Subject: Re: Contouring binary data
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steinhh@amon.uio.no (Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan) writes:

> In article <hahn.7.00131ADF@hrz.th-darmstadt.de>, hahn@hrz.th-darmstadt.de (Norbert Hahn) writes:
> |> Hi all,
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> |>I have a matrix with binary data, that is the elements contain either zero or
> |> one (or some other numer). If I convert the matrix from bytarr to fltarr and
> |> call contour I get some but not all contour lines. Some of them are double
> |> or triple lines. When I add ,levels=[0,1] I get single lines but miss even
> |> more lines.
> |> I guess, IDL assumes some analogue data and tries to find a "slope" or
> |> a "gradient" but fails to get all non-zero elements.

> If the matrix is, say, 10x10, try:
> IDL> contour,congrid(data,200,200),levels=[0,1]
> This avoids the problem with IDL interpolating between pixels.

Here is another technique for contouring binary data.

Let b be a 2-d byte array of 0s and 1s.
then
c = smooth(b,3) ne b
gives a byte array in c with only the boundary pixels
being 1, all others are 0.

If the result is too ragged try smoothing b first. Make sure and convert the smoothed result back to type byte. If array is a floating point array of 0s and 1s the resulting boundary will be twice as thick.

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