
Subject: 2D TO 3D ARRAY with different number of elements
Posted by [AISHWARYA](#) on Tue, 28 Jun 2011 10:25:33 GMT
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Any help would be appreciated!

Thank you in advance,
Aishwarya.

Subject: Re: 2D TO 3D ARRAY with different number of elements
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Tue, 05 Jul 2011 04:07:41 GMT
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On Jun 28, 6:25 am, AISHWARYA <spacea...@gmail.com> wrote:

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It's not clear if you want to make a 3D surface plot from 2D data, or rebin a 2D array into a 3D array.

Rebinning is best done with a statement like this,
arr_new = rebin(reform(arr_old,nx_old,ny_old,1) , nx_new, ny_new,
nz_new)
The use of REFORM() is necessary to force IDL to think of a NXxNy 2D arra as a NXxNYx1 3D array.

Making a 3D surface plot will depend a lot on what your map projection is to begin with.

Craig
