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Subject: Re: Image segmentation programs in IDL?  
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Tim wrote:

> Thanks to everyone for their interest.  
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> 3) So my purpose now is to get a list of grid points in each black  
> region. Then I will calculate, for example, the moment of inertia of  
> each object about its center of mass (to use the physics terms) then  
> subtract the moment of inertia of a circle of the same area, then  
> divide by the moment of inertia of the circle of the same area.  
> Finally, I will average this quantity over all the objects in the  
> image. That should give me a number which quantifies the  
> "non-circularity" of the objects in the image.

Be careful that you want your quantity of "non-circularity", however you are defining it, not to depend on rotations of the system (that is, on the axis with respect to which you compute the momenta). There is a way of expressing the inertial momenta in a frame-independent form, but this will give you two numbers...

Ciao,  
Paolo

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