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Subject: Re: reading pixels from images from automated XYpositions  
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I think you'd better explain in detail the definition of your pos. I can't understand it from your code. But I think I may have a similiar question of how to extract features from an image.

For example, let's define a 7X7 pixels area a molecule. And I have all N molecules' positions stored in a 2XN array pos. Thus, molecule No. i will be,

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Image[pos[0,i]-3:pos[0,i]+3,pos[1,i]-3:pos[1,i]+3]
```

which is a 7X7 data. But if I want to extract all the molecules at the same time without using a loop. Then I got,

```
molecules=Image[pos[0,*]-3:pos[0,*]+3,pos[1,*]-3:pos[1,*]+3]
```

% Expression must be a scalar or 1 element array in this context: <INT Array[1, N]>.

Can anybody show me how to do this properly?

Thanks!  
Yunxiang

On Wed, 14 Apr 2004, Thomas Nehls wrote:

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> Hi folks,  
>  
> I want to get information(mean, stddev, median) about the values of  
> certain pixels(7x7 pixels areas) from an image.  
> The according XY positions should be read from a file, where a list of  
> positions is given.  
>  
> This is, what I thought could work:  
>  
>> PRO input,x  
>>  
>> FOR n=0,x-1 do grey_scale_value,n  
>> END  
>>  
>> PRO grey_scale_value, n,x  
>> file = DIALOG_PICKFILE(/READ)  
>> img = READ_TIFF(file)
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>> positions = DIALOG_PICKFILE(/READ)
>> pos =bytarr(3,6)
>> pos = READ_SYLK(positions,/ARRAY)
>> pixels1 = img[0,23:26,35:38]
>> pixels2 = img[0,(pos[1]-3 where pos[0]=n):(pos[1]+3 where pos[0]=n),(pos[2]-3 where
pos[0]=n):(pos[2]+3 where pos[0]=n)]
>>
>> OPENW,1,'greyscale_data.dat',/APPEND
>> PRINTF,1, (n+1),mean(pixels2),stddev(pixels2),median(pixels2)
>> CLOSE,1
>> END
>
> first I tried pixels1, the scheme works, but I think I used the 'where'
> command in the wrong way...
> Do you have a hint for me?
> Thanks
> Tom
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