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Subject: Re: sigma\_filter calling sequence  
Posted by [burton449](#) on Sun, 05 Dec 2010 16:47:41 GMT  
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On Dec 4, 8:04 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> burton449 writes:  
>> Ok!  
>> the script and the image are in the directory d:\  
>> the image is a .tif  
>  
>> In IDL command line I typed the calling sequence with those  
>> parameters:  
>  
>> Result = sigma\_filter( image.tif, 5, 2 )  
>  
>> I want the box\_widht to be of 5 and the N\_sigma to be 2.  
>  
>> The error i got is:  
>  
>> % Syntax error.  
>> IDL> Result = sigma\_filter( image.tif, 5, 2 )  
>> % Expression must be a structure in this context: IMAGE.  
>> % Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$  
>  
>> If try to show the path of the image like d:\image.tif the error  
>> message is:  
>> % Illegal character in program text.  
>  
> The "image" in the command has to be the image itself,  
> not the name of the file containing an image. So, you have  
> to read the image data out of the image file.  
>  
> IDL> image = Read\_Tiff('myimagefile.tif')  
> IDL> Help, image  
>  
> Try that and see what happens. :-)  
>  
> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
>  
> --  
> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>  
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Thank you David,

It works fine now.

The only problem is with the Iterate (/ITERATE) option of this script. It doesn't work because of lack of memory in arrays. I'm not sure if there is a way to fix that? What do you think David?

By the way, I have to mention that other scripts are necessary to run the NASA's `sigma_filter.pro`

You will need: `filter_image.pro` `convolve.pro` and `pfs_gaussian.pro`

all the scripts are available in NASA's website at this address:  
<http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/contents.html>

Greetings,  
Max

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