Hi David,

refering to your gateway blobs:
if thats what you have then they are easy to segment, you then identify each
individual blob using region labeling

now for each blob:
1. identify the boundary (this should be as a [x,y] array of every boundary
pixel (no long sides)- as either an internal or external boundary
2. transform the array to [s,theta], where s[i] is the cumulative distance
along the boundary to P[i] and theta[i] is the angle of the link of P[i-1]
from P[i] relative to (say) the X axis
3. [s,theta] will be periodic,(i.e. you could carry on going round and
round), so you can now run a FFT or calculate the first fourier descriptors
of it - see reference

good luck - I spend rather too much time playing with this kind of stuff!

Martin

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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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> Folks,
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> Do you have your thinking caps on? I'm looking for
> a few good ideas.
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> I have a bunch of blobs. (Think spots on the
> Gateway cow.) I would like to analyze the curvature
> and bends in the perimeter of the blobs. I have
> the indices of the points that make up the blob, and

> I have obtained the "perimeter" points by contouring
> the blob. Unfortunately, these perimeter points are
> not evenly distributed. (Think of a blob that has a
> long, straight side. The contour command will put a
> point at either end of the straight bit, so the points
> on that side of the blob are sparse, while the points
> along a tight bend on the other side of the blob
> are dense.)
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> I say "unfortunately" because we have a method that
> uses the derivative of the perimeter at each point
> and the FFT transform of the derivative distribution,
> but it seems to be giving funny results because of this
> point distribution problem.
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> Has anyone heard of this kind of curvature analysis
> before? Any pointers to literature? I've heard that
> IDL can be used to solve these kinds of problems. :-)
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> Thanks,
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