Subject: map_image or map_patch?
Posted by Ian E. Sprod on Wed, 23 Apr 1997 07:00:00 GMT

Dear IDL users,

I have recently started to use map_patch for warping data to various map
projections and have been pretty happy with the results.
Some recenr testing I have done shows that map_patch is about 5 times
slower in IDL 5 compared to IDL 4. This is a little troubling as
map_image only slowed down by 1.5. These are all rough figures you
understand!

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Thanks,

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Posted by davidf on Wed, 23 Apr 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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I always thought the rule of thumb was this: (1) Try Map_Image.
(2) If that doesn't work, try Map_Patch. (3) If that doesn't work
either, order NCAR graphics. :-)

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