

# Re: cubic convolution interpolation at boundaries?

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Markus wrote:

On Apr 25, 5:00 pm, Fred Krogh <fkr...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Markus wrote:

I am using the symmetric cubic convolution kernel ("Catmull-Rom splines") to interpolate data over a limited range in a variable  $x$ .  
For the interpolation I am using between 8 and 12 nodes which are equidistant in  $x$ .  
Example: The interpolated function between nodes 4 and 5 is computed based on the data points at nodes 3,4,5,6  
My question is: how should I treat the ranges near the boundary?  
If I am using 10 nodes, how should I interpolate the data between node 9 and 10? So far I am using linear interpolation here – but this is conceptually ugly (and it's not precise, although the latter is not my biggest problem since I want a *\_nice\_* solution).  
I am especially worried that in my current approach the interpolated function has no continuous 1st derivative at node 9.  
Is there a solution, in which I could use e.g. a non-symmetric convolution kernel to interpolate between nodes 9 and 10, based on the nodes 8,9,10 or maybe 7,8,9,10 – and which results in a continuous 1st derivative everywhere?  
I have not found any discussion about the boundary-treatment in the literature (and neither on the Google-wide web). In image processing

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sometimes people mirror the image at the boundaries (i.e. they would introduce a hypothetical 11th node for which the data value is set equal to the data at the 9th node and interpolate using the data points at nodes 8,9,10,11) – but this would not work in my case.  
Any help is appreciated!  
Markus

The algorithm here, <http://mathalacarte.com/cb/mom.fcg/ya58>, generates an interpolant with a continuous derivative. For the cubic case the interpolant can be thought of as a linear combination of two quadratics if there are two points on either side of the interpolation point. If there are not two points on either side of the interpolation point, then the quadratic using the nearest three points is used. For more details see the link above.  
Fred

This sounds pretty good. I think th