
Subject: Re: reading pixels from images from automated XYpositions
Posted by [Yunxiang Zhang](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 2004 23:02:13 GMT
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I think you'd better explain in detail the definition of your pos. I can't understand it from your code. But I think I may have a similar question of how to extract features from an image.

For example, let's define a 7X7 pixels area a molecule. And I have all N molecules' positions stored in a 2XN array pos. Thus, molecule No. i will be,

```
Image[pos[0,i]-3:pos[0,i]+3,pos[1,i]-3:pos[1,i]+3]
```

which is a 7X7 data. But if I want to extract all the molecules at the same time without using a loop. Then I got,

```
molecules=Image[pos[0,*]-3:pos[0,*]+3,pos[1,*]-3:pos[1,*]+3]
```

% Expression must be a scalar or 1 element array in this context: <INT Array[1, N]>.

Can anybody show me how to do this properly?

Thanks!
Yunxiang

On Wed, 14 Apr 2004, Thomas Nehls wrote:

```
> Hi folks,  
>  
> I want to get information(mean, stddev, median) about the values of  
> certain pixels(7x7 pixels areas) from an image.  
> The according XY positions should be read from a file, where a list of  
> positions is given.  
>  
> This is, what I thought could work:  
>  
>> PRO input,x  
>>  
>> FOR n=0,x-1 do grey_scale_value,n  
>> END  
>>  
>> PRO grey_scale_value, n,x  
>> file = DIALOG_PICKFILE(/READ)  
>> img = READ_TIFF(file)
```

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>> positions = DIALOG_PICKFILE(/READ)
>> pos =bytarr(3,6)
>> pos = READ_SYLK(positions,/ARRAY)
>> pixels1 = img[0,23:26,35:38]
>> pixels2 = img[0,(pos[1]-3 where pos[0]=n):(pos[1]+3 where pos[0]=n),(pos[2]-3 where
pos[0]=n):(pos[2]+3 where pos[0]=n)]
>>
>> OPENW,1,'greyscale_data.dat',/APPEND
>> PRINTF,1,(n+1),mean(pixels2),stddev(pixels2),median(pixels2)
>> CLOSE,1
>> END
>
> first I tried pixels1, the scheme works, but I think I used the 'where'
> command in the wrong way...
> Do you have a hint for me?
> Thanks
> Tom
>
>

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Subject: Re: reading pixels from images from automated XYpositions

Posted by [Thomas Nehls](#) on Thu, 15 Apr 2004 16:23:06 GMT

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Hi Yunxiang,

thank you for showing me where my problem was! now I got a new one ;-)

I have an 3 x 6 array.

I looked through the IDL-help and then I found all the keywords for the read_tiff function and now I think that is one key to our problem:

what do you think about that:

```

> PRO gs
>
> image = DIALOG_PICKFILE(/read) ;gets the image filename
> position = DIALOG_PICKFILE(/read) ;gets the according position filename
>
> pos = READ_SYLK(position, /ARRAY, /COLMAJOR, NROWS=n)
>
> output = DIALOG_PICKFILE(/WRITE)
> OPENW,1,output,/APPEND
> PRINTF,1,image
> CLOSE,1
>
> FOR i=0,n-1 DO BEGIN
>
> img = READ_TIFF(image, R, G, B , ORIENTATION=1, SUB_RECT=[pos[1,i]-3,pos[2,i], 7, 7])

```

```
>
> OPENW,1,'greyscale_data.dat',/APPEND
> PRINTF,1,i+1,mean(R),stddev(R),median(R)
> CLOSE,1
> ENDFOR
>
> END
```

I thought, this would be a good idea, but unfortunately:

```
> % READ_TIFF: Expression must be named variable in this context:
> <INT    (    1)>.
```

what does it mean? which expression?

Can anybody help us/me?

Thanks in advance

Tom

Subject: Re: reading pixels from images from automated XYpositions

Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Thu, 15 Apr 2004 16:50:59 GMT

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"Thomas Nehls" wrote in message...

```
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SUB_RECT=[pos[1,i]-3,pos[2,i], 7, 7])
>>
>> OPENW,1,'greyscale_data.dat',/APPEND
>> PRINTF,1,i+1,mean(R),stddev(R),median(R)
>> CLOSE,1
>> ENDFOR
>>
>> END
>
> I thought, this would be a good idea, but unfortunately:
>> % READ_TIFF: Expression must be named variable in this context:
>> <INT    (    1)>.
```

>

> what does it mean? which expression?

Even if you don't understand the error, check the clues. READ_TIFF is complaining about something to do with an integer value "1". Looking at your READ_TIFF call I see two places you are trying to pass "1". A check of the docs would reveal that ORIENTATION is supposed to be set "to a named variable which will contain the orientation value from the TIFF file." So READ_TIFF wants to *return* a value via the ORIENTATION keyword but it can't because "1" is not a valid variable. Changing "ORIENTATION=1" to

"ORIENTATION=o" should fix this problem.

-Rick

Subject: Re: reading pixels from images from automated XYpositions

Posted by [Thomas Nehls](#) on Fri, 16 Apr 2004 11:58:10 GMT

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Rick Towler wrote:

> "Thomas Nehls" wrote in message...

>

>

>>> img = READ_TIFF(image, R, G, B , ORIENTATION=1,

>

> SUB_RECT=[pos[1,i]-3,pos[2,i], 7, 7])

>

>>> OPENW,1,'greyscale_data.dat',/APPEND

>>> PRINTF,1, i+1, mean(R), stddev(R), median(R)

>>> CLOSE,1

>>> ENDFOR

>>>

>>> END

>>

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>>

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>>> <INT (1)>.

>>

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>

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> because "1" is not a valid variable. Changing "ORIENTATION=1" to
> "ORIENTATION=o" should fix this problem.

>

> -Rick

>

>

Hi,

you are completely right, sorry. some hours before I used the
ORIENTATION keyword in connection with WRITE_TIFF, so my mistake was to

think(to wish) ORIENTATION would have the same function in READ_TIFF.

Is there any possibility to tell IDL that the XY coordinates I used to define the SUBRECT Portion are coordinates starting from the left hand top? (Thats what I wanted to tell IDL by using ORIENTATION = 1)

I dont want to recalculate the coordinates...

Thanks

Tom
