
Subject: Re: Newbie to IDL needs help :)

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Thu, 09 May 2013 23:09:21 GMT

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On 5/9/13 5:25 PM, alchemymetalworks@gmail.com wrote:

> Ok, this is probably simple and I'm just missing something obvious. I'm basically trying to self-teach myself some IDL to complete a project at work, and since I've spent the last 2 days fighting the urge to throw my keyboard through my monitor I decided to put aside my pride and beg for help from the masses/experts... so here goes...

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> I essentially have 4 maps that were created in ENVI (remote sensing software, if anyone's familiar with it). The maps are the exact same size/pixel count. Each pixel in each map is assigned a value from 1 - 15 based on the land cover that is (assumed)present. I want to create a composite map from these 4, using a set of rules:

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> -if the value is the same in all the maps, keep that value in the final output map

> -if the value is 1, 2, 4-9, or 13 use the pixels with that value from map 1

> -if the value is 3, 8, 12, 14, or 15 use the pixels with that value from map 2

> -if the value is 10 use the pixels with that value from map 3

> -if the value is 11 use the pixels with that value from map 4

> -if a pixel meets several of these criteria (for example, pixel P is value 1 in map 1 and value 10 in map 3)I want to designate which map should take priority.

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> The goal is to ultimately have a single output with all pixels classified (again) as 1-15 based on the preferred map(s), if that makes sense. And I'm stumped... I know what I want to do, but I can't figure out how to tell the computer to do it... Any help/guidance would be greatly appreciated.

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I agree with David that I'm kind of getting lost, but I think this might do what you're looking for. There's probably a more elegant way of dealing with the masks, but this should work.

I am assuming that your maps are called map1...map4.

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; create masks of which pixels you want from each map
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mask_for_map1 = (map1 eq 1) or (map1 eq 2) or (map1 eq 4) or $  
  (map1 eq 5) or (map1 eq 6) or (map1 eq 7) or (map1 eq 8) or $  
  (map1 eq 9) or (map1 eq 13)
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mask_for_map2 = (map2 eq 3) or (map2 eq 8) or (map2 eq 12) or $  
  (map2 eq 14) or (map2 eq 15)
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mask_for_map3 = (map3 eq 10)
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mask_for_map4 = (map4 eq 11)
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; clobber lower priority ones in the case where a pixel is part
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; of the mask of a higher priority map. In this case, I am arbitrarily
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; assuming map3 takes precedence, followed by maps 1, 4, 2 to show
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; you the structure of the code.
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mask_for_map1 *= (1-mask_for_map3)
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mask_for_map4 *= (1-mask_for_map3)*(1-mask_for_map1)
mask_for_map2 *= (1-mask_for_map3)*(1-mask_for_map1)*(1-mask_for_map4)

combined_map = map1*mask_for_map1 + map2*mask_for_map2 + $
    map3*mask_for_map3 + map4*mask_for_map4
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-Jeremy.
