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Subject: Re: Curve Fitting Question

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 20 Nov 2012 14:22:11 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> Yes, this Otsu's thresholding function works great. It  
> didn't have quite as many features as I would have liked,  
> so I stole the main ideas and wrote up a similar program  
> that is working very, very well with the data sets I  
> am working with today. It even picks reasonable  
> thresholds when the dividing line between pixel  
> populations is not totally straightforward. Thanks  
> for bringing it to my attention.  
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> You can find my version of the program here:  
>  
> [http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgotsu\\_threshold.pro](http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgotsu_threshold.pro)

Hold off on this a minute. I've been using my version of the OTSU\_THRESHOLD program for a week now, and I've been seeing some strange results. The only thing I did in my program was to beef up the keywords and error handling for the histogram itself. I didn't change the underlying code for OTSU\_THRESHOLD.

In fact, just to confirm this, I've now gone back and used the VERY same variable names, etc. But, I seem to be getting different slightly different results with the two programs.

I am trying to track this down now. In fact, I'm using the newsgroup in EXACTLY the way Helder describes this morning!

Here is what just occurred to me. One of the things I am VERY particular about (long experience, probably) is matching the data type of the BINSIZE keyword with the data type of the data going into the histogram. The OTSU\_THRESHOLD program I was using as a model didn't do this. I wonder if this is the source of the difference. Back soon! :-)

Cheers,

David

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

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