
Subject: Re: contour fill

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On 26 Aug 2000, Craig Markwardt wrote:

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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.
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> He was asking *how?*. You are asking *why?*. Both are fair
> questions.
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> 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.]
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> Craig
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That's right. I need a particular contour which is well defined and there is a well rigorous physical meaning to what I am trying to do. It is of course the representation of the data which I am manipulating and the I fully understand that interpretation of this representation is important if proper physical sense is to be made.

I haven't tried the suggestions which have been posted but when I have I'll let you know how they work compared to a C program I have written to do the job.

Cheers, Stephen

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