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Subject: filling in gaps in an image

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I'm working on some image processing, and I have a problem I'm a bit stumped on what is the best way to solve it. I'm working on masking images that have both clouds and shadows. I can mostly mask both, using some automated methods, but my methods leave gaps of several pixels between where the cloud ends and its shadow begins that I want to make be part of the mask; also, there are some small holes within the clouds that I would like to become mask pixels. If I try using anything like DILATE or MORPH\_CLOSE, it seems to wreck havoc on my entire image overall; an effect I do not want, no matter if I use a small (or large) kernel. I really only want to perform the filling operation on certain regions of the image (where the clouds are!) but I can't seem to use these built in IDL functions in that manner. Any other ideas for me?

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