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Subject: Re: finding the center of gravity of an irregularly shaped roi within a 2d array

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2012 16:26:40 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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> ian.j.ashpole@googlemail.com writes:
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>> If i can ask, as i am unable to find this in the code as a relative novice, how does your
program actually calculate the centroid coordinates?
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> Each pixel in the ROI is assigned a "weight" of 1, then
> a simple center-of-mass calculation is done:
>
>   totalMass = Total(array)
>   xcm = Total( Total(array, 2) * Indgen(arrayXSize) * scale[0] ) $
>         / totalMass
>   ycm = Total( Total(array, 1) * Indgen(arrayYSize) * scale[1] ) $
>         / totalMass
>   center = [xcm, ycm]
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Sorry, I meant to include a link to additional information about center-of-mass calculations:

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/tips/centroid.html>

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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