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Subject: Re: changing matrix size using interpolation  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 17 Jan 2011 14:57:08 GMT  
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geoff writes:

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> I think this might not be too hard but it would be great to have a
> pointer to the routines...
>
> I have a x by y matrix (of elevations for a topographic map)
>
> I want to turn it into a new matrix which is n by m where n and m
> could be greater or less than x or y and not necessarily an integer
> multiple or fraction.
>
> I have tried this...
>
> x=4.0
> y=4.0
>
> a=findgen(x,y)
>
> m=7.0
> n=7.0
>
> b=interpolate(a,findgen(m)*(x-1)/(m-1),findgen(n)*(y-1)/(n-1 ),/
> GRID,missing=-1)
>
> print,a
> print,b
>
> and it seems to work, but this must have been done many times before
> and just wanted to check I'm right?
```

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b = Congrid(a, 7, 7, /INTERP)
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: changing matrix size using interpolation  
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>
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And now that I think about it, I think the CENTER keyword should probably be set, too, especially if you are working with small arrays.

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```

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Subject: Re: changing matrix size using interpolation  
Posted by [oxfordenergyservices](#) on Mon, 17 Jan 2011 15:52:07 GMT  
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On Jan 17, 2:59 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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> David
```

Thanks David

I tried both ways, they look identical (in tv, bytscl and shade\_surf) but they do different things outside the topographic region (ie sea level) when /cubic is set. They also seem to have 5% difference on the land, but could be due to subtly different algorithms

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