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Posted by [Charudatta Phatak](#) on Fri, 05 Oct 2007 22:17:10 GMT

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Subject: Re: Delaunay triangulation search

Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2007 01:48:39 GMT

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On Oct 5, 6:17 pm, Charudatta Phatak <cpha...@andrew.cmu.edu> wrote:

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y = RANDOMN(seed, 50)

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mmY = [MIN(y), MAX(y)]

x = (x-mmX[0])/(mmX[1]-mmX[0]) * 99
y = (y-mmy[0])/(mmy[1]-mmy[0]) * 99

WINDOW, 0
; Show points:
PLOT, x, y, psym=1,/ISO

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; Obtain triangulation:
TRIANGULATE, x, y, tr, b

roiGroup = OBJ_NEW('IDLanROIgroup')
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FOR i=0, N_ELEMENTS(tr)/3-1 DO BEGIN
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  t = [tr[*],i], tr[0,i]]
  ; Connect triangles:
  PLOTS, x[t], y[t], psym = -3
  roiGroup->Add, OBJ_NEW('IDLanROI', x[t], y[t])
ENDFOR

;mock up an image and the indices for each pixel
img = REPLICATE(255B, 100,100)
xx = FINDGEN(100) # REPLICATE(1.0,100)
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if nB GT 0 then begin
  WINDOW, 1, XSIZE = 100, YSIZE = 100
  img[B] = 0
  TVSCL, img
endif

END
***END

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Subject: Re: Delaunay triangulation search
 Posted by [Charudatta Phatak](#) on Thu, 11 Oct 2007 16:22:47 GMT
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Hi Ben,

Thanks for the help. But i was able to do it simply using the built in
 idl function POLYFILLV which in fact does exactly what i wanted. it
 finds the indices of all the points enclosed in a given polygon and it
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