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

Posted by [Julia](#) on Fri, 11 Oct 2002 17:15:14 GMT

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Yes, David, I think you've got the point.

> How many marbles do I have

> with a gray-scale level of X?

Variable. A graylevel at most times corresponds to a marble. But at some graylevels, maybe it has two, three or more marbles each graylevel.

> but if you have N gray-levels and you have a tool that works with

> bi-level images only, don't you pretty much have to use

> your tool N times to get what you want?

Right, if we use `label_region` function which works only on binary image.

But I think if we know how they do `label_region` and extend the algorithm on the graylevel image,

maybe we only need to trace the image less than twice.

I am not sure if this is practical.

Cheers,

Julia

"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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> Julia (julia65201@yahoo.com) writes:

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>> But I think you kind of misunderstood my problem, maybe due to my not very

>> clear expression. :)

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>>>> " The problem is like a grayscale photograph of a jar of

>>>> marbles. Each marble is uniformly gray. All the marbles are touching each

>>>> other, so there is no

>>>> background. Two marbles of the same color may not belong to the same

>>>> region.

>>>> I want to give a unique label to each marble/region."

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>> In my problem, all the marbles are touching each other, so there is no

>> background there. I do not think I can use

>> `label_region` on the original image. So I do like this:

>> First, use HISTOGRAM to get a mask of regions at each gray level, and then

>> use LABEL_REGION on each mask.

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>> If there are n gray levels in the image, I need do label_region n times.
I
>> think this is not very efficient. I am not sure if I can solve this kind
of
>> problem more efficiently in IDL, I call it "connected component labeling
>> problem in a graylevel image without background".
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>> Any suggestion there?
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> I'd never be confused with a mathematician, but if you
> have N gray-levels and you have a tool that works with
> bi-level images only, don't you pretty much have to use
> your tool N times to get what you want? At least if I
> understand the question to be: How many marbles do I have
> with a gray-scale level of X?
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> P.S. Let's just say I'd bet some good money even the
> HISTOGRAM function can't get us out of this one. :-)
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