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Subject: Re: IDL Average Value Graphs

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 21:01:56 GMT

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I'll say, especially if the concentric circles have to have equal areas! I've done this before, but I don't have the code near at hand. I'll see if I can dig it up and if it is worth publishing. May take me a day or so to get to it. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 21:11:55 GMT

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So, basically, you would create the pies, get the coordinates of the pixels within and then do your maths!

Jean

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Posted by [andybohn](#) on Thu, 17 Jul 2008 15:21:52 GMT  
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On Jul 15, 5:11 pm, Jean H <jghas...@DELTHIS.ucalgary.ANDTHIS.ca> wrote:

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I've been playing with POLYFILLV, and it (eventually) seems helpful.

It is a bit annoying that it returns a 1d array that has to be converted back to a 2d array, but that's alright. I'm still playing with the pie slices at the moment, and I didn't think of it at the time, but if I don't inscribe a circle in the square image, then I will get unequal areas for each slice.

So your pie program creates a 100 sided polygon that would emulate a circle, then two more points to get back to the origin. Couldn't the 100 sided polygon be created, then for finding the pixels in between the two circles, use POLYFILLV on the larger circle, then subtract the smaller one? Also, I really like the way you created the polygon array, however I'm not entirely sure how arc\_x and arc\_y get added to the final points.

Thanks for the help!  
Andy

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Thu, 17 Jul 2008 17:19:29 GMT  
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?? ... just use the 1D array when you do your math!  
pieCoord1D = [110,111,210,211]  
PiePixels = data2D[pieCoord1D]

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... yes... same thing will happen on the edge of the image.

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> smaller one?

Yes, this is correct. Though I would not use the pie program with an angle of 360 degrees (what would be the consequences of the line to the center of the circle??). Use a function to create a plain circle:  
[http://www.dfanning.com/tips/make\\_circle.html](http://www.dfanning.com/tips/make_circle.html)

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arc\_X and arc\_Y are the 100 points forming the arc.  
By doing `x = [x_center, arc_x, x_center]`, I simply add, in 1st and last position, the coord of the center of the circle. The X and Y arrays therefore represent the coord of the points starting at the center of the circle, going through the 100 points of the arc and then back to the center. It is a closed polygon.

Jean

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