
Subject: Re: Gradient of an Image in IDL
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Tue, 03 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT
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One alternative is to use CALL_EXTERNAL() to interface to your (already optimized) C routine, which would require slight modifications to the routine. I can mail you examples of using this method if you're interested.

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"I have this theory that if we're told we're bad,
then that's the only idea we'll ever have.
But maybe if we are surrounded in beauty,
someday we will become what we see." - Jewel Kilcher

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Posted by [Hermann Mannstein](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT
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I'm not shure that it is really optimized, and there are different ways
to
define the gradient, but the following works on 2-d images and gives a
centered
absolute value and the angle in degree - i.e. it uses all surrounding
pixels.
The convolution with an 3X3 array is quite fast.

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function sin_kern0
a=[ [
  0.7071067812,1.,0.7071067812],[0.,0.,0.],[-0.7071067812,-1., -0.7071067812]
]
return,a
end

function cos_kern0
a = [
  [-0.7071067812,0.,0.7071067812],[-1.,0.,1.],[-0.7071067812,0 .,0.7071067812]
]
return,a
end

pro gradient,input,gradient,ang
r2deg = -90./!pi

cu = float(input)
a = sin_kern0()
s = convol(cu,a)
a = cos_kern0()
c = convol(cu,a)
gradient= sqrt(s*s + c*c)
ang    = atan(s,c) * r2deg
return
end
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Regards,

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