
Subject: Re: Difficult Label_region question

Posted by [Jonathan Dursi](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2008 04:33:29 GMT

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On Apr 23, 10:21 pm, moxam...@gmail.com wrote:

> I have an image/array im[300, 300, 3] and I want to compare the the
> value of of each element in each channel and write the bigger in a new
> array imnew[300,300] keeping the information from which channel is the
> element value in the new array.

It's not clear to me that label_region is really what you need here.

The following seems more along those lines:

```
;; just get some random data
```

```
img = randomu(1,300,300,3)
```

```
;; find the maximum value along the colour axis,  
;; along with where that maximum resides -- as a  
;; 1d index into the entire img array
```

```
imgnew = max(img,ms,DIMENSION=3)
```

```
;; reform that 1d array of 1d indices first into a 1d array  
;; of 3d indices into the array pointing where the maximum  
;; is; put that back into the 300x300 shape of the initial  
;; image, and take the only index we need, the color index
```

```
imgcolor = reform((reform(array_indices(img,ms),3,300,300))[2,*,*])
```

So now imgnew[xi,yi] has the maximum channel intensity for pixel (xi,yi) and imgcolor[xi,yi] has the channel number (0,1, or 2) of that maximum.

If you only want to do this for plotting purposes, there may be some easier/faster way to go about it, but this seems like the most direct way to get the asked-for info...

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Subject: Re: Difficult Label_region question
Posted by [Gaurav](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2008 06:11:25 GMT
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You definitely do not need LABEL_REGION as far as I understand your problem. As far as I get it you want to create a new 2D array whose each element will identify whether the highest DN value for that location lies in Red, Green or the Blue channel.

If I am right so far, then you are assigning wrongly in your code. In your example if, say, the blue DN value of a pixel is greater than the Red and Green value for that pixel, you are assigning the value of Blue DN value in the imnew array. However, what you should do is to just assign the label signifying 'blue' for that pixel. If I assume 1 for Blue, 2 for Green and 3 for Red, I would write the same code as

```
if im[i, j, 0] > im[i, j, 1] and im[i, j, 0] > im[i, j, 2] then imnew[i, j] = 1
```

So, in the end your imnew array will contain only values 1, 2 or 3 which when displayed as a pseudo color image will give you the desired output.

If, however, you wish to preserve the gray level along with it being displayed as RGB, you could consider converting your imnew to be a Integer type of array and then assign the values of the array as:

```
if im[i, j, 0] > im[i, j, 1] and im[i, j, 0] > im[i, j, 2] then imnew[i, j] = 0 * 255 + im[i, j, 0] ; or similarly 1*255 + im[i, j, 1] and so on
```

This way if a pixel is of blue color, its value will lie between 0-255 in the output array, if it is green it will be between 256-511 and so on. But I am not sure how you will display this as your output image in RGB.

In any case, LABEL_REGION figures nowhere, so stop looking in the wrong place.

Cheers,
Gaurav

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Posted by [Gaurav](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2008 08:33:20 GMT
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function. It will cut a lot of your processing time if you are running loops (as it appears to be from the subscripts in your code).

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Posted by [moxament](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2008 12:32:17 GMT
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And using the label_region will let me further process each segment separately after that.

I hope it is clear now. I am beginner in IDL and I do not know many things. so your help is appreciated.

Thank you very much

MD

Subject: Re: Difficult Label_region question
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2008 17:55:02 GMT
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On Apr 24, 6:32 am, moxam...@gmail.com wrote:
> On 24 Á, 02:33, Gaurav <selfishgau...@gmail.com> wrote:
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Not sure what you want, but is this close?

```
m = max(im, ind, dimension=3)
band = ind / (300 * 300)
```

```
device, decomposed=0
```

```
tv!ct, 255, 0, 0, 0
tv!ct, 0, 255, 0, 1
tv!ct, 0, 0, 255, 2
```

```
tv, band
```

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Posted by [Gaurav](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 07:09:50 GMT
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Even in that case, LABEL_REGION is not the function to use.
LABEL_REGION is used in a binary image when there are some pixels

clumped together. Suppose you had a binary satellite image in which all the water bodies were colored with the value 255 while all rest was 0. If there were 5 separate waterbodies, you could use LABEL_REGION to identify the number of waterbodies, number them and to find the pixels belonging to each waterbody. Ergo, WHERE would still be the function that would come into use for you.

You should use WHERE function with the INDICES keyword to get the locations that satisfy your value, something like
index_blue = WHERE(BLUE GT GREEN AND BLUE GT RED)
where BLUE GREEN and RED contain the three bands of your data.

Similarly you can get the elements for index_green and index_red. These three variables will contain the "segments" you are looking for and you can process them together.

Hope it helps...

Gaurav
