
Subject: Re: contour fill

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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

- > Leaving aside the observation that getting *something*
- > to work is not exactly the same as getting the *right*
- > thing to work, I'm still concerned that the poor fellow
- > is not working on the right thing. :-(
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- > Unless your goal is some kind of pseudo-science, working
- > with the representation of the data rather than the data
- > itself is rarely a good idea.

He was asking *how?*. You are asking *why?*. Both are fair questions.

You wondered why a basic threshold wouldn't work. I think his reply was that he wanted to select a *particular* contour. When there are several peaks in the data then a simple threshold will not work. As I pointed out the hardest part in the algorithm I gave is selecting the right contour. [And I gave a possible heuristic to decide.]

Craig

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