
Subject: IDL routine to find contiguous groups of pixels falling within an intensity range

Posted by [astroboy.20000](#) on Tue, 03 Feb 2015 01:55:32 GMT

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- you pick a range of intensities
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- sees which such pixels are contiguous with other such pixels and
- places them into groups, that is, assigns them an index number.

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Thanks,

Mark

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 03 Feb 2015 02:10:04 GMT

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M Q writes:

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Your description is a little ambiguous. You are probably looking for

Label_Region, but you could also be looking for Search2D or Search3D.
You could also just search Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming for "blob".
Something will probably turn up. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: IDL routine to find contiguous groups of pixels falling within an intensity range

Posted by [astroboy.20000](#) on Tue, 03 Feb 2015 20:04:23 GMT

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Thanks Dave,

Search3d is exactly what I'm looking for. I guess the name was too obvious.....

Mark
