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Subject: Re: Image outline

Posted by [idlfreak](#) on Thu, 30 May 2002 02:30:27 GMT

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Dr.Fanning, I wasn't trying to get that. I think i wasn't clear as well. the original image looks like this:

[www.geocities.com/r\\_akhila/8bit.tif](http://www.geocities.com/r_akhila/8bit.tif)

I tried to get the outline of the vertebra there. i could manage some 6 vertebra. i'm trying to get only the outline and clear the other stuff. The image i got looks like this

[www.geocities.com/r\\_akhila/output.gif](http://www.geocities.com/r_akhila/output.gif)

I need something which looks pretty close to this output but it has small polygons which i'm trying to clear and that's what i'm not able to do.

[www.geocities.com/r\\_akhila/expect.gif](http://www.geocities.com/r_akhila/expect.gif)

Thanks in advance...

-Akhila.

David Fanning <[david@dfanning.com](mailto:david@dfanning.com)> wrote in message news:<[MPG.175ef3896afb48f989901@news.frii.com](mailto:MPG.175ef3896afb48f989901@news.frii.com)>...

> Akhila ([idlfreak@yahoo.com](mailto:idlfreak@yahoo.com)) writes:

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>> I have an image of a vertebra. The image is posted in the link below:

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>> [www.geocities.com/r\\_akhila/final.tif](http://www.geocities.com/r_akhila/final.tif)

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>> I have been trying to get a good single pixel wide contour of the  
>> vertebra from the image. I tried different methods like edge  
>> detection, thresholding, erosion, dilation and thinning. I still did  
>> not get a good one. Can anybody please suggest some techniques that  
>> will be helpful to obtain a contour of the image. Please help me.

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> I have a little routine named FIND\_BOUNDARY that I wrote based  
> on some code sent to me by Richard Adams and written by his  
> graduate student Guy Blanchard. The idea is to find a one  
> pixel wide boundary around a region of interest given by  
> a set of indices.

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> [http://www.dfanning.com/misc/find\\_boundary.pro](http://www.dfanning.com/misc/find_boundary.pro)

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> It happens to work particularly well with your image.

> I did this:

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> `image = Read_Tiff('final.tif')`

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> s = Size(image, /Dimensions)
> indices = Where(image GT 0)
> pts = Find_Boundary(indices, XSize=s[0], YSize=s[1])
> Window, XSize=s[0], YSize=s[1]
> PLOTS, pts, /Device
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
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