius.
- Set up a blank $n \times n$ -pixel image-plane array (to match in size your $n \times n$ source image).
- Set up your computer program to systematically loop through each of the $n \times n$ pixels in your image-plane array.

to extract the intensity which you will then store in your image array

pixels in the original image. Therefore, you will need to interpolate the intensity among the nearest four pixels. A bilinear interpolation scheme is outlined below.

- Finally, after looping through all pixels in the image plane, and assigning the appropriate intensity values, you will have constructed the lensed image.

Subject: Re: Creating a new image from an image input in IDL
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 05 May 2010 12:01:00 GMT
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- 1) Calculate the transformation for each of the pixel locations of the new image
- 2) Copy the image values over

For 1) I would do something like this:

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; size of image:
imagesize = size(image,/dimen)
nchan=imagesize[0]
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; coordinates of new image (oldY = C*newX + D*newY)
oldcoordsY = reform( C * newcoords[0,*] + D * newcoords[1,*], npix)
```

Once you've done that, copying it over is easy (though again, very memory-intensive):

```
newimage = bytarr(imagesize)
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(NOTE: COMPLETELY UNTESTED)

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THIS IS RIGHT you understood my problem. I ran your code and it works.

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Yes that's exactly right, for your problem you will want to do bilinear interpolation because you'll end up with fractional pixel coordinates.

The built-in IDL routine INTERPOLATE should work for you. You can use it by replacing:

```
oldimage[replicate(chan,npix), oldcoordsX, oldcoordsY]
```

in the last line with:

```
interpolate(oldimage[chan,*,*], oldcoordsX, oldcoordsY)
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ARRAY_INDICES maps between 1D indices and 2D coordinates. In other words, if you have an NX x NY array, you can refer to each element by its 2D coordinates [X,Y] or by a 1D index $X + Y \cdot NX$. LINDGEN gives you a list of all 1D indices, and then ARRAY_INDICES turns those into X,Y pairs.

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Yes, that's correct. You are calculating the coordinates in the old image (oldcoords) that correspond to a given known position in the new image (newcoords). If your transformation equation only goes the other way then things are more complicated...

-Jeremy.
