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Subject: Re: connected component labeling problem in a graylevel image without background

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Julia schrieb:

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> I am not quite familiar with watershed algorithm. But in my understanding,  
> "considering the gray scale image  
> as a surface, each local minimum can be thought of as the point to which  
> water falling on the surrounding  
> region drains. The boundaries of the watersheds lie on the tops of the  
> ridges. This operator labels each  
> watershed region with a unique index, and sets the boundaries to zero.  
> Typically, morphological gradients,  
> or images containing extracted edges are used for input to the watershed  
> operator."  
>  
> If I use watershed operator on the image, since it labels some pixels as  
> boundaries, it will eliminate some regions  
> with one-pixel width and label them as boundaries. That is not what I want.  
> Can watershed algorithm really solve this?

1 px width boundaries guarantee connected regions which can later on  
relabelled e.g. by label\_region. However the algorithm implemented by  
rsi generates boundaries, there are other watershed algorithms which  
generate touching regions without boundaries. I have a pure idl  
implementation under

<http://www.gsf.de/ILIAD/Rodenacker/IDL/MM.html#Watershed> designed in  
times before morph\_... and n-dim label\_region existed which performs in  
that way (doc. in German). (Still I wait for idl watershed on 3d data  
which comprises a very simple extension of the original watershed  
algorithm).

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> Regards,  
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