
Subject: Cross-section

Posted by [Richard Dixon](#) on Tue, 27 Aug 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Many thanks,

Rich

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Posted by [pford](#) on Sat, 07 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <Pine.SGI.3.91.960828160955.9999C-100000@swsgi01>, Richard Dixon <rdixon@swsgi01> wrote:

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From one IDL-novice to another, you can take this for what it is worth.

I can think of two ways.

1) The slicer command `R 1-812`, looks like just what you want.

2) a klugy way:

```
M = intarr(92,92,19)
xy = intarr(92,92)
xz = intarr(92,19)
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xz = M(*,5,*) ;xz is now the 92,19 pixel slice where y = 5
tvslc, xz

Subject: Re: Cross-section

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:59:51 GMT

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Einar M. Einarsson writes:

> I have some meteorological data in 3d arrays and want to be able to
> plot crosssections out of these arrays in any direction. That is in an
> "ideal IDL world" I would have a procedure like this:
>
> Cr_sect=get_a_cross_section_procedure(start_point, end_point)
>
> Where data is a 3d array, lets say (100,200,40) and then start_point
> would be eg. [60,70] and end_point [90,180] that is I want an array
> out of this procedure that would represent that non perpendicular line
> in the data array.
>
> Does anybody know about a IDL tool that I can use to do this?

Here is an article that illustrates how to create
an arbitrary profile between two points in a 2D
array. I think all you will have to do is extend
the concept to 3D.

http://www.dfanning.com/ip_tips/image_profile.html

Cheers,

David

P.S. Please be sure to send me the details when you get
this done so I can update my article. :-)

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