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Subject: Re: Does IDL has histogram matching function?  
Posted by [Paul Sorenson](#) on Thu, 12 Dec 2002 22:11:40 GMT  
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David Fanning writes:

> Oddly enough, I was just thinking about histogram matching  
> because I was re-reading that section of the book in  
> Digital Image Processing by Gonzales and Woods. (Have I  
> mentioned what a great book this is!?) I think I finally  
> understand how to do this.

There are some things in that Gonzalez and Woods book that really hurt my brain. On page 96, they say that  $G(z) = T(r)$ . Get out of town! :-). How can this be? They don't \*look\* the same in the plots shown on page 98 (Figure 3.19).  $G(z)$  is the desired cumulative distribution and  $T(r)$  is the cumulative distribution of the input image. All of this appears in their discussion of Histogram Matching.

-Paul Sorenson

"Paul Sorenson" <aardvark62@msn.com> wrote in message  
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> tianyf\_cn@yahoo.com.cn (TIAN Yunfeng) wrote in message  
news:<42e9d2cb.0211230034.560a064e@posting.google.com>...  
>> Maybe I want to process float type images. Or the output data values  
>> are in a narrow range. Does anyone have some ideas?  
>>  
>> Thanks.  
>>  
>> Yours,  
>> Tian.  
>>  
> Tain,  
>  
> Are you wanting to specify your desired curve algebraically? As is  
> done with QSIMP for example? If not, I think you will have to group  
> your data into bins as is done with HIST\_EQUAL, FCN. The algorithm  
> that I posted Friday for the FCN keyword, or David's algorithm, might  
> be a start. As they stand, these algorithms limit you to 256 bins and  
> BYTSCLed results. But they probably could be translated to higher  
> resolution by substituting your own algebra where they call BYTSCLE, or  
> simply scaling your result to fit OMIN and OMAX.  
>  
> -Paul Sorenson  
>> David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:<MPG.1835a3e2693e7288989a0b@news.frii.com>...  
>>> David Fanning (david@dfanning.com) writes:

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>>>
>>>> I expect it might take a day or so to write the code.
>>>> Do you have any money? :-)
>>>
>>> Ah, forget the money. This turned out to be too easy. :-)
>>>
>>> Here is a routine, named HISTOMATCH, that takes an image
>>> and a histogram that you would like to perform histogram
>>> matching to.
>>>
>>> .*****
>>> ,
>>> FUNCTION HistoMatch, image, histogram_to_match
>>>
>>> ; Perform histogram matching according to the method of
>>> ; Gonzales and Woods in Digital Image Processing, pp 94-102
>>>
>>> ; image - The input image.
>>> ; histogram_to_match - The histogram used for histogram matching.
>>>
>>> ; Calculate the histogram of the input image.
>>>
>>> h = Histogram(Byte(image), Binsize=1, Min=0, Max=255)
>>> totalPixels = Float(N_Elements(image))
>>>
>>> ; Find a mapping from the input pixels to s.
>>>
>>> s = FltArr(256)
>>> FOR k=0,255 DO BEGIN
>>>   s[k] = Total(h(0:k) / totalPixels)
>>> ENDFOR
>>>
>>> ; Find a mapping from input histogram to v.
>>>
>>> v = FltArr(256)
>>> FOR q=0,255 DO BEGIN
>>>   v[q] = Total(histogram_to_match(0:q) / totalPixels)
>>> ENDFOR
>>>
>>> ; Find z from v and s.
>>>
>>> z = BytArr(256)
>>> FOR j=0,255 DO BEGIN
>>>   I = Where(v LT s[j], count)
>>>   IF count GT 0 THEN z[j] = (Reverse(I))[0] ELSE z[j]=0
>>> ENDFOR
>>>
>>> ; Create the matched image.
>>>

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>>> matchedImage = z[Byte(image)]
>>> RETURN, matchedImage
>>> END
>>> .*****
>>>
>>> I'm certain JD or someone will point out to me how to
>>> use another Histogram to eliminate the Where function,
>>> but, hey, this is for free. I'm trying to make a living
>>> here. :-(
>>>
>>> Does it work!? I think so. I'm not sure.
>>>
>>> Try this. Let's see if we can match an image to the
>>> histogram formed by calculating the histogram of
>>> the histogram equalized image. (The result should
>>> be the same as the histogram equalized image, more
>>> or less.)
>>>
>>> .*****
>>> ,
>>> PRO TestIt
>>> filename = Filepath('ctscan.dat', Subdir=['examples', 'data'])
>>> OpenR, lun, filename, /Get_Lun
>>> image = ByteArr(256, 256)
>>> ReadU, lun, image
>>> Free_Lun, lun
>>>
>>> Window, XSize=3*256, YSize=256
>>> TV, image, 0
>>> TV, Hist_Equal(image), 1
>>> TV, HistoMatch(image, Histogram(Hist_Equal(image), Min=0, Max=255)), 2
>>> END
>>> .*****
>>> ,
>>>
>>> IDL> TestIt
>>>
>>> Wow! And this was on the *first* try. *That* doesn't happen too
>>> often. :-(
>>>
>>> Try this:
>>>
>>> a = LonGen(255)
>>> b = a#b
>>> b = ByteScl(b)
>>> Window, 1
>>> Plot, Histogram(b, Min=0, Max=255)
>>> Window, 2, XSize=256, YSize=256)
>>> TV, HistoMatch(image, Histogram(b, Min=0, Max=255))
>>>

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>>> Still looks good, I think.  
>>>  
>>> OK, I'm waiting for feedback. :-)  
>>>  
>>> Cheers,  
>>>  
>>> David

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