
Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 19:31:52 GMT

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On 1/20/11 2:19 PM, Robin Wilson wrote:

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Have you looked at MORPH_OPEN? I think it would be a good place to start.

Cheers,
Ben

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
Posted by [Robin Wilson](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 19:35:35 GMT

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Hi Ben

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I have investigated this, but I don't think it'll do what I want as it will affect the other pixels in the image too. I'm hoping just to operate on pixels that have a lot of space around them (for example, maybe with a 9x9 window, and only having three pixels turned on). Can MORPH_OPEN do this?

Robin

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 19:52:30 GMT

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I don't know too much about this, but I would investigate Morph_HitOrMiss, too.

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

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

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

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
Posted by [ben.bighair](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 20:03:45 GMT

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Hmmm. So, it isn't just a matter of the size of the speck but also the amount of white space around it.

Filtering by size isn't such a big issue - you could even use histogram operating on a labeled version of your image. You could also use Morph_HitOrMiss for this.

The Morph_TopHat function might also be worth checking out. You can control the amount of "brim-width" to allow when you specify the structure.

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
Posted by [Gray](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 23:24:39 GMT

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On Jan 20, 3:03 pm, Ben Tupper <ben.bigh...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 1/20/11 2:35 PM, Robin Wilson wrote:

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> control the amount of "brim-width" to allow when you specify the

> structure.

You have the indices where the pixels are, do you not? Or did I miss a step?

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IDL> array[x-2:x+2,y-2:y+2] = 0
```

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
Posted by [rogass](#) on Fri, 21 Jan 2011 08:07:04 GMT

On 20 Jan., 20:19, Robin Wilson <ro...@rtwilson.com> wrote:

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Cheers

CR

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
Posted by [Robin Wilson](#) on Fri, 21 Jan 2011 09:02:44 GMT

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Hi Chris,

That's great. Yes, your description is correct - that's exactly what I
want to do.

Cheers,

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On Jan 21, 11:41 am, Axel M <axe...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Jan 21, 10:02 am, Robin Wilson <ro...@rtwilson.com> wrote:

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> Hi Robin,

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> You described the problem in two different ways:

> (1) clean the pixel neighborhood if the center pixel is below a

> threshold

> (2) clean the pixel if the number of neighbors on is below a threshold

>

> I understand that you actually mean case (2). You can try that (I did

> not test the code):

> kernel_size = 9

> threshold = 3.0 / (kernel_size*kernel_size) ;3 pixels on out of a 9x9

> neighborhood

> Image[WHERE(SMOOTH(image, [kernel_size,kernel_size], /EDGE_TRUNCATE)

> LT threshold)] = 0

A correction: if image is not a float array, please change it like that:

Image[WHERE(SMOOTH(FLOAT(image), [kernel_size,kernel_size], /EDGE_TRUNCATE) LT threshold)] = 0

If you want the code to be robust, you should also check that WHERE is not -1.

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
Posted by [rogass](#) on Fri, 21 Jan 2011 14:23:11 GMT
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On 21 Jan., 10:02, Robin Wilson <ro...@rtwilson.com> wrote:

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; conv is the 2D convolution result

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IDL> conv=randomn(seed,100,100)
IDL> x=mean(conv);threshold
IDL> wx=3 & wy=3;moving window size
IDL> sz=size(conv,/dimensions)
IDL> ind=cr_get_window(sz,wx,wy);get indices of moving window as index
vector of size [wx,wy,n_elements(conv)]
IDL> wh = where((conv[ind])[wx/2,wy/2,*] gt X);evaluate center pixel
due to threshold
IDL> ind[*,* ,wh]=-1;set all indices in matched windows to -1
IDL> ind2=uniq(((wi=ind[where(ind ne -1)]),sort(wi)));extract uniq
indices due to same indices in adjacent windows
IDL> conv[ind2]=0
IDL> tvscl,conv,0
IDL> tvscl,conv eq 0,1
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function cr_get_window,sz,wx,wy,mode=mode,ind=ind
on_error,2
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sx = long(sz[0])
sy = long(sz[1])
wx = long(n_elements(wx) gt 0 ? wx : 3)
wy = long(n_elements(wy) gt 0 ? wy : 3)
mode= keyword_set(mode) ? -1>mode<3 : 0
ind = keyword_set(ind) ? ind : 0
a = n_elements(ind) le 1 ? ulindgen(sx,sy) : ind
h = a[0:wx-1,0:wy-1] mod wx
ind = rebin(h + rebin(transpose(h[0:wx-1]*sx),wx,wy,/sample),wx,wy,
((ss=sx*sy),/sample)+$
  rebin(reform(a[*],1,1,ss,/over),wx,wy,ss,/sample)
if n_elements(sz) eq 3 then begin
  mode=0
  ind2 = sz[2] le ss? reform(a[0:sz[2]-1],1,1,1,sz[2],/over) : $
    (ss le sz[2]? reform((a[*])[0:sz[2]-1],1,1,1,sz[2],/over) :
  ulindgen(1,1,1,sz[2]))
endif
undefine,h,a
case mode of
0 : result= n_elements(sz) lt 3? ind : rebin(ind, wx,wy,ss,sz[2],/
sample) + $
  rebin(ind2*ss,wx,wy,ss,sz[2],/sample)
1 : result= reform(ind,wx*wy,sx*sy,/over)
2 : result= ind[*]
else: result=-1
endcase
undefine, sx,sy,mode,ind
undefine, ind2
return, result
end

```

Hope it helps

Cheers

CR

Subject: Re: Blanking all 5x5 windows with less than X 'on' pixels in them
 Posted by [rogass](#) on Sat, 22 Jan 2011 10:11:16 GMT
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On 21 Jan., 15:23, chris <rog...@googlemail.com> wrote:
 > On 21 Jan., 10:02, Robin Wilson <ro...@rtwilson.com> wrote:
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> sx = long(sz[0])
> sy = long(sz[1])
> wx = long(n_elements(wx) gt 0) ? wx

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: 3)
> wy = long(n_elements(wy) gt 0 ? wy
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> mode= keyword_set(mode) ? -1>mode<3 : 0
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Ah, I forgot - you need D. Fannings undefine to clear the memory.

Cheers

CR