
Subject: Re: image matching / align images

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 19 Jul 2012 10:44:37 GMT

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On Thursday, July 19, 2012 9:37:43 AM UTC+2, Klemen wrote:

> Hi, I was wondering if somebody has any experience with aligning images (image matching) in IDL. I have found an old thread discussing this topic:

>
> <https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!topic/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/gJOaD7x7k-g>

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> I have managed to run the code of Hongjie Xie (they wrote a paper "An IDL/ENVI implementation of the FFT-based algorithm for automatic image registration" in Computers and Geosciences). It works fine. But I would like to have more than just a global shift and rotation. I am interested into local distortions. At the moment I am working on the comparison of geostationary satellite data of clouds.

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> The second code in the mentioned post is written by T. Metcalf (SOHO). But I cannot get it running. ARANGE is probably an undefined function that I cannot find at SOHO web pages - see below:

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> IDL> inew=auto_align_images(s1,s2,[3.,0.,1.,0.],[0.,1.,0.,0.],ppp ,qqq)
> % AUTO_ALIGN_IMAGES: Using the Powell algorithm.
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> Initial guess:
> % Variable is undefined: ARANGE.
> % Execution halted at: PQ2RSS 74 C:_code\Lib_downloaded\SOHO\pq2rss.pro
> % AUTO_ALIGN_IMAGES 524
C:_code\Lib_downloaded\SOHO\auto_align_images.pro
> % \$MAIN\$
> IDL>

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> So I leave you with two questions:
> 1) Does anybody have experience with this AUTO_ALIGN_IMAGES code and if yes, what am I doing wrong?
> 2) Is there an alternative code that wraps one image into another but not linearly, with an order of at least 2 (3 or four would be better)?

>
> Cheers, Klemen

Dear Klemen,

I just googled arange.pro and found it here:

<http://hesperia.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssw/yohkoh/ucon/idl/metcalf/arange.pro>

I have no experience whatsoever with code aligning warped images.

Here you may find however a software for shift alignment.

<http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/contents.html>

You will need: `correl_optimize`, `correl_images` and `corrmat_analyze`.

Hope it helps.

Regards,
Helder
