
Subject: Re: correlation of single pixels

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Hi Max,

no x and y are in this case just the regression variables. See:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups=#!topic/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/F2E8cLePGsQ>

Computing correlation using IDL function CORRELATE is ok, if you have to do it once. But here you have to do it within each area of interest a couple of times (considering set of possible offsets in x and y direction) so you have to use 4 FOR loops which will run slow!

Thus you should ask yourself first, how large is the data set you want to process. If you are sure that your offset are not larger than 2 pixels, then you might go for the slow version. That would be something like:

```
results_corr = make_array(...
results_offx = make_array(...
results_offy = make_array(...
FOR xall=xstart,xend do begin
  FOR yall=ystart,yend do begin
    search_area = data[xall-search_size:yall+search_size]
    template = data[xall-template_size:yall+template_size]
    FOR xoff=-search_size:search_size do begin
      FOR yoff=-search_size:search_size do begin
        data = (shift(search_area, xoff, yoff))[right indeice]
        corr = correlate(data[*], template[*])
        if corr gt results_corr[xall, yall] then begin
          results_corr[xall, yall] = corr
          results_offx[xall, yall] = xoff
          results_offy[xall, yall] = yoff
        endif
      endfor
    endfor
  endfor
endfor
```