

Use of cell_measures and cell methods in a fregrid regridding algorithm.

Below is a summary of the part of the function *do_scalar_conserve_interp()* used by fregrid.

Algorithm Assumptions and Conventions:

1. Algorithm below is for 1st order conservative interpolation regridding; this shortened summary version assumes there is only one elevation and only one tile.
2. Desired mapping is from *grid_s* (source) to *grid_t* (target), and an exchange grid (*xgrid*) between the two has been calculated. For every cell of *grid_t*, *xgrid* will have indices into one or more cells of *grid_s*.
3. n_e, n_t, n_s are indices into the exchange, target, and source grids, respectively
4. Field/variable *field_s* is mapped onto *grid_t* and to be called *field_t*
5. cell_methods are specified as metadata per field. Similarly for cell_measures, but if its specified as *true* for a field, then the input file must also specify an area per grid cell of the corresponding input grid).
6. Cell_measures default is *false*; cell_methods default is *cell_methods_mean*, and the alternative is *cell_methods_sum*.
7. *field_s.area[n_s]* - defined as “fraction of cell area”
8. *nx* is the number of cells in the longitudinal (X) coordinate.

Algorithm:

1. loop over n_e ; $n_e \equiv 0, 1, 2, \dots, (\text{size}(xgrid) - 1)$
 - a. $i_t \equiv xgrid.iout[n_e]$; $j_t \equiv xgrid.jout[n_e]$; $n_t = j_t * nx_t + i_t$
 $i_s \equiv xgrid.iin[n_e]$; $j_s \equiv xgrid.jin[n_e]$; $n_s = j_s * nx_s + i_s$
 - b. $area = xgrid.area[n_e]$ //(i.e. The area of overlap of cells index by n_s and n_t)
 - i. if (weight_exist) $area = area \times grid_s.weight[n_s]$
 - ii. if (field_s.cell_methods_sum) $area = area \div grid_s.cell_area[n_s]$
 $elif (field_s.cell_measures) area = area \times field_s.area[n_s] \div grid_s.cell_area[n_s]$
 - c. $field_t.val[n_t] = field_t.val[n_t] + field_s.val[n_s] \times area$
2. End of loop over n_e