
Subject: Re: Gradient of an Image
Posted by [meron](#) on Fri, 24 Jan 2003 07:05:43 GMT
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If anybody wants to have the code, just drop an email.

thanks anyway,
Tom

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Sure.

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Unless you've information regarding what the boundary should be, it is
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Yes, it looks to me to do **exactly** what the SOBEL function
does. The other gradient operator found in IDL is the ROBERTS function.

Cheers,

David

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