
Subject: linear interpolation to form a deformation field
Posted by [g.nacarts](#) on Wed, 23 Apr 2014 20:26:02 GMT
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Hi

I am trying to perform linear interpolation but I am getting an error. I had the following data:

I insert the ARRAY CSV file into IDL. Then I had create the BX as shown below

```
ARRAY STRING  = Array[384, 384]  
DX  INT      = Array[4, 4]
```

I use the INTERPOL() function: result=INTERPOL(Dx,array)
I got the following error:

```
IDL> example  
FINDGEN: Variable is undefined: X.  
Error occurred at: INTERPOL      146 C:\Program Files (x86)\ITT\IDL64\lib\interpol.pro
```

I didn't defined the variable X nowhere in my code so I didn't see why I got this error. Does anyone know why I got this error?

With Thanks
G.

Subject: Re: linear interpolation to form a deformation field
Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Wed, 23 Apr 2014 20:57:51 GMT
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On Wednesday, April 23, 2014 3:26:02 PM UTC-5, g.na...@gmail.com wrote:

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Well, this error tells you the problem is "inside" interpol, so it doesn't matter if you've defined x or not - it's "inside" Interpol.

But, looking closely at your code, I see array is of type string.

From <http://exelisvis.com/docs/INTERPOL.html>:

An input vector of any type except string.

You need to change the string array to a numeric.

Subject: Re: linear interpolation to form a deformation field

Posted by [g.nacarts](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2014 09:14:13 GMT

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How shall I change the string array to a numeric?

I have an image and I want to use cspline, or spline (any kind of interpolation) to form a deformation field.

I get my data from the image: `STRING = Array[384, 384]`

I create the following:

`Dx= [[1,2,1,1],[2,1,3,1],[5,8,1,2],[3,8,2,1]]` - deformation field (x-coordinates)

`Dy= [[1,2,3,1],[2,5,4,1],[6,8,1,3],[5,7,2,9]]` - deformation field (y-coordinates)

I want to use interpolation to find the displacement in x and y direction respectively. I assume I will end up with two matrices one says the displacement in x direction and the other in the y direction.

I had a look on syntax of cspline() and spline() functions: `Result = SPLINE(X, Y, T [, Sigma] [, /DOUBLE])`. It says that X and T must be monotonically increasing. I made the assumption that X is mine Dx (it might be wrong) and in my case Dx is not monotonically increasing so I don't know how to use these functions based on my data.

Subject: Re: linear interpolation to form a deformation field

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2014 14:26:57 GMT

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On Thursday, April 24, 2014 11:14:13 AM UTC+2, [g.na...@gmail.com](#) wrote:

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To convert a string to numeric you can use `float(array)`, or `double(array)` for double precision.

As far as I understand it, the spline will help you with 1d data, not 2d. It will work, but give you the wrong answers.

```

x = findgen(5,5)
y = (x-3)^2
tvsc1, rebin(y,50,50), 0
t = FINDGEN(5,5)+0.5
tvsc1, rebin(spline(x,y,t),50,50), 1

```

as you can see, the two squares don't really have anything to do with one another.

So, you need something else, and I think that what you need is `interpolate()`
(<http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/INTERPOLATE.html>):

```

x = findgen(5,5)
y = (x-3)^2
tvsc1, rebin(y,50,50), 0
dx = FINDGEN(5)+0.5

```

```
dy = FINDGEN(5)+0.5  
tvscf, rebin(interpolate(y,dx,dy,/grid),50,50), 1
```

Check out the keywords for interpolate. Cubic=-0.5 is almost always a good one.

Cheers

Subject: Re: linear interpolation to form a deformation field
Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2014 19:06:58 GMT
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Dear G,
I'll answer you email here to keep what started in the forum in the forum.

Your Email:

You understand well I am working on 2D. My data (from the image) are on csv form. I insert my data and then I create the two deformation fields Dx and Dy. I had a look on the code you send me but I don't know how to use my data on the INTRPOLATE() function. I have to use the tvscf? I didn't know this procedure before. I followed your code and I tried the following but I got error:

```
Dx= [[1,2,1,1],[2,1,3,1],[5,8,1,2],[3,8,2,1]]
```

```
Dy= [[1,2,3,1],[2,5,4,1],[6,8,1,3],[5,7,2,9]]
```

```
tvscf, rebin(array,50,50), 0      ;(array=data from the image)
```

ERRORS:

REBIN: String expression not allowed in this context: ARRAY.

I need to convert the string to numeric first?

My Answer:

Yes, you need to convert a string to numerical before you can interpolate or do any sort of mathematical operation.

Given an array named array, you obtain the numerical variable with:

```
numArray = float(array)
```

then given two arrays that define the new x and y coordinates, you could proceed this way:

```
new_x_coords= [0.5,0.7,1.9,2.3,7.1]
new_y_coords= [2.5,3.2,4.1,5.3,9.1]
```

If I define my array as:

```
x = findgen(10,10)
numArray = (x-3)^2
```

```
print, interpolate(numArray,new_x_coords,new_y_coords, /grid)
```

This will give you the values of the function $(x-3)^2$ in (0.5,2.5) in the first coordinate point of the result [0,0] in the array. And so on for the other points.

I'm not sure that what you need is interpolation... do *you* know what you need?

cheers

Subject: Re: linear interpolation to form a deformation field

Posted by [g.nacarts](#) on Thu, 01 May 2014 15:26:00 GMT

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Yes, what I need is interpolation.

In the INTERPOLATE() function how did you know how to specify the X and Y (locations for which interpolates desired). In your example you defined these as $dx = \text{FINDGEN}(5)+0.5$ and $dy = \text{FINDGEN}(5)+0.5$ respectively.

In my case my input data is a [384,384] my deformation field is [4,4] and I want to end up with [384,384].

My question is how can I defined the locations for which interpolates desired?
