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Subject: Re: Filter image with moving window and averaging pixels

Posted by [JD Smith](#) on Wed, 31 Jan 2007 23:52:56 GMT

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On Wed, 31 Jan 2007 10:58:39 -0800, rpertaub@gmail.com wrote:

- > Hello,
- > I need to filter some noise out of an image and was pointed towards
- > making a moving/sliding window (size, say 7x7) and compare the center
- > pixel with surrounding pixels right next to border (ignoring middle
- > pixels). And compare the value of center pixel with the border average
- > pixels and thus filter out noise. However, I am not sure how to do
- > this.
- > Anyone has any idea?
- > Did I say I was new to IDL...?
- > Thanks for all your help,
- > my last query was met by very helpful replies, and I am grateful!

I'd use CONVOL, e.g.:

```
kernel=fltarr(7,7)
```

```
kernel[0,*]=1.
```

```
kernel[6,*]=1.
```

```
kernel[* ,0]=1.
```

```
kernel[* ,6]=1.
```

```
imconv=convol(image,kernel,/CENTER,/EDGE_TRUNCATE)/(4*7-4)
```

```
bad=where(abs(image-imconv) gt threshold)
```

Then again, a box median might be just as good of a statistic, especially if coupled to a box standard deviation. The former is easy, the latter requires some SMOOTH trickery, discussed several times here.

JD

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