
Subject: Re: ellipse fitting?

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tom (tom2959@21cn.com) writes:

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

I've put a new IDL program named FIT_ELLIPSE on my web page:

http://www.dfanning.com/programs/fit_ellipse.pro

In true IDL programmer fashion, I've used the ideas of others to create something useful to me. In this case, I'm particularly grateful to Craig Markwardt, who wrote the eigenvalue part of the code as a favor to me, and to Wayne Landsman, whose program TVEllipse I've used for a long time. You can find this program on the NASA Goddard IDL web page.

The Fit_Ellipse function accepts a 1D array of pixel indices, and returns the points that describe the fitted ellipse in device coordinates. The format of the points is such that they can be sent directly to PLOTS. Optional keywords allow you to obtain the center of the ellipse, the orientation of the major axis, and the major/minor or the semi-major/semi-minor axes.

Cheers,

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