
Subject: Re: finding the center of gravity of an irregularly shaped roi within a 2d array

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2012 13:42:08 GMT

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Ian writes:

> I have an array (e.g. `fltarr[1133,751]`) with a range of different flag values, and i want to find the center of gravity of irregularly shaped regions of interest within this array that consist of units sharing the same value. Units which make up a roi will all be connected.

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> e.g. `i=where(array eq 1,ict)`

> Find center of gravity of i.

>

> I want the result to be a location that makes sense within the parent array.

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> Is anybody able to help?

I think you are interested in "blob analysis." :-)

http://www.idlcoyote.com/ip_tips/blobanalysis.html

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: finding the center of gravity of an irregularly shaped roi within a 2d array

Posted by [ian.j.ashpole](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2012 13:58:42 GMT

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Ah, looks like i am :-) Thanks very much David!

If i can ask, as i am unable to find this in the code as a relative novice, how does your program actually calculate the centroid coordinates?

Cheers,

Ian

Subject: Re: finding the center of gravity of an irregularly shaped roi within a 2d array

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2012 16:24:43 GMT

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ian.j.ashpole@googlemail.com writes:

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Each pixel in the ROI is assigned a "weight" of 1, then
a simple center-of-mass calculation is done:

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      / totalMass
ycm = Total( Total(array, 1) * Indgen(arrayYSize) * scale[1] ) $
      / totalMass
center = [xcm, ycm]
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: finding the center of gravity of an irregularly shaped roi within a 2d array

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2012 16:26:40 GMT

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Sorry, I meant to include a link to additional information about center-of-mass calculations:

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/tips/centroid.html>

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: finding the center of gravity of an irregularly shaped roi within a 2d array

Posted by [ian.j.ashpole](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2012 11:35:58 GMT

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Brilliant! Thanks for your help David :-)

Ian
