
Subject: Re: Calculate median of stacks of images using IDL

Posted by [dg86](#) on Mon, 09 Jun 2014 11:18:58 GMT

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On Saturday, June 7, 2014 6:42:04 PM UTC-4, David Grier wrote:

> On Friday, June 6, 2014 4:46:37 PM UTC-4, Nitsorn Wongsajjathiti wrote:

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>> Hi,

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>> I am trying to compute a median of a stack of images in TIF format for my research. From another source I found out a way to compute this from stack of images present in a GDF format, using

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>> IDL> buf=read_gdf('demo.gdf')

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>> IDL> help, buf

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>> BUF FLOAT = Array[640, 480, 100]

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>> IDL>b=median(buf,/double,dimension=3)

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>> However, I am having difficulty converting my TIF images into GDF, but still need to normalize my images somehow. Any suggestions on how to do so?

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>> Thank you in advance. Any help will be highly appreciated!

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>> Nitsorn Wongsajjathiti
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> Hi Again,
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> You can use READ_IMAGE to read in your images, then stack them up, and take the median.
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> filenames = file_search("my_filename_regex*.tif")
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> buf = []
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> for f in filenames do $
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>   buf = [[[buf]], [[read_image(f)]]]
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> b = median(buf, /double, dimension=3)
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> TTFN,
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> David

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I was trying to avoid having to figure out the dimensions of the images. Here's a more general version:

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buf = list()
for f in file_search("mynames*.tif") do $
  buf.add, read_image(f)
b = median(buf.toarray(), /double, dimension=1)

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This works for grayscale and color images, regardless of the pixel ordering.

TTFN,

David
