
Subject: Re: Question on watershed segmentation

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Karsten Rodenacker wrote:

> On 14 Jan 2005 10:38:53 -0800, Pravesh <praveshsubramanian@yahoo.com>

> wrote:

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>> has anybody used watershed from the idl lib?

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>> When we use watershed, the returned array consists of integers that

>> number the regions that belong together.

>> 0's indicate the boundary of these regions.

>> so, if from a watershed-segmented image, i want to extract data for a

>> particular segment only, how do i do it?

>> the fact that a logical segment in an image can contain a number of

>> segment obtained from watershed should be taken into consideration.

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> That is just the drawback and the advantage of the watershed

> transformation. It is upon you to merge the parts which are distinct

> under watershed following your logics and necessity.

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>> if the image can be divided into 6 logical segments, how do i get the

>> data(say, no. of pixels) for segment number 3 that consists of say, 500

>> small segments (watersheds!) obtained from watershed function.

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> One way to reduce the so called oversegmentation can be the

> preprocessing of the data e.g. by smoothing (gaussian, nlg, opening,

> closing etc) another is to try to merge the segments by certain criteria.

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Hi,

Even after preprocessing the image, you'll want an efficient means of getting at the pixels that belong to a region. To get at the pixels that are labeled with a particular number, try using the HISTOGRAM function with the REVERSE_INDICES keyword.

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segImage = WATERSHED(image)
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h = HISTOGRAM(segImage, reverse = rev)
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See the HISTOGRAM online help for how to use the rev vector.

Ben
