
Subject: Re: FG question: retrieve points within polygon
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On Thursday, December 4, 2014 10:50:42 AM UTC+1, Helder wrote:

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> Hi,  
> I'm looking for an easier way to get the indices inside a polygon or ellipse created in function  
graphics.  
> So here is a basic example that states what I want to do:  
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> ;first generate the graphics  
> img = dist(600)  
> w = window(dimensions=[500,500])  
> im = image(img, current=w)  
> pl = polygon([0.25,0.75,0.75,0.25],[0.25,0.25,0.75,0.75],/norm,ta rget=im)  
> ;make some changes to the polygon  
> pl.rotate, 12  
>  
> ;now extract the mean value of the points of the image that are inside the polygon  
>  
> pl->getData, xx, yy  
> o = obj_new('idlroi', xx*600d, yy*600d, /double, type=2)  
> mask = o->ComputeMask(dimensions=[600,600])  
> obj_destroy, o  
> pts = where(mask, cnt)  
> meanVal = mean(img[pts])  
> print, 'the mean value inside the polygon is ', meanVal  
>  
>  
>  
> So this method works fine. It's maybe not the most obvious, but works. Now the question is...  
How do I get the same result for an ellipse?  
> Of course I could calculate the perimeter points of the ellipse and use the same method as  
above, but that would not really be... well ... cool.  
>  
> Any better way to do this? I couldn't find any FG method to get such info.  
>  
> Thanks,  
> Helder
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If you could plot an ellipse with FG, you know its equation from the parameters (center, axes, orientation) you have given in the call. Let it be $F(x,y)=0$.
Then the indices of the (x,y) points inside the ellipse are those for which $F(x,y)$ is strictly negative.
alx.
