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Subject: Re: Efficient finding of locations where two 'on' pixels are next to one another

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On 13/01/2011 12:28 PM, Robin Wilson wrote:

> Hi,  
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> I'm working with a binary image which is the output of another procedure  
> I've run. I am trying to write a routine to post-process this image, and  
> clean it up a bit. As part of this, I want to find the indices of pixels  
> that are set to 1 (ie. 'on') that are next to other pixels that are set  
> to 1, but only in the X direction. To make that a bit clearer, there is  
> a diagram below:  
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> (0) . . . \* \* . .  
> (1) . . . \* . . .  
> (2) . . \* \* \* . .  
> (3) . . . \* . . .  
> (4) . . . \* . . .  
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> In this example I would want the indices of both 'on' pixels in Row 0,  
> nothing in Row 1 (as the pixel is not touching anything in the X  
> direction), all three in Row 2, and nothing in Rows 3 and 4.  
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> At the moment all I can think of some kind of ghastly FOR loop with  
> loads of state-checking. I'm thinking that there must be a nicer (that  
> is more efficient and cleaner code) way...is there?  
>  
> Cheers again,  
>  
> Robin

You can try using "shift"

```
pix = where(img eq 1 and shift(img,-1,0) eq 1)
pix = [pix,pix+1] ;include the index of all valid pixels
pix = pix[uniq(pix,sort(pix))] ; remove duplication caused by the
previous line
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You handle the behavior at the edge

Jean

PS: untested, double check that I didn't got confused between +1 and -1  
in the shift()

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