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Subject: Re: Landsat Image weirdness - IDL off topic  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 16 Mar 2009 21:29:21 GMT  
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I think you will turn up many interesting articles if you  
Google "landsat destripping".

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

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

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Subject: Re: Landsat Image weirdness - IDL off topic  
Posted by [lbuseett@yahoo.it](mailto:lbuseett@yahoo.it) on Tue, 17 Mar 2009 09:11:02 GMT  
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On 16 Mar, 21:53, "Jean H." <jghas...@DELTHIS.ucalgary.ANDTHIS.ca>  
wrote:

- > Hi all,
- >
- > Not too sure where to ask this question... hopefully someone here will know!
- >
- > Ok, I have downloaded a Landsat 7 ETM+ image from USGS (by the way,
- > their new service, with free historical images is awesome!!)
- >
- > ... but it doesn't look as I hoped it would.. have a look  
here:[http://www.environmentalmodelers.com/WP/sat\\_img\\_problem .gif](http://www.environmentalmodelers.com/WP/sat_img_problem.gif)
- >
- > Basically, I have, perpendicular to the fly path, some black lines.
- > These lines are not present along the central line of the image, and the
- > further you are from this center line, the wider are the black lines.
- >
- > Also, on the edge of the image, I can see some data extensions, which
- > surprises me even more!
- >
- > So, is there anything I can do about this? (I guess it is not an Endian
- > problem as the rest of the image looks good, it's not a data type

> problem either, not a band interleave pb as it is a single band)  
>  
> Thanks a lot!  
> Jean

Hi Jean,

This is a well known problem of ETM+ data acquired after may 2007, and is due to the failure of the SLC (Scan Line Corrector). You find info on the problem here:

[http://landsat.usgs.gov/products\\_slc\\_off\\_data\\_information.ph p](http://landsat.usgs.gov/products_slc_off_data_information.ph p)

Unfortunately, I believe that there's no a real way to solve the problem, since in the black areas of your image the sensor did not acquire the data. A possibility is to use different images of the same area to build a single "gap filled" image.

Hope this helps,

Lorenzo

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> Lorenzo

Ah, thanks a lot...

since the proposed solution requires another image and provides poor results over land-use transitions, I guess I will have to stick with the

other images..

Thanks for the link anyways, I understand the problem much better now!  
Jean

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> David

Hi,

it is indeed interesting, I will keep in mind the technical term! ...  
though the problem is different, as it is zones of no-data (like 400m  
wide), not zones of spoiled data...

Thanks anyways!  
Jean

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