
Subject: Re: Label Region trouble
Posted by [btt](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2004 19:02:34 GMT
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Nuno Oliveira wrote:

> I'm almost shooting myself! Every time I think I'm reaching a solution I
> have a new problem! And this one is really something.
>
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>
> The issue is that if find a boundary of ROI using Label Region before I don'
> t get the pixels that are on the borders of the image. This is really
> strange, I don't what Label Region does and even I can't find the code (is
> it in the IDL library? I don't find it!)
>

Hello,

Yes, it is a bit aggravating. The Label_Region function treats the boundary of the image as background. Here's the blurb on the input argument from the documentation....

" A n-dimensional image to be labeled. Data is converted to integer type if necessary. Pixels at the edges of Data are considered to be zero."

The function below will work for 2d images.

```
FUNCTION MY_LABEL_REGION, data, _Extra = extra
```

```
Sz = Size(data)  
dim = Sz[1: Sz[0]]  
d = Make_Array(dim+2, value = 0, type = Sz[Sz[0]+1])
```

```
d[1,1] = data  
mask = LABEL_REGION(d, _Extra = extra)
```

```
Return, mask[1:dim[0], 1:dim[1]]  
END
```

If you have a lot of blobs within an image, you might prefer to use the HISTOGRAM function with REVERSE_INDICES to navigate around the blobs. It will save repeated calls to WHERE which has to search the entire array.

Ben

Subject: Re: Label Region trouble

Posted by [Nuno Oliveira](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2004 14:28:05 GMT

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Thanks for the solution, Ben. Well, it's little bit embarrassing to me. I've read the description of the Label_Region function, but obviously not that careful.

I'm not sure if I understood your suggestion of using histogram function. I read the description of the function and perhaps I still don't get it.

If I make

```
hist = HISTOGRAM(data, REVERSE_INDICES=R)
```

To get the indices for first region defined by label region (the indices that are equal to 1) I should do... (according to the reference guide.)

```
i = 1
```

```
blob = data( R[ R(i):R(i+1)-1 ] )
```

Is that it? If I haven't made any mistake I'm trying this and I get nothing back (or I get strange array with two indices when should have much more)

Cheers,

Nuno.

"Ben Tupper" <btupper@bigelow.org> wrote in message
news:c0b9sg\$15875l\$1@ID-189398.news.uni-berlin.de...

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> Ben
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Subject: Re: Label Region trouble
Posted by [Nuno Oliveira](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2004 15:09:37 GMT
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Seems that I need to reboot...

Guess what. I tried

blob = R[R(i):R(i+1)-1] instead of

blob = data(R[R(i):R(i+1)-1])

and. it worked!

Cheers,

Nuno.

P.S. Only realize that it was this way when I printed out the variable and saw that it was an array full of one. then suspected I was doing something wrong, L.

"Nuno Oliveira" <nmoliveira@fc.ul.pt> wrote in message

news:c0de3o\$1lsp\$1@pegasus.fccn.pt...

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> Nuno.

Subject: Re: Label Region trouble

Posted by [btt](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2004 15:26:18 GMT

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Nuno Oliveira wrote:

> Thanks for the solution, Ben. Well, it's little bit embarrassing to me. I've
> read the description of the Label_Region function, but obviously not that
> careful.

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Hi,

You shouldn't be embarassed. I have been there, too! I think if you searched the Google database for this ("label_Region" and "Edge") you find that I *really* have been there. There maybe other, faster, ways of doing this.

The only thing you should be embarassed about is using CW_DEFROI (just kidding!)

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> I'm not sure if I understood your suggestion of using histogram function. I
> read the description of the function and perhaps I still don't get it.
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Yeah, well, only JD really knows how histogram works - I just ape the same steps over and over. You should look at JD's tutorial on HISTOGRAM. David F hosts this for the benefit of all at <http://www.dfanning.com/documents/tips.html#Tutorials>

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Well, I'm not sure what is happening. I suggest that you make sure that data is the labeled image (not the original). Also, note the following...

i = 1

hist[i] = number of pixels in bin number i
(in this case i is also the pixel values)

indices = R[R[i]:R[i+1]-1] = data indices for all of the pixels in bin i

blob = data[indices] = all of the pixels in bin i
(in this case they should all have a value of i)

Ben
