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Subject: Re: Regarding the Fit\_Ellipse Program

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> I don't think this is the right approach to the problem.  
> What I would do is to get a regularly gridded array  
> for rho first (for instance with trigrd, but there may  
> be other possibilities).  
> Once you have that, it is easy to produce an input array  
> suitable for fit\_ellipse (just set all points higher (or lower)  
> than a threshold to 0, and the others to 1).  
>  
> Try something like:  
>  
> TRIANGULATE, x, y, Triangles  
> Result = TRIGRID( x,y,rho, Triangles,[dx,dy],[minx,miny,maxx,maxy]] )  
>  
> where dx and dy is the spacing of the regular grid and minx etc. are  
> the boundaries.  
>  
> Cheers,  
> Paolo>

Hi Paolo,

I understand that it would be simpler to use a regular gridded array  
but that is changing the whole situation.

Part of the study I am doing is based on the fact that it isn't a  
regular gridded array with defined spacings dx and dy.

It seems we are straying from the problem which would be to fit an  
ellipse to a contour and obtain its parameters given the x and y  
positions of the contour. I'm getting amazed at how hard it is to fit  
an ellipse to it!

I certainly don't understand why there isn't a fit\_ellipse program  
that works with the x,y array of the contour vertices instead of the  
pixel indices of the image of a contour (I wish I knew how to make one  
myself).

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