
Subject: ellipse fitting?

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I found a matlab function for ellipse, but it is not easy for me translate to IDL. For example,

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% Solve eigensystem  
[gevec, geval] = eig(S,C);
```

are there any function like eig(S,C) in IDL?

The matlab for ellips fitting is as following, who have a idl version?

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function a = fitellipse(X,Y)  
  
% FITELLIPSE Least-squares fit of ellipse to 2D points.  
% A = FITELLIPSE(X,Y) returns the parameters of the best-fit  
% ellipse to 2D points (X,Y).  
% The returned vector A contains the center, radii, and orientation  
% of the ellipse, stored as (Cx, Cy, Rx, Ry, theta_radians)  
%  
% Authors: Andrew Fitzgibbon, Maurizio Pilu, Bob Fisher  
% Reference: "Direct Least Squares Fitting of Ellipses", IEEE T-PAMI, 1999  
%  
% This is a more bulletproof version than that in the paper, incorporating  
% scaling to reduce roundoff error, correction of behaviour when the input  
% data are on a perfect hyperbola, and returns the geometric parameters  
% of the ellipse, rather than the coefficients of the quadratic form.  
%  
% Example: Run fitellipse without any arguments to get a demo  
if nargin == 0  
    % Create an ellipse  
    t = linspace(0,2);  
  
    Rx = 300  
    Ry = 200  
    Cx = 250  
    Cy = 150  
    Rotation = .4 % Radians  
  
    x = Rx * cos(t);  
    y = Ry * sin(t);
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nx = x*cos(Rotation)-y*sin(Rotation) + Cx;
ny = x*sin(Rotation)+y*cos(Rotation) + Cy;
% Draw it
plot(nx,ny,'o');
% Fit it
fitellipse(nx,ny)
% Note it returns (Rotation - pi/2) and swapped radii, this is fine.
return
end

% normalize data
mx = mean(X);
my = mean(Y);
sx = (max(X)-min(X))/2;
sy = (max(Y)-min(Y))/2;

x = (X-mx)/sx;
y = (Y-my)/sy;

% Force to column vectors
x = x(:);
y = y(:);

% Build design matrix
D = [ x.*x x.*y y.*y x y ones(size(x)) ];

% Build scatter matrix
S = D'*D;

% Build 6x6 constraint matrix
C(6,6) = 0; C(1,3) = -2; C(2,2) = 1; C(3,1) = -2;

% Solve eigensystem
[gevec, geval] = eig(S,C);

% Find the negative eigenvalue
I = find(real(diag(geval)) < 1e-8 & ~isinf(diag(geval)));

% Extract eigenvector corresponding to negative eigenvalue
A = real(gevec(:,I));

% unnormalize
par = [
A(1)*sy*sy, ...
A(2)*sx*sy, ...
A(3)*sx*sx, ...
-2*A(1)*sy*sy*mx - A(2)*sx*sy*my + A(4)*sx*sy*sy, ...
-A(2)*sx*sy*mx - 2*A(3)*sx*sx*my + A(5)*sx*sx*sy, ...

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A(1)*sy*sy*mx*mx + A(2)*sx*sy*mx*my + A(3)*sx*sx*my*my ...  

- A(4)*sx*sy*sy*mx - A(5)*sx*sx*sy*my ...  

+ A(6)*sx*sx*sy*sy ...  

]';

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% Convert to geometric radii, and centers

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thetarad = 0.5*atan2(par(2),par(1) - par(3));  

cost = cos(thetarad);  

sint = sin(thetarad);  

sin_squared = sint.*sint;  

cos_squared = cost.*cost;  

cos_sin = sint .* cost;

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Ao = par(6);  

Au = par(4) .* cost + par(5) .* sint;  

Av = - par(4) .* sint + par(5) .* cost;  

Auu = par(1) .* cos_squared + par(3) .* sin_squared + par(2) .* cos_sin;  

Avv = par(1) .* sin_squared + par(3) .* cos_squared - par(2) .* cos_sin;

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% ROTATED = [Ao Au Av Auu Avv]

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tuCentre = - Au./(2.*Auu);  

tvCentre = - Av./(2.*Avv);  

wCentre = Ao - Auu.*tuCentre.*tuCentre - Avv.*tvCentre.*tvCentre;

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uCentre = tuCentre .* cost - tvCentre .* sint;  

vCentre = tuCentre .* sint + tvCentre .* cost;

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Ru = -wCentre./Auu;  

Rv = -wCentre./Avv;

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Ru = sqrt(abs(Ru)).*sign(Ru);  

Rv = sqrt(abs(Rv)).*sign(Rv);

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a = [uCentre, vCentre, Ru, Rv, thetarad];
