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Subject: Re: Gradient of an Image

Posted by [Thomas Gutzler](#) on Fri, 24 Jan 2003 08:23:45 GMT

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Hi Mati,

meron@cars3.uchicago.edu wrote:

> In article <3E30D896.7000602@ee.uwa.edu.au>, Thomas Gutzler <tgutzler@ee.uwa.edu.au> writes:

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>> Hi,

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>> is it true that IDL currently has no function to calculate the gradient

>> of an image ?

>> Google found this for me:

>> <http://groups.google.com/groups?q=gradient+image+group:comp.lang.idl-pvwave&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&amp;sml=3396D128.4CE0%40dlr.de&rnum=1>

>> and I am about to test, if this is doing the same as "Digital Image

>> Processing" by Gonzales/Woods sais on page 418ff.

>> Would be interesting to know, if anybody else has diffent (quicker?)

>> solutions.

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> If it is just the absolute value of the gradient you're after, then

> I've a function like this (written many years ago). And it can easily

> be modified to split the components of the gradient. The function is

> called ABGRAD and you'll find it in the IDL users contributions page,

> in my library (MIDL).

I figured out, that Hermann Mannsteins function does what I want. It calculates a gradient of an image using the 'Sobel operator' and it does it very much faster than my testfunction did (It simply went through the array in 2 for-loops and multiplied the subarray with the kernel, summed the results and stored them in the final gradient-array).

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Just needs a Boundary-expansion to get better values at the bounds.

If anybody wants to have the code, just drop an email.

thanks anyway,

Tom

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