
Subject: Re: Mask ?

Posted by [Christian Soeller](#) on Tue, 27 Aug 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Mario Noyon <mnoyon> writes:

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- > I want to mask the background of an image to have only the interesting
- > signal.
- > The procedure of ERODE doesn't seem to work.

First of all you have to come up with some idea how the "background" can be distinguished from what you would regard as signal. Only after you have characterized that you can proceed to choose from the variety of filters/ imaging processing techniques the most suitable ones. I would recommend you have a look at some basic image processing textbook to get an idea of what is possible and what isn't. A lot of different filters are already available in plain IDL (see [List_of_Routines_by_Application->Array_and_Image_Processing_Routines](#)) or can easily be implemented using IDL.

Hope this helps,

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