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Subject: Re: Kuwahara Filter

Posted by [Joshua Nipper](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2002 23:15:15 GMT

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That was an old version of the code, this is what I'm currently using....

Josh

```
function kuwahara,input,kernelsize
T=systime(1)
s=size(input,/dimensions)
temp=bytarr(s)
identity=intarr(kernelsize)+1
M=indgen(kernelsize)-(kernelsize/2)
mX=M#identity
my=-identity#M
for i=0,s[0]-1 do begin
  for j=0,s[1]-1 do begin
    xpoint=j
    ypoint=i
    region1=input[(xpoint-1)+mX,(ypoint+1)+mY]
    region2=input[(xpoint+1)+mX,(ypoint+1)+mY]
    region3=input[(xpoint-1)+mX,(ypoint-1)+mY]
    region4=input[(xpoint+1)+mX,(ypoint-1)+mY]

    var=[variance(region1),variance(region2),variance(region3),variance(region4)]
  ]
  avg=fix([mean(region1),mean(region2),mean(region3),mean(region4)])
  location=where(var EQ min(var))
  temp[xpoint,ypoint]=avg[location[0]]
  endfor
endfor
PRINT, SYSTIME(1) - T, 'Seconds'
return,temp

end
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Subject: Re: Kuwahara Filter

Posted by [Jaco van Gorkom](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2002 10:57:31 GMT

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"Joshua Nipper" <nipperjc@ufl.edu> wrote in message

news:a4hcm8\$piu\$1@spnnode25.nerdc.ufl.edu...

> Hi there, I'm trying to implement the kuwahara filter, and can't seem to

> figure out how to get around using for loops, making it very slow. Can

> anyone suggest a way to speed this up?

< code skipped >

Without being aware of the finer details of the kawahara filter, I think that you need the variance for neighbourhoods of kernelsize around each point in your data, and then based on the variances you find around each input point, you choose the mean value of one of the neighbourhoods. So how about calculating the mean values for \*all\* neighbourhoods first, loopless:

```
means = smooth(input, kernelsize)
```

and then calculating the variances for all neighbourhoods, again loopless:

```
variances = smooth( (input - means)^2, kernelsize )
```

followed by some clever selection step `output = means[cleverStep(variances)]` involving possibly the `<` operator, `MIN()`, `SHIFT()` or what may be. If all else fails, use a loop for this last step.

Hope this helps,  
Jaco

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