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NAME

i.cca – Canonical components analysis (cca) program for image processing.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.cca

i.cca help

i.cca group=name subgroup=name signature=name output=name

DESCRIPTION

i.cca is an image processing program that takes from two to eight (raster) band files and a signature file, and outputs the same number of raster band files transformed to provide maximum separability of the categories indicated by the signatures. This implementation of the canonical components transformation is based on the algorithm contained in the [LAS image processing system](#). CCA is also known as "Canonical components transformation".

Typically the user will use the [i.class](#) program to collect a set of signatures and then pass those signatures along with the raster band files to *i.cca*. The raster band file names are specified on the command line by giving the group and subgroup that were used to collect the signatures.

The output raster map names are built by appending a ".1", ".2", etc. to the output raster map name specified on the command line.

Parameters:

group=name

Name of the [imagery](#) group to which the 2 to 8 raster band files used belong.

subgroup=name

Name of the [imagery](#) subgroup to which the 2 to 8 raster band files used belong.

signature=name

Name of an ASCII file containing spectral signatures.

output=name

Output raster file prefix name. The output raster map layer names are built by appending a ".1", ".2", etc. onto the *output* name specified by the user.

NOTES

i.cca respects the current geographic region definition and the current mask setting while performing the transformation.

SEE ALSO

Schowengerdt, Robert A. **Techniques for Image Processing and Classification in Remote Sensing**, Academic Press, 1983.

[*i.class*](#)

[*i.pca*](#)

[*r.covar*](#)

[*r.mapcalc*](#)

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NAME

i.class – An [imagery](#) function that generates spectral signatures for an image by allowing the user to outline regions of interest. The resulting signature file can be used as input for [i.maxlik](#) or as a seed signature file for [i.cluster](#).

(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.class

DESCRIPTION

i.class performs the first pass in the GRASS two-pass supervised image classification process; the GRASS program [i.maxlik](#) executes the second pass. Both programs must be run to generate a classified map in GRASS raster format.

i.class is an interactive program that allows the user to outline a region on the screen and calculate the spectral signature based on the cells that are within that region. During this process the user will be shown a histogram of the region for each image band. The user can also display the cells of the image bands which fall within a user-specified number of standard deviations from the means in the spectral signature. By doing this, the user can see how much of the image is likely to be put into the class associated with the current signature.

The spectral signatures that result are composed of region means and covariance matrices. These region means and covariance matrices are used in the second pass ([i.maxlik](#)) to classify the image.

Alternatively, the spectral signatures generated by *i.class* can be used for seed means for the clusters in the [i.cluster](#) program.

USER INPUTS

The first screen in the program *i.class* asks the user for the [imagery](#) *group* and *subgroup* to be analyzed:

```
LOCATION: location      SUPERVISED CLASSIFIER      MAPSET: demo

      Please select the group and subgroup to be analyzed

GROUP:      spot_____ (list will show available groups)
SUBGROUP:   123_____ (list will show available subgroups)

      AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
      (OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```


THE MENUS

All of the menus in the *i.class* program are displayed across the bottom of the graphics monitor in the Menu Frame. To select an option from one of these menus, simply place the cursor over your selection and press any button on the mouse. Each of the menus is discussed in the following paragraphs.

The Command Menu

The Command Menu includes the following selections:

Zoom

This command allows the user to outline a rectangular region in either the Map or Zoom Display Frames and the region is displayed, magnified, to fit in the Zoom Display Frame. A red rectangle is drawn in the Map Display Frame, indicating what area the Zoom Display Frame shows.

To outline the rectangular region simply use any mouse button to anchor the first corner of the border and then use any button to choose the other corner.

Define region

This selection takes the user to the [Region Menu](#). This menu includes the options that allow the user to outline a region of interest on the displayed raster map.

Redisplay map

This selection takes the user to the Redisplay Menu. The [Redisplay Menu](#) allows the user to redraw map display frames.

Analyze region

This selection starts the process of analyzing the currently defined region. A histogram of the defined region will be displayed for each band. On the histogram for each band, the mean, standard deviation, minimum cell value and maximum cell value are marked. The histograms are automatically scaled in an attempt to fit the data into the space available, but it is possible that all of the data will not fit. In this case, as much of the data as possible, centered around the mean, will be displayed. After the histograms are displayed, the user will be given the [Signature Menu](#).

Quit

The user should make this selection to end the session with *i.class*.

The Region Menu

The Region Menu contains the following selections:

Erase region

This selection erases any currently defined region.

Draw region

This selection allows the user to use the mouse to draw a region on either the Map or Zoom Display Frame. An explanation of which mouse buttons to use is displayed in the Menu Frame. The user does not need to try to complete the region boundary. The last line of the region will be added when the user selects the Complete region option on the Region Menu.

Restore last region

This selection restores the last region that was drawn. After a region is completed, it will be saved to be restored later. Only one previous region is saved.

Complete region

This selection completes the region that is currently being drawn. As noted above, it saves the complete region to be restored later, if needed. Once the user has made a complete region, it can be analyzed with the Analyze Region selection on the [Command Menu](#).

Done

Use this selection to return to the [Command Menu](#).

The Redisplay Map Menu

The Redisplay Map Menu has the following selections, which are useful to redraw the raster maps displayed in the Map and Zoom Display Frames.

Map geographic region

This selection causes the raster map in the Map Display Frame to be redrawn.

Zoom region

This selection causes the Zoom Display Frame to be redrawn.

Both

This selection causes both the Map and Zoom Display Frames to be redrawn.

Cancel

Use this selection if you do not want to redisplay either of the above regions. The user will be returned to the [Command Menu](#).

The Analyze Region Menu

The Analyze Region Menu contains the Signature Menu, which allows the user to set the number of standard deviations and the display color, and then to display (as an overlay) the cells that match the signature within the number of standard deviations specified. Note that once the matching cells are displayed, the Map Display Frame must be redisplayed to see only the original raster map again. The following selections are available on the Signature Menu:

Set std dev's

This selection allows the user to set the number of standard deviations from the mean for the maximum and minimum range. The maximum and minimum range is used when finding the cells that "match" the signature. The user is presented with a menu of typical choices and an "Other" option. If the "Other" option is selected, enter the number of standard deviations from the keyboard on the text terminal. Otherwise, the selected option will be used. When the number of standard deviations is set, the histograms for each band will be redrawn with the maximum and minimum range marked. Note that the number in parentheses on this selection is the current number of standard deviations.

Set color

This selection allows the user to set the color for the display of cells that "match" the current signature. The user is presented with a menu of color choices. The color selected will be used when the Display Matches Menu selection is made.

Note that the color in parentheses on this selection is the current color for display.

Display matches

This selection displays the cells that "match" the current signature in the current color. A cell "matches" the current signature if the cell value in each band is between the minimum range and maximum range for that band defined by the number of standard deviations currently set.

Done

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When this selection is chosen, the user will be asked whether or not he/she would like to save the current signature. If the user answers with the "Yes" selection, he/she will be asked to enter a description for the resultant signature file on the text terminal keyboard. The saved signature file description will be used by [i.maxlik](#) to name the category that is created from the current signature. After either a "No" answer or the signature description is entered, the user is returned to the Command Menu.

NOTES

i.class uses the current MASK to generate the overlay for cells that match a signature. As a result, if a MASK already exists it will be removed during the execution of this program.

The cell values in the image bands cannot fall outside of the range of 0 to 255. *i.class* will report an error if they do.

i.class, like some of the other [imagery](#) programs, does not use the standard GRASS display frames. After running *i.class*, you will need to create a display frame (e.g., using [d.frame](#) or [d.erase](#)) before you can use most of the GRASS display (d.) commands.

[i.group](#) must be run before *i.class* to create an [imagery](#) group and a subgroup containing the image bands to be classified.

The user can perform a supervised image classification by running *i.class* followed by [i.maxlik](#). The user can perform an unsupervised classification by running [i.cluster](#) followed by [i.maxlik](#).

i.class is interactive and requires no command line arguments. The user must be running a graphics display monitor (see [d.mon](#)) to run this program.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.frame](#), [d.mon](#), [g.region](#), [i.cca](#), [i.cluster](#), [i.composite](#), [i.group](#), [i.maxlik](#), [r.mapcalc](#), [r.mask](#)

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NAME

i.cluster – An imagery function that generates spectral signatures for land cover types in an image using a clustering algorithm. The resulting signature file is used as input for [i.maxlik](#), to generate an unsupervised image classification.

(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.cluster

i.cluster help

i.cluster [-q] **group**=name **subgroup**=name **sigfile**=name **classes**=value [**seed**=name]
 [**sample**=row_interval,col_interval] [**iterations**=value] [**convergence**=value] [**separation**=value]
 [**min_size**=value] [**reportfile**=name]

DESCRIPTION

i.cluster performs the first pass in the GRASS two-pass unsupervised classification of imagery, while the GRASS program [i.maxlik](#) executes the second pass. Both programs must be run to complete the unsupervised classification.

i.cluster is a clustering algorithm that reads through the (raster) imagery data and builds pixel clusters based on the spectral reflectances of the pixels. The pixel clusters are imagery categories that can be related to land cover types on the ground. The spectral distributions of the clusters (which will be the land cover spectral signatures) are influenced by six parameters set by the user. The first parameter set by the user is the initial number of clusters to be discriminated. *i.cluster* starts by generating spectral signatures for this number of clusters and "attempts" to end up with this number of clusters during the clustering process. The resulting number of clusters and their spectral distributions, however, are also influenced by the range of the spectral values (category values) in the image files and the other parameters set by the user. These parameters are: the minimum cluster size, minimum cluster separation, the percent convergence, the maximum number of iterations, and the row and column sampling intervals.

The cluster spectral signatures that result are composed of cluster means and covariance matrices. These cluster means and covariance matrices are used in the second pass ([i.maxlik](#)) to classify the image. The clusters or spectral classes result can be related to land cover types on the ground.

OPTIONS

The program can be run either non-interactively or interactively. It will be run non-interactively if the user specifies the name of group file, the name of subgroup file, the name of a file to contain result signatures, the initial number of clusters to be discriminated, and optionally other parameters (see below) on the command line using the form:

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i.cluster [-q] **group**=name **subgroup**=name **sigfile**=name **classes**=value [seed=name]
[sample=row_interval,col_interval] [iterations=value] [convergence=value] [separation=value]
[min_size=value] [reportfile=name]

where the *group* should contain the imagery files that the user wishes to classify. The *subgroup* is a subset of this group. The user must create a group and subgroup by running the GRASS program [i.group](#) before running *i.cluster*. The subgroup should contain only the imagery band files that the user wishes to classify. Note that this subgroup must contain more than one band file. The purpose of the group and subgroup is to collect map layers for classification or analysis. The *sigfile* is the file to contain result signatures which can be used as input for [i.maxlik](#). The classes value is the initial number of clusters to be discriminated; any parameter values left unspecified are set to their default values. Alternatively, the program will be run interactively if the user types only *i.cluster*; in this case the program will prompt the user for parameter values using the standard GRASS [parser](#).

Flags:

-q

Run quietly. Suppresses output of program percent-complete messages and the time elapsed from the beginning of the program. If this flag is not used, these messages are printed out.

Parameters:

group=name

The name of the group file which contains the imagery files that the user wishes to classify.

subgroup=name

The name of the subset of the group specified in group option, which must contain only imagery band files and more than one band file. The user must create a group and a subgroup by running the GRASS program [i.group](#) before running *i.cluster*.

sigfile=name

The name assigned to output signature file which contains signatures of classes and can be used as the input file for the GRASS program [i.maxlik](#) for an unsupervised classification.

classes=value

The number of clusters that will initially be identified in the clustering process before the iterations begin.

seed=name

The name of a seed signature file is optional. The seed signatures are signatures that contain cluster means and covariance matrices which were calculated prior to the current run of *i.cluster*. They may be acquired from a previously run of *i.cluster* or from a supervised classification signature training site section (e.g., using the signature file output by [i.class](#)). The purpose of seed signatures is to optimize the cluster decision boundaries (means) for the number of clusters specified.

sample=row_interval,col_interval

These numbers are optional with default values based on the size of the data set such that the total pixels to be processed is approximately 10,000 (consider round up).

iterations=value

This parameter determines the maximum number of iterations which is greater than the number of iterations predicted to achieve the optimum percent convergence. The default value is 30. If the number of iterations reaches the maximum designated by the user; the user may want to rerun *i.cluster* with a higher number of iterations (see [reportfile](#)).

Default: 30

convergence=value

A high percent convergence is the point at which cluster means become stable during the iteration process. The default value is 98.0 percent. When clusters are being created, their means constantly change as pixels are assigned to them and the means are recalculated to include the new pixel. After all clusters have been created, *i.cluster* begins iterations that change cluster means by maximizing the distances between them. As these means shift, a higher and higher convergence is approached. Because means will never become totally static, a percent convergence and a maximum number of iterations are supplied to stop the iterative process. The percent convergence should be reached before the maximum number of iterations. If the maximum number of iterations is reached, it is probable that the desired percent convergence was not reached. The number of iterations is reported in the cluster statistics in the report file (see [reportfile](#)).

Default: 98.0

separation=value

This is the minimum separation below which clusters will be merged in the iteration process. The default value is 0.0. This is an image-specific number (a "magic" number) that depends on the image data being classified and the number of final clusters that are acceptable. Its determination requires experimentation. Note that as the minimum class (or cluster) separation is increased, the maximum number of iterations should also be increased to achieve this separation with a high percentage of convergence (see [convergence](#)).

Default: 0.0

min_size=value

This is the minimum number of pixels that will be used to define a cluster, and is therefore the minimum number of pixels for which means and covariance matrices will be calculated.

Default: 17

reportfile=name

The reportfile is an optional parameter which contains the result, i.e., the statistics for each cluster. Also included are the resulting percent convergence for the clusters, the number of iterations that was required to achieve the convergence, and the separability matrix.

NOTES

Running in command line mode, *i.cluster* will overwrite the output signature file and reportfile (if required by the user) without prompting if the files existed.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[i.class](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.gensig](#)

[i.maxlik](#)

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NAME

i.colors – An [imagery](#) function that creates colors for imagery groups.
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.colors

DESCRIPTION

i.colors allows the user to interactively assign red, green, and blue colors to the band files in an [imagery](#) group while viewing the display of the combined bands on the graphics monitor.

The user is asked to select an [imagery](#) group. Band files in the group that are currently assigned to the red, green, and blue color bands are displayed along the left edge of the user's graphics display frame, and a composite image of these bands is displayed in the right portion of the display frame. A small matrix appears in the lower left portion of the display frame, and reflects current red, green, and blue band file color assignments. Red, green, and blue color boxes appear next to the names of the image band files to which they are currently assigned. The user can change current color assignments by clicking the mouse cursor beside desired color assignments.

A menu along the bottom of the graphics display frame indicates that the user can also replot and enlarge the composite image on display, or quit the program, by clicking the mouse cursor on the desired option.

The GRASS program [i.group](#) can also be used to assign red, green, and blue colors to [imagery](#) group band files.

NOTES

This program is not yet complete. To assign colors to an [imagery](#) group use the GRASS program [i.group](#).

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments. The user must be running a graphics monitor to use this program.

To store color composite output into a map, the user will utilize *i.composite*.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.mon](#)

[d.rgb](#)

[hsv.rgb.sh](#)

[i.composite](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.his.rgb](#)

[i.rgb.his](#)

[r.colors](#)

[r.mapcalc](#)

[rgb.hsv.sh](#)

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NAME

i.composite – An [imagery](#) function that creates a color composite image from three imagery band files specified by the user.

(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.composite

DESCRIPTION

i.composite creates a color composite image from three band files specified by the user. The user specifies the bands to be used by assigning a red, blue, and/or green color to each band. The resulting image is a raster map layer of raw spectral data composed of the three bands chosen by the user. The color composite can then be displayed, painted, or manipulated as would any raster map layer in GRASS.

The first prompt asks the user for the [imagery](#) group whose files are to be used.

The following menu is then displayed:

```
Please indicate which files to use for red, green, and blue
colors. You may leave any color out. You may specify more
than one color per file. However, each color may only be
specified once. For example, to get a full color image,
specify r,g,b for 3 different files. To get a grey scale
image, specify rgb for a single file.
```

```

b__  spot.1
g__  spot.2
r__  spot.3
__   spotclass
__   spotreject
```

```
AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

The user is then allowed to check the choice of bands:

```
Colors assigned as follows:
```

```

RED:      spot.3@mapsetname
GREEN:    spot.2@mapsetname
BLUE:     spot.1@mapsetname
```

```
Look ok? (y/n) [y]
```

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How many color levels (number of colors = levels³)? 10

If the number of color levels is set to 10, the color table that is created has 1000 colors (10 saturation levels (or shades) per primary color (blue, green, red)). The number of colors that can be displayed at one time on a color graphics monitor will depend on the graphics monitor being used. Note that GRASS currently becomes very slow in displaying maps with more than 8000 colors (color level: 20). So 10 to 15 color levels are recommended.

The user is then asked to name the composite image raster map layer. The percentage completed is echoed to the screen and [r.support](#) files are created automatically.

NOTES

The user should always check the geographic region settings before running most [imagery](#) commands. It is very easy for the boundaries of the geographic region to be completely off the image. Before running *i.composite*, or other [imagery](#) commands, the user should probably set the geographic region to match that of the raster map layers to be read. This can be accomplished using option 4 of the [g.region](#) command.

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.his](#)

[d.rgb](#)

[d.rast](#)

[g.region](#)

[i.colors](#)

[i.group](#)

[r.colors](#)

[r.support](#)

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NAME

i.fft – Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) for image processing.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.fft
i.fft help
i.fft input_image=name real_image=name imaginary_image=name [range=value]

DESCRIPTION

i.fft is an image processing program based on the FFT algorithm given by Frigo et al. (1998), that processes a single input raster map layer (**input_image**) and constructs the real and imaginary Fourier components in frequency space.

OPTIONS

Parameters:

input_image=name
 Input raster map layer on which the fast Fourier transform is run.
real_image=name
 Output real part arrays stored as raster map layer.
imaginary_image=name
 Output imaginary part arrays stored as raster map layer.
range=value
 Range of values used during fast Fourier transformation.

NOTES

The real and imaginary components are stored as arrays of doubles in the *cell_misc* directory (for use in the inverse transform program, [i.ifft](#)), and are also scaled and formatted into the **real_image** and **imaginary_image** raster map layers for inspection, masking, etc. In these raster map layers the low frequency components are in the center and the high frequency components are toward the edges. The **input_image** need not be square; before processing, the X and Y dimensions of the **input_image** are padded with zeroes to the next highest power of two in extent (i.e., 256 x 256 is processed at that size, but 200 x 400 is padded to 256 x 512). The cell category values for viewing, etc., are calculated by taking the natural log of the actual values then rescaling to 255, or whatever optional range is given on the command line, as suggested by Richards (1986). A color table is assigned to the resultant map layer.

The current geographic region and mask settings are respected when reading the input file. The presence of a mask will, in general, make the resulting fast Fourier transform invalid, or at least difficult to interpret.

SEE ALSO

M. Frigo and S. G. Johnson (1998): "FFTW: An Adaptive Software Architecture for the FFT". See [.fftw is a C subroutine library for computing the Discrete Fourier Transform \(DFT\) in one or more dimensions, of both real and complex data, and of arbitrary input size.](#)

[Remote Sensing Digital Image Analysis, by John A. Richards, Springer-Verlag, 1986.](#)

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[i.cca](#)

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NAME

i.gensig – Generates statistics for [i.maxlik](#) from raster map layer.
(GRASS Imagery Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.gensig

i.gensig help

i.gensig trainingmap=name group=name subgroup=name signaturefile=name

DESCRIPTION

i.gensig is a non-interactive method for generating input into [i.maxlik](#). It can be used as the first pass in the GRASS two-pass classification process (instead of [i.cluster](#) or [i.class](#)). It reads a raster map layer, called the training map, which has some of the pixels or regions already classified. *i.gensig* will then extract spectral signatures from an image based on the classification of the pixels in the training map and make these signatures available to [i.maxlik](#).

The user would then execute the GRASS program [i.maxlik](#) to actually create the final classified map.

OPTIONS

Parameters

trainingmap=name

ground truth training map

This map must be prepared by the user in advance. Programs like [v.digit](#) or [r.digit](#) can be used to define representative areas of the classes the user defines to be in the image. Of course other methods could be devised by the user for creating this training map – *i.gensig* makes no assumption about the origin of this map layer. It simply creates signatures for the classes defined in the training map for the image to be classified (the image is specified in other options – see below).

group=name

imagery group

This is the name of the group that contains the band files which comprise the image to be analyzed. The [i.group](#) command is used to construct groups of raster layers which comprise an image.

subgroup=name

subgroup containing image files

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This names the subgroup within the group that selects a subset of the bands to be analyzed. The [i.group](#) command is also used to prepare this subgroup. The subgroup mechanism allows the user to select a subset of all the band files that form an image.

signaturefile=name

resultant signature file

This is the resultant signature file (containing the means and covariance matrices) for each class in the training map that is associated with the band files in the subgroup select (see [above](#)).

INTERACTIVE MODE

If none of the arguments are specified on the command line, *i.gensig* will interactively prompt for the names of these maps and files.

It should be noted that interactive mode here only means interactive prompting for maps and files. It does not mean visualization of the signatures that result from the process.

SEE ALSO

[i.group](#) for creating groups and subgroups.

[v.digit](#) and [r.digit](#) for interactively creating the training map.

[i.cluster](#) for unsupervised clustering as an alternative to *i.gensig* to create signatures.

[i.class](#) for a graphic/interactive as an alternative to *i.gensig* to create signatures.

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NAME

i.gensigset – generate statistics for [i.smap](#) from raster map layer.
(GRASS Imagery Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.gensigset

i.gensigset help

i.gensigset trainingmap=name group=name subgroup=name signaturefile=name [maxsig=value]

DESCRIPTION

i.gensigset is a non-interactive method for generating input into [i.smap](#). It is used as the first pass in the a two-pass classification process. It reads a raster map layer, called the training map, which has some of the pixels or regions already classified. *i.gensigset* will then extract spectral signatures from an image based on the classification of the pixels in the training map and make these signatures available to [i.smap](#).

The user would then execute the GRASS program [i.smap](#) to create the final classified map.

OPTIONS

Parameters

trainingmap=name

ground truth training map

This raster layer, supplied as input by the user, has some of its pixels already classified, and the rest (probably most) of the pixels unclassified. Classified means that the pixel has a non-zero value and unclassified means that the pixel has a zero value.

This map must be prepared by the user in advance. The user must use [r digit](#), a combination of [v digit](#) and [v.to.rast](#), or some other import/development process (e.g., [v.in.transects](#)) to define the areas representative of the classes in the image.

At present, there is no fully-interactive tool specifically designed for producing this layer.

group=name

imagery group

This is the name of the group that contains the band files which comprise the image to be analyzed. The [i.group](#) command is used to construct groups of raster layers which comprise an image.

subgroup=name

subgroup containing image files

This names the subgroup within the group that selects a subset of the bands to be analyzed. The [i.group](#) command is also used to prepare this subgroup. The subgroup mechanism allows the user to select a subset of all the band files that form an image.

signaturefile=name

resultant signature file

This is the resultant signature file (containing the means and covariance matrices) for each class in the training map that is associated with the band files in the subgroup selected.

maxsig=value

maximum number of sub-signatures in any class

default: 10

The spectral signatures which are produced by this program are "mixed" signatures (see [NOTES](#)). Each signature contains one or more subsignatures (representing subclasses). The algorithm in this program starts with a maximum number of subclasses and reduces this number to a minimal number of subclasses which are spectrally distinct. The user has the option to set this starting value with this option.

INTERACTIVE MODE

If none of the arguments are specified on the command line, *i.gensigset* will interactively prompt for the names of these maps and files.

It should be noted that interactive mode here only means interactive prompting for maps and files. It does not mean visualization of the signatures that result from the process.

NOTES

The algorithm in *i.gensigset* determines the parameters of a spectral class model known as a Gaussian mixture distribution. The parameters are estimated using multispectral image data and a training map which labels the class of a subset of the image pixels. The mixture class parameters are stored as a class signature which can be used for subsequent segmentation (i.e., classification) of the multispectral image.

The Gaussian mixture class is a useful model because it can be used to describe the behavior of an information class which contains pixels with a variety of distinct spectral characteristics. For example, forest, grasslands or urban areas are examples of information classes that a user may wish to separate in an image. However, each of these information classes may contain subclasses each with its own distinctive spectral characteristic. For example, a forest may contain a variety of different tree species each with its own spectral behavior.

The objective of mixture classes is to improve segmentation performance by modeling each information class as a probabilistic mixture with a variety of subclasses. The mixture class model also removes the need to perform an initial unsupervised segmentation for the purposes of identifying these subclasses. However, if misclassified samples are used in the training process, these erroneous samples may be grouped as a separate undesired subclass. Therefore, care should be taken to provide accurate training data.

This clustering algorithm estimates both the number of distinct subclasses in each class, and the spectral mean and covariance for each subclass. The number of subclasses is estimated using Rissanen's minimum

description length (MDL) criteria [1]. This criteria attempts to determine the number of subclasses which "best" describe the data. The approximate maximum likelihood estimates of the mean and covariance of the subclasses are computed using the expectation maximization (EM) algorithm [2,3].

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SEE ALSO

[i.group](#) for creating groups and subgroups

[v.digit](#) and [r.digit](#) for interactively creating the training map.

[i.smap](#) for creating a final classification layer from the signatures generated by *i.gensigset*.

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NAME

i.group – An imagery function that creates and edits groups and subgroups of (raster) [imagery](#) files.
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.group

DESCRIPTION

i.group allows the user to collect raster map layers in an imagery group by assigning them to user-named subgroups or other groups. This enables the user to run analyses on any combination of the raster map layers in a group. The user creates the groups and subgroups and selects the raster map layers that are to reside in them. Imagery analysis programs like [i.points](#), [i.rectify](#), [i.ortho.rectify](#) and others ask the user for the name of an imagery group whose data are to be analyzed. Imagery analysis programs like [i.cluster](#) and [i.maxlik](#) ask the user for the imagery group and imagery subgroup whose data are to be analyzed.

The interactive mode provides extended functionality.

The first menu if the interactive mode in the *i.group* program asks the user to select a *group*. If the group does not exist, the user will be asked if he or she would like to create a new group.

This program edits imagery groups. You may add raster map layers to, or remove such layers from, an imagery group. You may also create new groups.

Please enter the group to be created/modified

GROUP: _____ (enter 'list' for a list of groups)

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO EXIT)

If the word *list* is entered, groups that have already been created in the user's current LOCATION_NAME and MAPSET(S) will be listed. The second menu in *i.group* provides the user with the following options:

1. Select a different group
2. Edit group TITLE
3. Include new raster (cell) files in the group
or remove raster (cell) files from the group
4. Assign colors to the group
5. Create a new subgroup within the group

RETURN to exit

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The options are described as follows:

1. *Select a different group*

If option number 1 is chosen, the following menu is displayed:

```
Please enter the group to be created/modified

GROUP: _____ (enter 'list' for a list of groups)

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO EXIT)
```

If the word *list* is entered, groups that have already been created in the current LOCATION_NAME and MAPSET(S) will be displayed.

2. *Edit group TITLE*

If option number 2 is selected, an entry space is provided to type in the group TITLE. This TITLE is useful in identifying each group:

```
TITLE_____
```

This option offers an opportunity to go back and change the entry if it is not correct by asking: Look ok? (y/n).

3. *Include new raster (cell) files in the group or remove raster (cell) files from the group*

When choosing option number 3, the following menu is displayed:

```
LOCATION: location  GROUP: spot  MAPSET: demo

If you wish to delete a file from group [spot], remove
the 'x' from in front of the file name.

      x_   spot.1 in demo
      x_   spot.2 in demo
      x_   spot.3 in demo

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

Next, a menu listing all the other raster map layers present in the current MAPSET(S) will be displayed:

```
LOCATION: location  GROUP: spot  MAPSET: demo

Please mark an 'x' by the files to be added in
group [spot]

      MAPSET: demo

      x_   compositel
      x_   spotclass1
      ___  spotclass2
```


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AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)

If more than one MAPSET is selected, menus for those mapsets will also be displayed. All raster map layers selected with an 'x' will be included in the group being updated.

The user will then have the opportunity to check the contents of the group that was just modified:

Group [spot] references the following raster files

```
_____
spot.1      in demo
spot.2      in demo
spot.3      in demo
compositel  in demo
spotclass1  in demo
```

```
_____
Look ok? (y/n)
```

If the user responds with the letter *y* then the following sentence is displayed on the screen:

Group [spot] updated!

And the main menu for *i.group* returns.

If the user responds *n*, the menu containing the group files after it was modified will be displayed and the user will be asked to place an *x* in front of those raster map layers that are to be removed from the group. Then, a menu listing all of the other raster map layers in the current MAPSET will be displayed again, and the user will be again asked to place an *x* in front of raster map layers to be included in the group. This gives the user the opportunity to correct mistakes or make changes in the choice of raster map layers to be selected in a group without exiting *i.group*.

4. Assign colors to the group

Option number 4 provides the following menu:

Please indicate which files to use for red, green, and blue colors. You may leave any color out. You may specify more than one color per file. However, each color may only be specified once. For example, to get a full color image, specify *r,g,b* for 3 different files. To get a grey scale image, specify *rgb* for a single file.

```
b__  spot.1
g__  spot.2
r__  spot.3
___  compositel
___  spotclass1
```

```
<<< r,g,b can only be specified once >>>
```

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)

This menu allows you to select a color for each imagery band or for each file for display. Note, however, that composite images and classified images are already assigned colors during their

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creation.

An opportunity to change the choice of colors is offered after escaping the menu by:

```
Look ok? (y/n)
```

5. Create a new subgroup within the group

The following menu enables the user to create a subgroup out of any combination of raster map layers in the group. Any number of subgroups may be created by repeating the option.

```
LOCATION: location                MAPSET: spot

GROUP: spot1
SUBGROUP: _____ ('list' will show available
subgroups)

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

After selecting or creating a subgroup, this menu is displayed:

```
Mark an 'x' by the files to form subgroup [123]

x_   spot.1
x_   spot.2
x_   spot.3
___  compositel
___  spotclass1

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

The user is then given the opportunity to check the contents of the subgroup:

```
Subgroup [123] references the following raster
(cell) files
```

```
-----
spot.1  in demo
spot.2  in demo
spot.3  in demo
-----
```

```
Look ok? (y/n)
```

If the user responds with the letter *n*, the group menu will appear again enabling the user to select raster map layers to form the subgroup.

NOTES

The *i.group* options are only available for [imagery](#) map layers in the current LOCATION_NAME.

Subgroup names may not contain more than 12 characters.

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[i.cluster](#)

[i.maxlik](#)

[i.points](#)

[i.rectify](#)

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NAME

i.his.rgb – Hue–intensity–saturation (his) to red–green–blue (rgb) raster map color transformation function. (GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.his.rgb

i.his.rgb help

i.his.rgb hue_input=name intensity_input=name saturation_input=name red_output=name green_output=name blue_output=name

DESCRIPTION

i.his.rgb is an image processing program that processes three input raster map layers as hue, intensity and saturation components and produces three output raster map layers representing the red, green and blue components of this data. The output raster map layers are created by a standard hue–intensity–saturation (his) to red–green–blue (rgb) color transformation. Each output raster map layer is given a linear gray scale color table. The current geographic region and mask settings are respected.

OPTIONS

Parameters:

hue_input=name

Name of input raster map layer representing *hue*.

intensity_input=name

Name of input raster map layer representing *intensity*.

saturation_input=name

Name of input raster map layer representing *saturation*.

red_output=name

Output raster map layer representing the *red* component in the data.

green_output=name

Output raster map layer representing the *green* component in the data.

blue_output=name

Output raster map layer representing the *blue* component in the data.

NOTES

It is not possible to process three bands with *i.his.rgb* and then exactly recover the original bands with [i.rgb.his](#). This is due to loss of precision because of integer computations and rounding. Tests have shown that

more than 70% of the original cell values will be reproduced exactly after transformation in both directions and that 99% will be within plus or minus 1. A few cell values may differ significantly from their original values.

SEE ALSO

[hsv.rgb.sh](#)

[i.colors](#)

[i.rgb.his](#)

[r.colors](#)

[rgb.hsv.sh](#)

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NAME

i.iff – Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (iff) for image processing.
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.iff

i.iff help

i.iff *real_image=name* *imaginary_image=name* *output_image=name*

DESCRIPTION

i.iff is an image processing program based on the algorithm given by Frigo et al. (1998), that converts real and imaginary frequency space images (produced by [i.fft](#)) into a normal image.

OPTIONS

Parameters:

real_image=name

Input raster map layer for inversion fast Fourier transform, real part.

imaginary_image=name

Input raster map layer for inversion fast Fourier transform, imaginary.

output_image=name

Output inversion raster map layer after fast Fourier transformation.

NOTES

The current mask is respected when reading the real and imaginary component files; thus, [r.mask](#) become a primary program for selecting the portion of the frequency space data to be included in the inverse transform. The GRASS program *r.digit* can be used to create masks while viewing the real or imaginary component image. Alternatively *r.circle* can be used to generate high-, low- and donut filters specifying the DC point as circle/ring center. When *i.iff* is executed, it (automatically) uses the same GRASS region definition setting that was used during the original transformation done with [i.fft](#).

The real and imaginary components are read from arrays of doubles in the *cell_misc* directory (produced by the forward transform program, [i.fft](#)), and the reconstructed image will preserve the cell value scaling of the original image processed by [i.fft](#). No color table is assigned to the output map; one should be created before viewing the *output_image*.

SEE ALSO

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[i.cca, i.class, i.fft, i.pca, r.circle](#)

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NAME

i.in.erdas –Creates raster files from ERDAS files.
(GRASS Raster Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.in.erdas

i.in.erdas help

i.in.erdas [-l] **input**=name **output**=name [**trailer**=name] [**bands**=value[,value,...]] [**srow**=value]
[**scol**=value] [**rows**=value] [**cols**=value]

DESCRIPTION

This program creates raster map files from ERDAS files. It creates one raster file for each selected band, up to a maximum of seven bands. GRASS color and category support files are created if an ERDAS trailer file is specified.

OPTIONS

Flags:

-l
List the ERDAS header only (no raster files created)

Parameters:

input=name
ERDAS input file name

output=name
output prefix of the GRASS raster files to be created.

trailer=name
ERDAS trailer input file name

bands=value[,value,...]
Selected bands to extract. (defaults to all bands)

srow=value
Starting row. (defaults to first row in file)

scol=value
Starting column. (defaults to first column in file)

rows=value
Number of rows to extract. (defaults to all rows)

cols=value

Number of columns to extract. (defaults to all columns)

NOTES

Remember that it is necessary to run: [r.support](#) to create the histogram or change the color table. [i.group](#) to associate the individual raster files as an image group.

Only ERDAS version 7.4 or later files in 4-bit, 8-bit, or 16-bit formats are supported.

GRASS raster files will be named *prefix.band*

SEE ALSO

[r.support](#), [r.in.gdal](#) and [i.group](#)

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NAME

imagery – Description of GRASS image processing functions.

IMAGE PROCESSING IN GRASS

The following discussion is intended to provide a quick overview of image processing in GRASS. Some concepts and some hints are provided. For a more complete discussion and description of image processing in GRASS see *GRASS Tutorial: Image Processing*.

EXTRACTING IMAGERY DATA INTO A GRASS DATABASE

Remotely sensed images are captured for computer processing by filtering radiation emanating from the image into various electromagnetic wavelength bands, converting the overall intensity for each band to digital format, and storing the values on computer compatible media such as magnetic tape.

The GRASS programs which extract image data from magnetic tape can read LANDSAT multi-spectral scanner (MSS) data ([i.tape.mss](#)), LANDSAT thematic mapper (TM) data, ([i.tape.tm](#)), and other formats, such as scanned aerial photography or SPOT satellite data ([i.tape.other](#)). They extract the band data into raster files in a GRASS database. Each band becomes a separate raster file, with standard GRASS map layer support, and can be displayed and analyzed just like any other raster file.

UNREGISTERED DATA

The band data extracted from tapes are assumed to be unregistered data. This means that the GRASS software does not know the earth coordinates for pixels in the image. The only coordinates known at the time of extraction are the columns and the rows relative to the way the data was stored on the tape.

Data can only be extracted into a database which has an x,y coordinate system, and not into a projected database (e.g., a UTM database). This is to prevent users from mixing the unregistered data with registered data in the same database. The GRASS system comes with the database *imagery* which is an x,y database. New databases can be created by users during GRASS startup. See the [g.help](#) section on "Setting Up a GRASS Database" for instructions on creating a new database.

CELL HEADERS

The cell headers for the band files in these x,y databases are set to reflect the rows and columns of the extracted data. The north-south values represent the rows, and the east-west values represent the columns. The resolution of the unregistered data is set to 1.

Note, however, that while the row numbers increase from 1 to n from north to south, GRASS requires that the values of the user's current geographic region decrease from north to south. The solution adopted was to

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represent the rows with negative values (i.e., -1 to $-n$). This allows them to decrease from north to south and, if the minus sign is ignored, to reflect the row numbers.

The cell headers for the layers in x,y databases are set so that the coordinates at the center of each pixel exactly reflect the row and column for that pixel. The northern edge is set to 0.5 less than the first row, the southern edge 0.5 larger than the last row, the west to 0.5 less than the first column, and the east to 0.5 larger than the last column. When the image is displayed on the graphics monitor, the [d.where](#) command can be used to report row and column values.

For example, suppose rows 100–500 and columns 200–800 are extracted. Then the cell headers for the extracted data will be given the following values:

```
north:  -99.5
south:  -500.5
west:   199.5
east:   800.5
ns res: 1.0
ew res: 1.0
```

REGION AND MASK

Since the data layers are given essentially contrived cell headers, users must exercise extra care when analyzing or displaying unregistered images. It is very easy for the user's GRASS region to have absolutely no relationship to the data he is trying to display. This could happen when the region is set for data extracted from one tape, but the analysis is attempted on data extracted from another tape. A good habit to develop is to set the region to exactly match one of the band files. This can be done using the GRASS [g.region](#) command.

Another pitfall is to have a mask set to a band file from one data set while trying to read another. Even if the region is set properly, the data will appear to be all no-data since the mask will effectively knock out any data. Be sure that the mask is either set to a related data layer or not set at all. See [r.mask](#) for information on setting and unsetting the mask.

Please note that the tape extraction routines set your database region to match the rows and columns of the data that is extracted.

GROUPS

Since the band files are individual raster files, it is necessary to have a mechanism to maintain a relationship between band files from the same image as well as raster files derived from the band files. The GRASS *group* data structure accomplishes this goal. The group is essentially a list of names of raster files that belong in the group. For user convenience, groups are also created (and updated) by the tape extraction routines. The tape extraction programs ask the user to supply a group name as well as to specify the bands to be extracted. Suppose that the user extracts bands 1, 2, and 3 into a group called *nhap*. Then the band files will become the raster files *nhap.1*, *nhap.2*, and *nhap.3* and the group *nhap* will list these 3 raster files as members of the group.

Groups can also be created and modified by the user using the GRASS command [i.group](#).

IMAGE REGISTRATION AND RECTIFICATION

Image registration and image rectification is the process of associating earth coordinates with pixels on the image and then converting the unregistered raster files to raster files in a projected database.

Image registration ([i.points](#)) is applied to a group, rather than to individual raster files. The control points are stored in the group, allowing all related band files to be registered in one step rather than individually.

Image rectification ([i.rectify](#)) is applied to individual raster files, with the control points for the group used to control the rectification and the group target ([i.target](#)) used to specify the database where the rectified layer will live.

IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

Image classification methods process all or a subset of the band files as a unit. Spectral signatures for the image are generated ([i.cluster](#)) and then used to produce a landcover map ([i.maxlik](#)).

The signatures must be associated only with the raster files actually used in the analysis. This means that with a group *subgroups* must be created ([i.group](#)) which list the band files to be grouped for classification purposes. The signatures are stored with the subgroup.

Note that multiple subgroups can be created within a group. This allows different classifications to be run with different combinations of band files.

Also note that raster files produced by the classification process ([i.maxlik](#)) are automatically listed as part of the group.

RECTIFIED VS. UNRECTIFIED ANALYSIS

There are two possible routes for processing image data. The first is to register the group ([i.points](#)), perform the analyses on the unrectified band data ([i.maxlik](#)), and then rectify the results ([i.rectify](#)). The second is to register the group ([i.points](#)), rectify the band data ([i.rectify](#)), then run analyses on the rectified band data in the target location ([i.rectify](#)). Both routes are permissible in GRASS. Users will most likely prefer the first. The second route requires leaving GRASS and re-running GRASS under the target location. It also will require that a group be created to hold the rectified band files since [i.rectify](#) does not create or modify groups. Also, spatial filtering may not be as effective on rectified data since the rectification of the data requires resampling the original data.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.where](#)

[g.region](#)

[i.cluster](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.maxlik](#)

[i.points](#)

[i.rectify](#)

[i.tape.other](#)

[i.tape.mss](#)

[i.tape.tm](#)

[i.target](#)

[r.mask](#)

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NAME

i.maxlik – An [imagery](#) function that classifies the cell spectral reflectances in imagery data based on the spectral signature information generated by either [i.cluster](#), [i.class](#), or [i.gensig](#).
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.maxlik

i.maxlik help

i.maxlik [-q] **group**=name **subgroup**=name **sigfile**=name **class**=name [**reject**=name]

DESCRIPTION

i.maxlik is a maximum–likelihood discriminant analysis classifier. It can be used to perform the second step in either an unsupervised or a supervised image classification.

Either image classification methods are performed in two steps. The first step in an unsupervised image classification is performed by [i.cluster](#); the first step in a supervised classification is executed by the GRASS program [i.class](#). In both cases, the second step in the image classification procedure is performed by *i.maxlik*.

In an unsupervised classification, the maximum–likelihood classifier uses the cluster means and covariance matrices from the [i.cluster](#) signature file to determine to which category (spectral class) each cell in the image has the highest probability of belonging. In a supervised image classification, the maximum–likelihood classifier uses the region means and covariance matrices from the spectral signature file generated by [i.class](#), based on regions (groups of image pixels) chosen by the user, to determine to which category each cell in the image has the highest probability of belonging.

In either case, the raster map layer output by *i.maxlik* is a classified image in which each cell has been assigned to a spectral class (i.e., a category). The spectral classes (categories) can be related to specific land cover types on the ground.

The program will run non–interactively if the user specifies the names of raster map layers, i.e., group and subgroup names, seed signature file name, result classification file name, and any combination of non–required options in the command line, using the form

i.maxlik[-q] **group**=name **subgroup**=name **sigfile**=name **class**=name [**reject**=name]

where each flag and options have the meanings stated below.

Alternatively, the user can simply type *i.maxlik* in the command line without program arguments. In this case the user will be prompted for the program parameter settings; the program will run foreground.

OPTIONS

Flags:

-q
Run quietly, without printing program messages to standard output.

Parameters:

group=name

The [imagery](#) group contains the subgroup to be classified.

subgroup=name

The subgroup contains image files, which were used to create the signature file in the program [i.cluster](#), [i.class](#), or [i.gensig](#) to be classified.

sigfile=name

The name of the signatures to be used for the classification. The signature file contains the cluster and covariance matrices that were calculated by the GRASS program [i.cluster](#) (or the region means and covariance matrices generated by [i.class](#), if the user runs a supervised classification). These spectral signatures are what determine the categories (classes) to which image pixels will be assigned during the classification process.

class=name

The name of a raster map holds the classification results. This new raster map layer will contain categories that can be related to land cover categories on the ground.

reject=name

The optional name of a raster map holds the reject threshold results. This is the result of a chi square test on each discriminant result at various threshold levels of confidence to determine at what confidence level each cell classified (categorized). It is the reject threshold map layer, and contains one calculated confidence level for each classified cell in the classified image. One of the possible uses for this map layer is as a mask, to identify cells in the classified image that have the lowest probability of being assigned to the correct class.

NOTES

The maximum-likelihood classifier assumes that the spectral signatures for each class (category) in each band file are normally distributed (i.e., Gaussian in nature). Algorithms, such as [i.cluster](#), [i.class](#), or [i.gensig](#), however, can create signatures that are not valid distributed (more likely with [i.class](#)). If this occurs, *i.maxlik* will reject them and display a warning message.

This program runs interactively if the user types *i.maxlik* only. If the user types *i.maxlik* along with all required options, it will overwrite the classified raster map without prompting if this map existed.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[i.class](#)

[i.cluster](#)

[i.gensig](#)

[i.group](#)

[r.mask](#)

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NAME

i.oif – Calculates Optimum Index Factor for LANDSAT TM bands 1,2,3,4,5 and 7
(GRASS shell script)

SYNOPSIS

i.oif
i.oif help
i.oif tm1 tm2 tm3 tm4 tm5 tm7

DESCRIPTION

i.oif calculates the **Optimum Index factor (OIF)** for all LANDSAT TM band combinations (LANDSAT TM 1,2,3,4,5,7 without thermal band 6).

The result is a ranked list, which shows the information content for all possible combinations (20). The list is ranked from the best combination down to the combination containing less information. From this the user can derive which band combinations are interesting to analyse.

Calculation (after CHAVEZ et al. 1984):

$$\text{OIF} = \frac{\text{Sum of Standard deviations of 3 bands}}{\text{Sum of ABS(correlation coefficients of 3 bands)}}$$

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NAME

i.ortho.photo – An interactive imagery function for the ortho-rectification of imagery group files.
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.ortho.photo

DESCRIPTION

i.ortho.photo allows the user to ortho-rectify imagery group files. An imagery group consists of several scanned aerial photographs (raster files) of a common area. Imagery groups can be created or modified using the GRASS Image Processing Program [i.group](#), or using the first menu option described below. *i.ortho.photo* guides the user through the steps required to ortho-rectify the raster files in a single imagery group.

The first menu in *i.ortho.photo* provides the user with the following options:

Initialization Options:

- 1) Select/Modify imagery group
- 2) Select/Modify imagery group target
- 3) Select/Modify target elevation model
- 4) Select/Modify imagery group camera

Transformation Parameter Computation:

- 5) Compute image-to-photo transformation parameters
- 6) Initialize exposure station parameters
- 7) Compute photo-to-target transformation parameters

Ortho-rectification Option:

- 8) Ortho-rectify imagery group raster files

RETURN to exit

>

To ortho-rectify aerial images the user has to follow the menu options step by step. Generally the user builds a target location containing a projected DEM and a map reference (topo sheet or other map). Another xy-location will contain the aerial photo. The entire rectification process is started within the xy-location. First the target to the projected location has to be set (*i.target*), then the image references (fiducial points) will be defined. After describing the camera parameters, reference points from aerial image to the topo sheet from the target location will be set. The local elevation will be taken from the target DEM. Finally the aerial image will be rectified.

The options to follow are described as follows:

1. *Select/Modify imagery group*

The current imagery group is display at the top of the previous menu. You may select another (new or existing) imagery group for the ortho–rectification program using option (1). After choosing option (1) you will be prompted for the name of a new or existing imagery group. Option (1) using the GRASS Image Processing Program [i.group](#), for creation or modification of imagery groups. For more information on imagery group creation or modification please the the GRASS manual page for [i.group](#).

2. *Select/Modify imagery group target*

The target location and mapset may be selected or modified using option (2). After choosing option (2) you will be prompted for the names of the target location and mapset, where the ortho–rectified raster files will reside. The target location is also the location from which the elevation model (raster file) will be selected — see option (3). Option (2) uses the GRASS Image Processing Program [i.target](#), for selection or modification of the imagery group target location and mapset. For more information on imagery group selection or modification please the the GRASS manual page for [i.target](#).

3. *Select/Modify target elevation model*

Option (3) allows you to select the raster file from the target location to be used as the elevation model. The elevation model is required for both the computation of photo–to–target parameters (option 6) and for the ortho–rectification of the imagery group files (option 8). The raster file select for the elevation model should cover the entire area of the image group to be ortho–rectified. Currently, the elevation model raster file is expected to be in units of meters. DTED and DEM files are suitable for use as the elevation model in the ortho–rectification program. After selection option (3) you will be prompted for the name of the raster file in the target location that you want to use as the elevation model.

4. *Select/Modify imagery group camera*

Using option (4) you may select or create an camera reference file that will be used with the current imagery group. A camera reference file contains information on the internal characteristics of the aerial camera, as well as the geometry of the fiducial or reseau marks. The most important characteristic of the camera is its focal length. Fiducial or reseau marks locations are required to compute the scanned image to photo–coordinate transformation parameter (option 5). For a more detailed description of option (4) please see the GRASS manual page for [photo.camera](#).

5. *Compute image–to–photo transformation parameters*

The scanned image to photo–coordinate transformation parameters are computed using option (5). In this interactive option you associate scanned reference points (fiducials, reseau marks, etc.) with their known photo coordinates from the camera reference file. Complete documentation for this option is available under the manual entry [photo.2image](#).

6. *Initialize exposure station parameters*

The use of photo.init (menu 6) is only required when rectifying a tilted or oblique aerial photo. If option (6) is selected, initial camera exposure station parameters and initial variances may be selected or modified. Complete documentation for this option is available under the manual entry [photo.init](#).

7. *Compute photo–to–target transformation parameters*

The photo to target transformation parameters are compute using option(7). Here control points are marked on one or more imagery group files and associated with there known positional and elevation coordinates. Complete documentation for this option is available under the manual entry [photo.2target](#).

8. *Ortho–photo imagery group files*

Option (8) is used to perform the actual image ortho–rectification after all of the transformation parameters have been computed. Ortho–rectified raster files will be created in the target location for each selected imagery group file. You may select either the current window in the target location or the minimal bounding window for the ortho–rectified image. Complete documentation for this option

is available under the manual entry [photo.rectify](#).

NOTES

i.ortho.photo currently requires the elevation model to be in meters, and the target location to be a metric coordinate system.

SEE ALSO

[photo.camera](#)

[photo.2image](#)

[photo.2target](#)

[photo.init](#)

[photo.rectify](#)

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NAME

i.out.erdas –Creates ERDAS files from raster files. (GRASS Raster Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.out.erdas

i.out.erdas help

i.out.erdas [-lbs] **input**=name[,name,...] **output**=name

DESCRIPTION

This program creates ERDAS files from raster files. It creates one band for each raster file, up to the signed 16-bit limit at 32767. Only ERDAS version 7.4 files can be created in 8-bit or 16-bit formats. Either byte order is acceptable to the original format spec, so byte swapping can be necessary on any platform.

COMMAND LINE OPTIONS

Flags:

- l* List the ERDAS header only
- b* Output 16-bit image (default 8)
- s* Force byte swapping

Parameters:

- input* Input raster layers
- output* Erdas output file name

SEE ALSO

[*r.support*](#), [*i.group*](#), [*i.in.erdas*](#)

NOTES

This whole program is new and under-tested. Use with some caution, if only to make sure that software will read these files.

AUTHOR

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NAME

i.pca – Principal components analysis (pca) program for image processing.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.pca

i.pca help

i.pca *input=name,name[,name,name,...]* **output=name** **rescale=min,max**

DESCRIPTION

i.pca is an image processing program based on the algorithm provided by Vali (1990), that processes n ($2 \geq n$) input raster map layers and produces n output raster map layers containing the principal components of the input data in decreasing order of variance ("contrast"). The output raster map layers are assigned names with .1, .2,n suffixes. The current geographic region definition and mask settings are respected when reading the input raster map layers. When the rescale option is used, the output files are rescaled to fit the min,max range.

OPTIONS

Parameters:

input=name,name[,name,name,...]

Name of two or more input raster map layers.

output=name

The output raster map layer name to which suffixes are added. Each output raster map layer is assigned this user-specified *name* with a numerical (.1, .2,n) suffix.

rescale=min,max

The optional output category range. (Default: 0,255) If rescale=0,0, no rescaling is performed on output files.

NOTES

Richards (1986) gives a good example of the application of principal components analysis (pca) to a time series of LANDSAT images of a burned region in Australia.

SEE ALSO

Richards, John A., **Remote Sensing Digital Image Analysis**, Springer-Verlag, 1986.

Vali, Ali R., Personal communication, Space Research Center, University of Texas, Austin, 1990.

[*i.cca*](#)

[*i.class*](#)

[*i.fft*](#)

[*i.ifft*](#)

[*m.eigensystem*](#)

[*r.covar*](#)

[*r.mapcalc*](#)

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NAME

i.points3 – An imagery function that enables the user to mark coordinate system points on an image to be rectified and then input the coordinates of each point for determination of transformation parameters. The transformation parameters are needed as input for the GRASS program *i.rectify3*.
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.points3

DESCRIPTION

i.points3 is an imagery function that enables the user to mark points on a (raster) image to be rectified and then input the geographic coordinates of each point for calculation of a coordinate transformation parameters. *i.points3* must be followed by use of the GRASS program *i.rectify3*, which rectifies the image using the transformation parameters calculated by *i.points3*.

Rectification is the mapping (transformation) of an image from one coordinate system to another. The geometry of an image extracted into a GRASS LOCATION having an x,y coordinate system is not planimetric. To create a planimetric image, that is, to convert the x,y coordinate system into a standard coordinate system (for example, the UTM coordinate system or the State Plane coordinate system), points from a map having the standard coordinates must be associated with the same points on the image to be rectified. *i.points3* enables the user to mark points on an image and input the standard coordinates for that point.

i.points3 allows the user to select either a polynomial, orthographic, or LANDSAT–Thematic Mapper transformation. Polynomial transformations are the most generic and can be of one, two, or three degrees of order. The orthographic transformation is used strictly for aerial photography, and can be used in combination with a Digital Elevation Model to remove relief displacement. The LANDSAT–TM transformation is strictly for LANDSAT Thematic Mapper imagery that was imported using the program *i.tape.tm3*. The LANDSAT–TM transformation can also be used with an elevation model to remove relief displacement.

During the process of marking points and entering map coordinates, the user can compute the RMS (root mean square) error for each point entered. *i.points3* does this by calculating the transformation equation (polynomial, orthographic, or LANDSAT–TM), and then plugging these results into an equation for RMS error.

To run *i.points3*, a graphics monitor is required. *i.target* must be run before running *i.points3* to enable the PLOT options to be used and to identify a target database LOCATIONNAME and MAPSET for the rectified image.

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i.points3 offers a zoom option to locate precisely the point to be marked on an image. This program also offers the user the option of acquiring standard coordinates for a marked point from a map layer (raster or vector) in the target data base.

The procedure for selecting a transformation, marking points, entering coordinates, and calculating RMS error is described below.

The first prompt in the program asks the user for the imagery group to be registered.

```
Enter imagery group to be registered
Enter 'list' for a list of existing imagery groups
Enter 'list -f' for a verbose listing
Hit RETURN to cancel request
>
```

Note that if *i.target* is not run before *i.points3*, the *i.points3* program will display the following error message:

```
ERROR: Target information for group [spot] missing
Please run i.target for group [spot]
```

After entering the imagery group to be registered the terminal screen displays the message:

```
Use mouse now...
```

The graphics monitor displays the following screen:

```
+-----+
|imagery filename (mag) | target filename (mag) |
+-----+
|                         |                         |
|                         |                         |
+-----+
|                         |                         |
|                         |                         |
+-----+
|QUIT <main> ZOOM PLOT MARK | ANALYZE OVERLAY TRANSFORM |
+-----+
```

A pop-down menu like that shown below will be superimposed on the left half of the screen:

```
+-----+
|Double click on raster map layer |
|           to be plotted         |
| Double click here to cancel     |
+-----+
```

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```
+-----+
| Mapset demo |
+-----+
| spotclass | spot.1 |
+-----+
| composite | spot.2 |
+-----+
| spot.3    |      |
+-----+
```

Any single raster map layer in the imagery group may be used on which to mark points, and the user can mark points on more than one raster map layer in the imagery group to accumulate the suggested minimum number of points. Any raster map layer in the imagery group can be rectified (using *i.rectify*) based on the transformation parameters computed from these points.

The imagery file chosen by the user is displayed in the upper left quadrant of the screen.

ZOOM

To magnify the displayed file, the user must place the mouse cross hairs on the word ZOOM. The following menu will then be displayed at the bottom of the screen:

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| CANCEL | <zoom> | BOX | POINT |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

The user has the option of identifying the zoom region either by using the mouse to make a box, or by using the mouse to mark the two diagonal points of the desired region. The terminal screen will display a mouse button menu to guide the user in identifying the corner points of the region.

The user can return to the main menu by selecting the CANCEL option.

PLOT

In addition to acquiring reference points from a standard map, the user has the option of acquiring the reference points from a raster or vector map layer in the target data base LOCATIONNAME. A target location map layer is displayed by placing the mouse cross hairs on the words PLOT. The following line is then displayed at the bottom of the graphics monitor:

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| CANCEL | <plot> | IMAGERY | RASTER | VECTOR | REFRESH | CLEAR |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

The IMAGERY option allows the user to select another imagery group file to be displayed (on the left hand side of the graphics monitor).

The RASTER option allows the user to select a raster map layer in the target LOCATIONNAME to be displayed on the right hand side of the graphics monitor.

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The VECTOR option allows the user to select a vector map layer in the target LOCATIONNAME to be displayed on the right hand side of the graphics monitor. Vector layers will be overlaid on top of any previously displayed raster layers (on the right hand side of the graphics monitor).

The REFRESH option allows the user to refresh either the source imagery (left hand side) or the target location (right hand side) of the graphics monitor. The REFRESH option is useful for removing the zoom box outlines, and overlaid grids or vectors that are discussed in the "OVERLAY" function.

The CLEAR option allows the user to clear the target location (right hand side) of the graphics monitor. This will erase both the raster layers and the vector layers from the right hand side of the graphics monitor.

The user can return to the main menu by selecting the CANCEL option.

A pop-down menu will be superimposed on the left half of the screen for the IMAGERY option, and on the right hand side for either the RASTER or VECTOR options: The pop-up menu will allow you to select either a raster or vector map layer to be displayed in the appropriate half of the graphics monitor.

```
+-----+
|Double click on raster (vector) map layer |
|           to be plotted                   |
|           Double click here to cancel     |
+-----+
+-----+
|           Mapset demo                     |
+-----+
|tm.rectified | spot.rect                  |
+-----+
|tm.classified| spot.rect.class            |
+-----+
```

MARKING POINTS

To mark the points on the image that correspond to the points on a standard coordinate system map, the user must place the mouse cross hairs on the corresponding location on the image to be marked and press the left hand button on the mouse. A diamond shaped symbol will be marked on the image. The user's terminal will display the following menu:

```
+-----+
|Point 1 marked on the image at             |
|East: 1023.77                             |
|North: -164.41                             |
+-----+
|Enter coordinates as east north:           |
+-----+
```

The user then enters the easting and northing (separated by a space) for the point marked on the image. If the user wishes not to enter a coordinate, he or she may simply hit RETURN to return control to the mouse; the

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marked point then disappears and will NOT be used.

If a target raster or vector map layer is displayed (in the right hand side) the following message appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor:

```
+-----+-----+-----+
|input method --> | keyboard | screen |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

If the user wishes to use the plotted raster map layer only as a comparative reference, then the keyboard can be chosen as the means to input coordinates corresponding to the marked points on the image. This is done by placing the mouse cross hairs on the word KEYBOARD and pressing the left button on the mouse.

If the user selects the SCREEN option, then points marked on the image will automatically be associated with the coordinates from the corresponding points on the target data base map layer. In this option, when the user marks a point on the image, the following menu is displayed at the terminal:

```
+-----+-----+
|Point 5 marked on the image at |
|East: 1023.77                  |
|North: -164.41                 |
|                               |
|Point located at              |
|East: 679132.57               |
|North: 4351080.67             |
|                               |
+-----+-----+
|use mouse now...              |
+-----+-----+
```

The user then uses the mouse to mark a corresponding point on the displayed image from the target data base. The coordinates for the target data base map layer are automatically saved as the coordinates corresponding to the marked point on the image.

ANALYZE

After a number of points have been marked (4 to 7), the user can check the RMS error of the points marked on the image. This is done by placing the mouse cross hairs on the word ANALYZE at the bottom of the graphics monitor. An error report resembling that shown below is superimposed on the graphics monitor:

```
+-----+-----+
|          error          |
|#   row   col   target  |
|-----+-----+-----+
|1    0.0   -0.9    1.0   |
|   1048.5 -144.8   679132.5 4351080.6 |
|2    0.4    1.0    1.3   |
|   2153.1 -567.2   684314.7 4399001.4 |
+-----+-----+
```

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```
| 3   -1.2   -0.5   .6   1452.8  -476.5  567841.4  3457682.8 |
| 4    1.1    0.5   1.3   1034.0  -109.2  677573.8  4352626.4 |
| 5   -2.7   14.0   14.2   1048.6  -144.9  679132.6  4351080.7 |
|-----|
| overall rms error: 4.46 |
|-----|
```

The following menu then appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor:

```
+-----+
| DONE | PRINT | FILE | Double click on point to be included/excluded |
+-----+
```

The RMS error for the image is given under the column titled "error" and subtitled "row" and "col". In the above report, point number 1 is 0.0 rows and -0.9 columns from the predicted location calculated from the transformation equation. The RMS error for the target raster map layer is listed under the heading "target". This is the RMS error for the east and north coordinates of the target map layer, but it is presented in the table using one general value. The overall RMS error is displayed at the bottom of the screen in meters. Points that create high RMS error are displayed in red on the graphics monitor (represented here in italics).

The location of the point marked on the imagery group file is given under the heading "image" and the subheadings "east" and "north". The location of the point in the target data base is given under the heading "target" and the subheadings "east" and "north". If the user would like to exclude or include a point, this can be accomplished by placing the mouse cross hairs on the point number to be included (if the point is absent) or excluded (if the point is displayed) and pressing the left button on the mouse twice. When a point is excluded, it is not afterwards included in the calculation of the RMS error, or included in the final transformation matrix. However, it can be retrieved within *i.points3* at any time by double clicking with the mouse as described above.

OVERLAY

The OVERLAY option allows the user to visualize the results of the RMS error analysis. The option allows the user to overlay either a grid some vector map layers to visually examine the results of the transformation. The following menu appears at the bottom of the graphics screen.

```
+-----+
| CANCEL | VECTOR | GRID | REFRESH |
+-----+
```

The VECTOR option allows the user to overlay all of the vector map layers that are currently displayed on the right hand side on top of the original source imagery (left hand side).

The GRID option allows the user to display a rectangular grid over the original source imagery and then overlay the grid on the target location imagery (left hand side).

The REFRESH option allows the user to refresh either the source imagery (left hand side) or the target location (right hand side) of the graphics monitor. The REFRESH option is useful for removing the overlaid grids or vectors.

The user can return to the main menu by selecting the CANCEL option.

TRANSFORMATION

The transformation option allows the user to select the type of transformation to be performed, and to initialize any required information for the transformation. Currently only POLYNOMIAL, ORTHOGRAPHIC, and LANDSATTM transformations are supported.

The following menu appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor.

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|CANCEL | POLYNOMIAL | ORTHO_PHOTO | LANDSAT_TM |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

POLYNOMIAL

The POLYNOMIAL option allows the user to select the degree of the polynomial transformation (first, second, or third). The following menu appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor.

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|CANCEL | POLY1 | POLY2 | POLY3 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

This menu allows the user to select the degree of the polynomial transformation (first, second, or third).

ORTHOPHOTO

The ORTHOPHOTO transformation is strictly for aerial photography. The transformation is much more complicated than a polynomial transformation. The ORTHOPHOTO transformation requires the user to enter elevation data, camera data, and exposure data. The following menu appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor.

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|CANCEL | ELEVATION | CAMERA | MARK FID. | ANAL FID. | EXPOSURE |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

The ORTHOPHOTO option allows the user to select a raster map layer in the target LOCATIONNAME to be displayed on the right hand side of the graphics monitor.

LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER

The LANDSATTM transformation is strictly for LANDSAT Thematic mapper imagery. This transformation requires information extracted from the LANDSAT data tape as well as an elevation model. The following menu appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor.

```
+-----+-----+
```

```
|CANCEL | ELEVATION |  
+-----+-----+
```

QUIT

To end the *i.points3* program place the mouse cross hairs on the word QUIT; the marked points (including coordinates) will be saved.

NOTES

A good rule of thumb is to mark at least 12 to 15 points which are evenly distributed over the entire imagery group file in order to obtain an accurate transformation equation for the rectification process. The RMS error may increase with more points added, but the transformation equation will be more accurate.

An RMS error of less than or equal to approximately one resolution unit (pixel or cell) for the image being rectified is generally considered acceptable.

In order to use a digitizer with *i.points3*, at least one digitizer driver besides "none" (the on-screen digitizer) must be available in the digitcap file.

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

SEE ALSO

[GRASS Tutorial: Image Processing](#)

[i.group](#), [i.points](#), [i.rectify](#), [i.rectify3](#), [i.target](#), [i.tape.tm3](#)

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NAME

i.points – An [imagery](#) function that enables the user to mark coordinate system points on an image to be rectified and then input the coordinates of each point for creation of a coordinate transformation matrix. The transformation matrix is needed as input for the GRASS program [i.rectify](#).
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.points

DESCRIPTION

i.points is an [imagery](#) function that enables the user to mark points on a (raster) image to be rectified and then input the geographic coordinates of each point for calculation of a coordinate transformation matrix. *i.points* must be followed by use of the GRASS program [i.rectify](#), which rectifies the image using the transformation matrix coefficients calculated by *i.points*.

Rectification is the mapping (transformation) of an image from one coordinate system to another. The geometry of an image extracted into a GRASS LOCATION having an x,y coordinate system is not planimetric. To create a planimetric image, that is, to convert the x,y coordinate system into a standard coordinate system (for example, the UTM coordinate system or the State Plane coordinate system), points from a map having the standard coordinates must be associated with the same points on the image to be rectified. *i.points* enables the user to mark points on an image and input the standard coordinates for that point. *i.points* then calculates a least squares regression using the two coordinate systems (x,y and standard) for the marked points. A matrix containing transformation coefficients is the output file for *i.points*.

During the process of marking points and entering map coordinates, the user can compute the RMS (root mean square) error for each point entered. *i.points* does this by calculating the transformation equation (the same one that is calculated in the GRASS program [i.rectify](#)), and then plugging these results into an equation for RMS error.

i.points offers a zoom option to locate precisely the point to be marked on an image. This program also offers the user the option of acquiring standard coordinates for a marked point from a map layer in the target data base.

[i.target](#) must be run before running *i.points* to enable the PLOT RASTER option to be used and to identify a target data base LOCATION_NAME and MAPSET for the rectified image. To run *i.points*, a graphics monitor is required.

The procedure for marking points, entering coordinates, and calculating RMS error is described below.

ZOOM

To magnify the displayed file, the user must place the mouse cross hairs on the word ZOOM. The following menu will then be displayed at the bottom of the screen:

```
| Cancel|  Box|  Point|  Select type of ZOOM|
|_____||_____||_____||_____||
```

The user has the option of identifying the zoom region either by using the mouse to make a box, or by using the mouse to mark the two diagonal points of the desired region. The terminal screen will display a mouse button menu to guide the user in identifying the corner points of the region.

MARKING POINTS

To mark the points on the image that correspond to the points on a standard coordinate system map, the user must place the mouse cross hairs on the corresponding location on the image to be marked and press the left hand button on the mouse. A diamond shaped symbol will be marked on the image. The user's terminal will display the following menu:

```
| Point 1 marked on the image at|
| East: 1023.77|
| North: -164.41|
|_____||
| Enter coordinates as east north:|
|_____||
```

The user then enters the easting and northing (separated by a space) for the point marked on the image. If the user wishes not to enter a coordinate, he or she may simply hit RETURN to return control to the mouse; the marked point then disappears.

PLOT RASTER

In addition to acquiring reference points from a standard map, the user has the option of acquiring the reference points from a raster map layer in the target data base LOCATION_NAME. The data base raster map layer is displayed by placing the mouse cross hairs on the words PLOT RASTER. The following line is then displayed at the bottom of the graphics monitor:

```
| Cancel|  Indicate which side should be plotted|
|_____||_____||
```

Which side of the graphics monitor is to be plotted is indicated by placing the mouse cross hairs on the half of the graphics monitor screen that the user would like to use, and pressing the left mouse button. The following pop-down menu will be superimposed on the half of the screen that was chosen:

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```
| Double click on raster (cell) map layer |  
|           to be plotted                |  
|           Double click here to cancel  |  
|_____|
```

Mapset demo	
tm.rectified	
tm.classified	
Mapset PERMANENT	
elevation	geology
slope	soils
aspect	
roads	

After the raster map layer is displayed the following message appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor:

```
| input method -->| keyboard| screen|  
|_____|
```

If the user wishes to use the plotted raster map layer only as a comparative reference, then the keyboard can be chosen as the means to input coordinates corresponding to the marked points on the image. This is done by placing the mouse cross hairs on the word **KEYBOARD** and pressing the left button on the mouse.

If the user selects the **SCREEN** option, then points marked on the image will automatically be associated with the coordinates from the corresponding points on the target data base map layer. In this option, when the user marks a point on the image, the following menu is displayed at the terminal:

```
| Point 5 marked on the image at |  
| East: 1023.77                 |  
| North: -164.41                |  
|                               |  
| Point located at              |  
| East: 679132.57               |  
| North: 4351080.67             |  
|                               |  
|_____|  
| use mouse now...              |  
|_____|
```

The user then uses the mouse to mark a corresponding point on the displayed image from the target data base. The coordinates for the target data base map layer are automatically saved as the coordinates corresponding to the marked point on the image.

ANALYZE

After a number of points have been marked (4 to 7), the user can check the RMS error of the points marked on the image. This is done by placing the mouse cross hairs on the word ANALYZE at the bottom of the graphics monitor. An error report resembling that shown below is superimposed on the graphics monitor:

#	error		target	image		target	
	row	col		east	north	east	north
1	0.0	-0.9	1.0	1048.5	-144.8	679132.5	4351080.6
2	0.4	1.0	1.3	2153.1	-567.2	684314.7	4399001.4
3	-1.2	-0.5	.6	1452.8	-476.5	567841.4	3457682.8
4	1.1	0.5	1.3	1034.0	-109.2	677573.8	4352626.4
5	-2.7	14.0	14.2	1048.6	-144.9	679132.6	4351080.7
overall rms error:			4.46				

The following menu then appears at the bottom of the graphics monitor:

DONE	PRINT FILE	Double click on point to be included/excluded
------	------------	---

The RMS error for the image is given under the column TITLED "error" and subTITLED "row" and "col". In the above report, point number 1 is 0.0 rows and -0.9 columns from the predicted location calculated from the transformation equation. The RMS error for the target raster map layer is listed under the heading "target". This is the RMS error for the east and north coordinates of the target map layer, but it is presented in the table using one general value. The overall RMS error is displayed at the bottom of the screen in meters. Points that create high RMS error are displayed in red on the graphics monitor (represented here in italics).

The location of the point marked on the [imagery](#) group file is given under the heading "image" and the subheadings "east" and "north". The location of the point in the target data base is given under the heading "target" and the subheadings "east" and "north". If the user would like to exclude or include a point, this can be accomplished by placing the mouse cross hairs on the point number to be included (if the point is absent) or excluded (if the point is displayed) and pressing the left button on the mouse twice. When a point is excluded, it is not afterwards included in the calculation of the RMS error, or included in the final transformation matrix. However, it can be retrieved within *i.points* at any time by double clicking with the mouse as described above.

QUIT

To end the *i.points* program place the mouse cross hairs on the word QUIT; the marked points (including coordinates) will be saved.

NOTES

A good rule of thumb is to mark at least 12 to 15 points which are evenly distributed over the entire [imagery](#) group file in order to obtain an accurate transformation equation for the rectification process. The RMS error may increase with more points added, but the transformation equation will be more accurate.

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An RMS error of less than or equal to approximately one resolution unit (pixel or cell) for the image being rectified is generally considered acceptable.

In order to use a digitizer with *i.points*, at least one digitizer driver besides "none" (the on-screen digitizer) must be available in the digitcap file.

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[g.mapsets](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.rectify](#)

[i.target](#)

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NAME

i.quantize – An interactive imagery function that creates a raster map layer whose color table is based on the red, green, and blue color values present in existing, user-specified imagery group files.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.quantize

DESCRIPTION

i.quantize is an interactive imagery function that allows the user to create a new raster map layer whose color table values are based on the red, green, and blue color values present in (as many as) three raster map layers in an imagery group.

The user is first asked to enter the name of the imagery group from whose map layers red, green, and blue color values are to be extracted. The user is then shown a listing of imagery files in the specified group, and is asked to indicate which files in the group are to be used for red, green, and blue colors in the new map layer. Each color (red, green, and blue) must be specified once and only once.

The user is also asked to assign a name to the new raster map layer output.

NOTES

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.
The input files must ALL be within the range of 0–255.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.colormode](#)

[d.colors](#)

[d.colortable](#)

[hsv.rgb.sh](#)

[i.colors](#)

[i.composite](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.his.rgb](#)

[i.rgb.his](#)

[r.colors](#)

[r.mapcalc](#)

[rgb.hsv.sh](#)

[r.colors](#)

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NAME

i.rectify3 – An imagery function that rectifies an image by computing a coordinate transformation for each cell (pixel) in the image using the transformation parameters generated by the GRASS program *i.points3*. (GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.rectify3

DESCRIPTION

i.rectify3 rectifies an image by using the transformation parameters generated by *i.points3*. Rectification is the process by which the geometry of an image is made planimetric. This is accomplished by mapping (transforming) an image from one coordinate system to another. In *i.rectify3*, the coefficients computed by *i.points3* are used in an equation to convert x,y coordinates to standard map coordinates for each cell in the image. The user can select either a POLYNOMIAL, ORTHO-PHOTO, or LANDSAT-TM transformation using *i.points3*. The result of *i.rectify3* is an image with a standard map coordinate system. Upon completion of the program the rectified image is deposited in a previously targeted GRASS LOCATION_NAME and MAPSET.

The GRASS programs *i.target* and *i.points3* must be run prior to *i.rectify3*.

The first prompt in the program asks the user for the name of the group containing the raster map layers to be rectified.

```
Enter imagery group to be rectified
Enter 'list' for a list of existing imagery groups
Enter 'list -f' for a verbose listing
Hit RETURN to cancel request
>
```

The user is then asked to select the map layer(s) within the group to be rectified:

```
Please select the file(s) to rectify by naming an output file

spot.1 in demo:.....
spot.2 in demo:.....
spot.3 in demo:.....
spotclass in demo:spotrectify..
spotreject in demo:.....

(Enter list by any name to get a list of existing raster files)

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OOR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

GRASS Imagery Commands

More than one raster map layer may be rectified at a time. Each raster map layer should have a unique output file name.

Next the user is asked to select one of two geographic region settings:

```
Please select one of the following options
  1.:Use the current region in the target location
  2.:Determine the smallest region which covers the image
```

i.rectify3 will only rectify that portion of the image that occurs within the chosen geographic region setting. Only that portion will be relocated in the target data base. It is therefore important to check the current geographic region settings in the target location if choice number one is selected.

NOTES

The rectification process may take an hour or more depending on the resolution of the image, the number of files, and the size of the geographic region definition.

The rectified (raster) image will be located in the target LOCATION when the program is completed. The original unrectified raster map layers are not modified or removed.

SEE ALSO

[GRASS Tutorial: Image Processing](#)

[m.proj](#), [s.proj](#), [s.proj.v.proj](#), [i.group](#), [i.points3](#), [i.rectify](#), [i.target](#)

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NAME

i.rectify – rectifies an image by computing a coordinate transformation for each pixel in the image based on the control points created by [i.points](#) or [i.vpoints](#).
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.rectify

DESCRIPTION

i.rectify uses the control points identified in [i.points](#) or [i.vpoints](#) to calculate a transformation matrix based on a first, second, or third order polynomial and then converts x,y cell coordinates to standard map coordinates for each pixel in the image. The result is a planimetric image with a transformed coordinate system (i.e., a different coordinate system than before it was rectified).

[i.points](#) or [i.vpoints](#) must be run before *i.rectify*, and both programs are required to rectify an image. An image must be rectified before it can reside in a standard coordinate LOCATION, and therefore be analyzed with the other map layers in the standard coordinate LOCATION. Upon completion of *i.rectify*, the rectified image is deposited in the target standard coordinate LOCATION. This LOCATION is selected using [i.target](#).

Program Prompts

The first prompt in the program asks for the name of the group containing the files to be rectified.

```
Enter the group containing files to be rectified
Enter 'list' for a list of existing imagery groups
Enter 'list -f' for a verbose listing
Hit RETURN to cancel request
>
```

This is the same imagery group that was selected in [i.points](#) or [i.vpoints](#) and the group that contains the cell files with the marked points and their associated map coordinates. You are then asked to select the cell file(s) within the group to be rectified:

Please select the file(s) to rectify by naming an output file

```
spot1.1 in mapsetname      .....
spot1.2 in mapsetname      .....
spot1.3 in mapsetname      .....
spotclass1 in mapsetname   spotrectify1.
spotreject1 in mapsetname  .....
```

GRASS Imagery Commands

(enter list by any name to get a list of existing cell files)

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR<Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)

More than one cell file may be rectified at a time. Each cell file should be given a unique output file name.

Next, you are asked to select one of two windows regions:

```
Please select one of the following options
1. Use the current window in the target location
2. Determine the smallest window which covers the image
>
```

The *i.rectify* program will only rectify that portion of the image or cell file that occurs within the chosen window region, and only that portion of the cell file will be relocated in the target database. It is important therefore, to check the current mapset window in the target LOCATION if choice number one is selected.

If you are rectifying a file with plans to patch it to another file using the GRASS program *r.patch*, choose option number one, the current window in the target location. This window, however, must be the default window for the target LOCATION. When a file being rectified is smaller than the default window in which it is being rectified, zeros are added to the rectified file. Patching files of the same size that contain 0/non-zero data, eliminates the possibility of a no-data line the patched result. This is because, when the images are patched, the zeros in the image are "covered" with non-zero pixel values. When rectifying files that are going to be patched, rectify all of the files using the same default window.

By selecting the 1st ORDER option, the user may select the order of transformation desired:

```
Select order of transformation -->  1st Order  2nd Order  3rd Order
```

The program will immediately recalculate the RMSE and the number of points required.

Linear affine transformation (1st order transformation)

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= ax + by + c \\y' &= Ax + Bt + C\end{aligned}$$

The a,b,c,A,B,C are determined by least squares regression based on the control points entered. This transformation applies scaling, translation and rotation. It is NOT a general purpose rubber-sheeting, nor is it ortho-photo rectification using a DEM, not second order polynomial, etc. It can be used if (1) you have geometrically correct images, and (2) the terrain or camera distortion effect can be ignored.

Polynomial Transformation Matrix (2nd, 3d order transformation)

The ANALYZE function has been changed to support calculating the registration coefficients using a first, second, or third order transformation matrix. The number of control points required for a selected order of transformation (represented by n) is

$$((n + 1) * (n + 2) / 2)$$

or 3, 6, and 10 respectively. It is strongly recommended that one or more additional points be identified to allow for an overly-determined transformation calculation which will generate the Root Mean Square (RMS)

error values for each included point. The RMS error values for all the included control points are immediately recalculated when the user selects a different transformation order from the menu bar. The polynomial equations are performed using a modified Gaussian elimination method.

Program Execution

i.rectify will run in the background and notify you by mail when it is finished.

Note: The rectified image or rectified cell files will be located in the target LOCATION when the program is completed. The original unrectified files are not modified or removed.

Note: In interactive mode it is possible to define a new file name for the target images. This is (currently) not provided in command line mode.

NOTES

i.rectify uses nearest neighbor resampling during the transformation choosing the actual pixel that has its centre nearest to the point location in the image. Advantage of this method is that the pixel brightness of the image is kept as *i.rectify* rearranges the geometry of the image pixels.

In case *i.rectify* starts normal and after some time a mail with following text is sent:
GIS ERROR: error while writing to temp file
the user may try the flag *-c* (or the module needs more free space on the hard drive).

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[m.proj](#), [s.proj](#), [s.proj](#), [v.proj](#), [i.group](#), [i.points](#), [i.points3](#), [i.vpoints](#), [i.rectify3](#), [i.target](#)

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NAME

i.rgb.his – Red–green–blue (rgb) to hue–intensity–saturation (his) raster map color transformation function.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.rgb.his

i.rgb.his help

***i.rgb.his red_input=name green_input=name blue_input=name hue_output=name
intensity_output=name saturation_output=name***

DESCRIPTION

i.rgb.his is an image processing program that processes three input raster map layers as red, green, and blue components and produces three output raster map layers representing the hue, intensity, and saturation of the data. The output raster map layers are created by a standard red–green–blue (rgb) to hue–intensity–saturation (his) color transformation. Each output raster map layer is given a linear gray scale color table. The current geographic region definition and mask settings are respected.

Parameters:

red_input=name

Input raster map layer representing the red component.

green_input=name

Input raster map layer representing the green component.

blue_input=name

Input raster map layer representing the blue component.

hue_output=name

Output raster map layer representing hue.

intensity_output=name

Output raster map layer representing intensity.

saturation_output=name

Output raster map layer representing saturation.

SEE ALSO

[*hsv.rgb.sh*](#)

[*i.his.rgb*](#)

[*rgb.hsv.sh*](#)

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NAME

i.rvi.prediction – Calculates ground features, e.g. plant cover, by remote sensing data using a given regression model

(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.rvi.prediction

i.rvi.prediction help

i.rvi.prediction model=name band1=name band2=name band3=name output=name

DESCRIPTION

This programs calculate ground feature, e.g. plant cover, by remote sensing data using a given regression model. The input imagery is assumed with three optical bands: visible band1 and band2 and another infrared band3

OPTIONS

Parameter:

model=name

rvi regression model input file

band1=name

visible band1 input file

band2=name

visible band2 input file

band3=name

infrared band3 input file

output=name

output ground feature calculated

The current region definition and mask settings are respected when reading the input map.

NOTES

The ground feature of each pixel by remote sensing data is calculated using rvi regression model. After run *r.rational.regression*, a rvi model is a coefficient vector with the definition of:

$$\text{ground feature} = \frac{a[0]x_1 + a[1]x_2 + a[2]x_3 + a[6]}{\text{-----}}$$

$a[3]x1 + a[4]x2 + a[5]x3 + 1.0$

SEE ALSO

[*r.rational.regression*](#)

[*r.linear.regression*](#)

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NAME

i.shape – Performs spatial shape identification and classification on a raster map
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.shape

i.shape help

i.shape *input=name* *output=name* [**width=value**] [**threshold=value**] [**orientations=value**]

DESCRIPTION

Reads a GRASS raster map as input. Calculates spatial shape identification and classification on a raster map. Be sure to carefully set your resolution (using [g.region](#)) before running this program, or else your computer could run out of memory.

OPTIONS

Parameter:

input=name

Name of input raster map layer.

output=name

Fourier transformation output file

width=value

This parameter determines the x–y extent of the Gaussian filter. The default value is 9; higher and lower values can be tested by the user. Increasing the width will result in finding "edges" representing more gradual changes in cell values.

Default: 9

threshold=value

This parameter determines the "sensitivity" of the Gaussian filter. The default value is 10; higher and lower values can be tested by the user. Increasing the threshold value will result in fewer edges being found.

Default: 10

orientations=value

This value is the number of azimuth directions the cells on the output raster map layer are categorized into (similar to the aspect raster map layer produced by the [r.slope.aspect](#) program). For example, a value of 16 would result in detected edges being categorized into one of 16 bins depending on the direction of the edge at that point.

Default: 1

The current region definition and mask settings are respected when reading the input map.

NOTES

[..]

SEE ALSO

[i.fft](#)

[i.iff](#)

[r.mapcalc](#)

[g.region](#)

[i.texture](#)

[l.zc](#)

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NAME

i.smmap – An imagery function that performs contextual image classification using sequential maximum a posteriori (SMAP) estimation.
(*GRASS Imagery Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.smmap

i.smmap help

i.smmap [-mq] **group**=name **subgroup**=name **signaturefile**=name [**blocksize**=value] **output**=name

DESCRIPTION

The *i.smmap* program is used to segment multispectral images using a spectral class model known as a Gaussian mixture distribution. Since Gaussian mixture distributions include conventional multivariate Gaussian distributions, this program may also be used to segment multispectral images based on simple spectral mean and covariance parameters.

i.smmap has two modes of operation. The first mode is the sequential maximum a posteriori (SMAP) mode [1,2]. The SMAP segmentation algorithm attempts to improve segmentation accuracy by segmenting the image into regions rather than segmenting each pixel separately (see [NOTES](#)).

The second mode is the more conventional maximum likelihood (ML) classification which classifies each pixel separately, but requires somewhat less computation. This mode is selected with the **-m** flag (see [below](#)).

OPTIONS

Flags:

-m

Use maximum likelihood estimation (instead of smap). Normal operation is to use SMAP estimation (see [NOTES](#)).

-q

Run quietly, without printing messages about program progress. Without this flag, messages will be printed (to stderr) as the program progresses.

Parameters:

group=name

imagery group

The imagery group that defines the image to be classified.

subgroup=name

imagery subgroup

The subgroup within the group specified that specifies the subset of the band files that are to be used as image data to be classified.

signaturefile=name

imagery signaturefile

The signature file that contains the spectral signatures (i.e., the statistics) for the classes to be identified in the image. This signature file is produced by the program [i.gensigset](#) (see [NOTES](#)).

blocksize=value

size of submatrix to process at one time

default: 128

This option specifies the size of the "window" to be used when reading the image data.

This program was written to be nice about memory usage without influencing the resultant classification. This option allows the user to control how much memory is used. More memory may mean faster (or slower) operation depending on how much real memory your machine has and how much virtual memory the program uses.

The size of the submatrix used in segmenting the image has a principle function of controlling memory usage; however, it also can have a subtle effect on the quality of the segmentation in the smap mode. The smoothing parameters for the smap segmentation are estimated separately for each submatrix. Therefore, if the image has regions with qualitatively different behavior, (e.g., natural woodlands and man-made agricultural fields) it may be useful to use a submatrix small enough so that different smoothing parameters may be used for each distinctive region of the image.

The submatrix size has no effect on the performance of the ML segmentation method.

output=name

output raster map.

The name of a raster map that will contain the classification results. This new raster map layer will contain categories that can be related to landcover categories on the ground.

INTERACTIVE MODE

If none of the arguments are specified on the command line, *i.smap* will interactively prompt for the names of the maps and files.

NOTES

The SMAP algorithm exploits the fact that nearby pixels in an image are likely to have the same class. It works by segmenting the image at various scales or resolutions and using the course scale segmentations to guide the finer scale segmentations. In addition to reducing the number of misclassifications, the SMAP algorithm generally produces segmentations with larger connected regions of a fixed class which may be useful in some applications.

The amount of smoothing that is performed in the segmentation is dependent of the behavior of the data in the image. If the data suggests that the nearby pixels often change class, then the algorithm will adaptively reduce the amount of smoothing. This ensures that excessively large regions are not formed.

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SEE ALSO

[*i.group*](#) for creating groups and subgroups

[*i.gensigset*](#) to generate the signature file required by this program

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NAME

i.tape.mss.h – An imagery function that extracts header information from LANDSAT Multispectral Scanner (MSS) imagery data stored on half–inch tape.
(*GRASS* Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.tape.mss.h
i.tape.mss.h help
i.tape.mss.h *tape_drive_name*

DESCRIPTION

i.tape.mss.h reads the header information on a Multispectral Scanner (MSS) tape. This program reads the specified input file (the computer–compatible tape *tape_drive_name*), and by default displays the output to the user's terminal. The user may redirect output to a file by using the UNIX redirection mechanism. For example:

```
i.tape.mss.h /dev/rmt0 > h.out
```

The name of the tape drive depends on the computer being used.

This program can be run either non–interactively or interactively. The user can run the program by specifying program arguments on the command line. Alternately, the user can simply type ***i.tape.mss.h*** on the command line, without program arguments. In this event, the program will prompt the user to enter a tape device name using the standard user interface described in the manual entry for [*parser*](#).

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[*i.tape.mss*](#)
[*parser*](#)

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NAME

i.tape.mss – An [imagery](#) function that extracts Multispectral Scanner (MSS) imagery data from half-inch tape.

(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.tape.mss

DESCRIPTION

i.tape.mss is a program that extracts Multispectral Scanner (MSS) imagery data from tape.

This program must be run in a `LOCATION_NAME` with a `x,y` coordinate system (i.e., a coordinate system with projection 0). For further information regarding this `LOCATION_NAME` refer to the manual entry for [imagery](#).

The first prompt in *i.tape.mss* asks the user for the tape device name. This is sometimes `/dev/rmt0` (for a half-inch tape with a tape density of 1600), but this varies with each machine.

The next prompt is:

```
Please mount and load tape, then hit RETURN -->
```

IMAGE IDENTIFICATION MENU

The first menu in the program asks the user for information about the data.

```

    please enter the following information

Tape Identification:          ___
Image Description:           ___
Title for the Extracted Raster (Cell) Files:  ___

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
      (OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

This program automatically enters the scene ID number and the date of the image into the field for Tape Identification. The sun angles are automatically entered into the field for Image Description.

GRASS Imagery Commands

The second menu is:

```
MSS TAPE EXTRACTION
please select the desired tape window (geographic
region definition) to extract
```

```
first row: _____(1-2984)
```

```
last row: _____(1-2984)
```

```
first col: _____(1-3548)
```

```
last col: _____(1-3548)
```

```
AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

The numbers in parentheses are the total number of rows and columns on the tape including filler (zeros). This information and additional information can also be obtained by running the GRASS program [i.tape.mss.h](#) which reads the header information on an MSS tape. Any subset of the image on tape may be extracted. For a discussion of row and column extraction see the subheading TITLED [ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION](#) below.

The next menu is:

```
please make an x by the bands you want extracted
```

```
_____ 1
```

```
_____ 2
```

```
_____ 3
```

```
_____ 4
```

```
AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

MSS imagery has 4 bands, but the user may want to extract only a subset of these bands. See the subheading in this entry TITLED [ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION](#).

The user then is asked to enter the prefix/group for the band files to be created. This name will precede each band file extracted into GRASS. For example, if three bands are extracted the following three (raster) band files will result:

```
prefixname.1
```

```
prefixname.2
```

```
prefixname.3
```

Whatever *prefixname* is specified will also automatically become the name for the [imagery](#) group file being created. Each image (i.e., each run of [i.tape.mss](#)) should be given a unique prefix/group name.

The extraction process will begin by first skipping the number of specified files, advancing to the starting row, and then reading the tape. The percent completion of the extraction is displayed on the screen. If more than one tape is required to store the image, the program will pause and inform the user to mount the next tape.

The extracted (raster) band files will be listed as raster map layers available in the current MAPSET and may be displayed using the GRASS commands [d.display](#), [d.rast](#) or [i.points](#).

NOTES

After extracting an image from tape, the geographic region definition in the x,y coordinate LOCATION_NAME will be set based upon the extracted rows and columns from the tape. The relationship between the image rows and columns and the geographic coordinates of the region is discussed in the manual entry for [imagery](#).

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION

The display options in GRASS allow the user to locate rows and columns on the digital image. If enough disk space is available, one band of an entire image, or one band of a portion of an image known to contain the area of interest, can be extracted and displayed. The *measurements* option in [d.display](#), or [d.where](#) (following the use of [d.rast](#)) will echo x and y coordinates to the screen. (These coordinates will display negative numbers in the north-south direction, but ignoring the negative sign will yield the row number.) See the [imagery](#) manual entry for further explanation.

If a photograph of the digital image is available, the rows and columns to be extracted can be determined from it by associating inches with the total number of known rows and columns in the scene. For example, if the total length of the photograph is 12 inches, the total number of rows on the tape is 2000, and the northwest corner of the area of interest begins 2 inches from the top of the photo, then:

$$\begin{aligned} 12" / 2000 \text{ rows} &= 2" / x \text{ rows} \\ x &= 333.333 \end{aligned}$$

The northwest corner of the area of interest starts at row 333. The starting row, ending row, starting column, and ending column can be calculated in this manner.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.display](#), [d.rast](#), [d.where](#), [i.group](#), [i.points](#), [i.tape.mss.h](#), [i.tape.other](#), [i.tape.tm](#), [imagery](#)

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NAME

i.tape.other – An [imagery](#) function that extracts scanned aerial imagery (NHAP, etc.) and satellite imagery (TM, SPOT, etc) from half-inch or 8mm tape.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.tape.other

DESCRIPTION

i.tape.other is a generic program that extracts [imagery](#) from tape using the tape description that is input by the user.

This program must be run in a `LOCATION_NAME` with a x,y coordinate system (i.e., a coordinate system with projection 0). For further information regarding this `LOCATION_NAME` refer to the manual entry for [imagery](#).

The first prompt in *i.tape.other* asks the user for the tape device name. This is sometimes `/dev/rmt0` (for a density of 1600), but this varies with each machine.

The next prompt is:

```
Please mount and load tape, then hit RETURN -->
```

IMAGE IDENTIFICATION MENU

The first menu in the program asks the user for information about the data.

```

    please enter the following information

Tape Identification:          ___
Image Description:           ___
Title for the Extracted Raster (Cell) Files:  ___

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
                                (OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

TAPE LAYOUT MENU

The next menu asks for the physical layout of the tape.

```

                                GENERIC TAPE EXTRACTION

tape layout
  0__      number of tape files to be skipped
  0__      number of records in the remaining files to
           be skipped

band files
  0__      number of bands on the tape

data format
  __       band sequential (BSQ) | mark one with an x
  __       band interleaved (BIL) |
  0__      if you select BSQ format and all the bands are
           in a single file, enter the total number of records
           in the file. Otherwise enter 0
  0__      length (in bytes) of the longest record on the tape
  1__      blocking factor of data in the file

                                AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
                                (OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)

```

number of tape files to be skipped

If there are files at the beginning of the tape which are not image data, they can be skipped.

Sometimes information that comes with a tape will indicate the number of header files or records on the tape. The GRASS utility [m.examine.tape](#) will also provide this information. The *record length* is the number of columns in the image, while the *number of records* is the number of rows in the image (not always correct, see *blocking factor of data in the file* below). NHAP imagery and usually most scanned aerial imagery do not have tape header files, but this should be checked. TM imagery has one header file that contains imagery format of data files and parameters of data acquisition. SPOT imagery has two files that should be skipped on the first tape, and one file to be skipped on the second tape (of a two-tape set).

number of records in the remaining files to be skipped

If the files which contain the image begin with non-image data, these records can also be skipped. This is usually 0 for most data types. SPOT imagery stored in 1600bpi has one header record in the image file on each tape that should be skipped.

number of bands on the tape

Most aerial imagery have 3 bands, but satellite simulator data may have more. TM data has seven bands and SPOT has three bands as a standard, respectively. The total number of bands on the tape should be specified here, not just the number that will be extracted.

data format

The two formats that imagery data are most commonly stored in are called *band interleaved* format (BIL) and *band sequential* format (BSQ). In BIL format, each record on the tape contains one line for one band of data. If the data contains three bands, then the first five records will look like this:

```

band 1, line 1
band 2, line 1
band 3, line 1
band 1, line 2
band 2, line 2

```

In BSQ format, all lines of one band are stored together on a tape, followed by all lines of another band, followed by all lines of the next band, etc. These data are stored as if they were in a one band BIL format:

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```
band 1, line 1
band 1, line 2
band 1, line 3
.
.
.
band 2, line 1
band 2, line 2
.
.
band 2, line 156
band 2, line 157
```

Each pixel contains one byte and there is one line per record. BSQ format is the format that is usually created by optical scanning devices when they scan photographs, but not all digitized aerial imagery are stored in this format. The format of the data is usually written on the exterior of the tape; this should be checked.

length (in bytes) of the longest record on the tape

This must be set to the number of bytes in the longest data record. It is used to determine how large a buffer to use for reading the tape. This value can be obtained using [m.examine.tape](#).

blocking factor of data in the file

This is the number of lines combining into one physical record on tape. It is usually one for most of imageries, i.e., one line per physical record. However, considering on data compressing and tape memory saving, sometimes more than one lines are combined into one physical record on the tape.

This number may be written on the exterior of the tape, otherwise the user need to experiment on this number by running of *i.tape.other*.

BAND EXTRACTION MENU

The user is then asked to mark an *x* beside the bands to be extracted. See the subheading in this entry enTITLED [ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION](#).

please mark an x by the bands you want extracted

```
_____1
_____2
_____3
_____4
```

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)

PREFIX/GROUP NAME

The user is asked to enter the prefix/group for the (raster) band files to be created. This name will precede each band file extracted into GRASS. For example, if three bands are extracted the following three band files will result:

```
prefixname.1
prefixname.2
prefixname.3
```

The specified *prefixname* will also automatically become the name for the [imagery](#) group file being created. Each image (i.e., each run of *i.tape.other*) should be given a unique prefix/group name.

ROW AND COLUMN MENU

Finally, the starting row, ending row, starting column and ending column are required. This allows the user to extract any subset of the image from the tape.

```

                EXTRACT
please select desired tape window (geographic region
definition) to extract
    start row:_0_
    end row:_0_

    start col:_0_
    end col:_0_

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

The extraction process will begin by first skipping the number of specified files, advancing to the starting row, and then reading the tape. The percent completion of the extraction is displayed on the screen.

Following the extraction, the extracted band files will be listed as raster map layers available in the current MAPSET. These raster map layers may be displayed individually using the GRASS commands [d.display](#), [d.rast](#) or [i.points](#).

NOTES

This program can be used for extraction of TM, SPOT and other types of data from tape; however, the user must supply information to the program on how the image data is laid out on the tape. For example, the image data may be padded with surrounding extra rows and/or columns; the user may wish to skip over these rows and columns and extract only the actual image data from the tape. *i.tape.other* does not know where image data actually begins on the tape; the user must tell the program what portion of the tape data to extract. Often, information on the orientation and layout of the image data on tape will be included on a printout accompanying any tape data received by the user; however, this may not always be the case. The user may need to experiment with various runs of *i.tape.other* before extracting the portions of an image actually desired.

After extracting an image from tape, the geographic region in the x,y coordinate LOCATION_NAME will be set, based upon the extracted rows and columns from the tape. The relationship between the image rows and columns and the coordinates bounding the geographic region is discussed in the [imagery](#) manual entry.

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION

The display options in GRASS allow the user to locate rows and columns on the digital image. If enough disk space is available, one band of an entire image, or one band of a portion of an image known to contain the area of interest, can be extracted and displayed. The *measurements* option in [d.display](#), or [d.where](#) (following a run of [d.rast](#)) will echo x and y coordinates to the screen. (These coordinates will display negative numbers

in the north–south direction but ignoring the negative sign will yield the row number. See the [imagery](#) manual entry for further explanation.)

If a photograph of the digital image is available, the rows and columns to be extracted can be determined from it by associating inches with the total number of known rows and columns in the scene. For example, if the total length of the photograph is 12 inches, the total number of rows on the tape is 2000, and the northwest corner of the area of interest begins 2 inches from the top of the photo, then:

$$\begin{aligned} 12" / 2000 \text{ rows} &= 2" / x \text{ rows} \\ x &= 333.333 \end{aligned}$$

The northwest corner of the area of interest starts at row 333. The starting row, ending row, starting column, and ending column can be calculated in this manner.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.display](#)

[d.rast](#)

[d.where](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.points](#)

[i.tape.mss](#)

[i.tape.mss.h](#)

[i.tape.tm](#)

[i.tape.tm.fast](#)

[imagery](#)

[m.examine.tape](#)

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NAME

i.tape.spot – An imagery function that extracts SPOT imagery from half–inch tape.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.tape.spot

DESCRIPTION

i.tape.spot is a program that extracts SPOT imagery from 9–track, half–inch tape.

This program must be run in a `LOCATION_NAME` with an x,y coordinate system (i.e., a coordinate system with projection 0). For further information regarding this `LOCATION_NAME` type refer to the *imagery* manual entry.

The first prompt in *i.tape.spot* asks the user for the tape device name.

Enter tape device name:

This is sometimes `/dev/rmt0` (for a half–inch tape having a density of 1600 bpi), but this varies with each machine.

The next prompt is:

Mount SPOT tape and hit RETURN -->

IMAGE IDENTIFICATION MENU

The first menu in the program asks the user for information about the data.

Please enter the following information

TAPE IDENTIFICATION: _____

IMAGE DESCRIPTION: _____

TITLE FOR THE EXTRACTED CELL (RASTER) FILES: _____

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)

GRASS Imagery Commands

This program automatically reads the satellite name, tape product code, instrument name, interleaving indicator, spectral mode, preprocessing level and work order number into the field for TAPE IDENTIFICATION. The mission, path, row, scene shift, scene center date and time, orientation, incidence, azimuth, elevation angle, and absolute calibration coefficients and offsets are automatically entered into the field for IMAGE DESCRIPTION. User can type in any other messages into the two sections and a description as the TITLE of raster map layer. The second menu is:

```
SPOT IMAGE EXTRACT
Please select region of the image to extract
```

```
start row: 0_____(1-3002)
end row: 0_____(1-3002)
```

```
start col: 0_____(1-3166)
end col: 0_____(1-3166)
```

```
AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

The numbers in parentheses are the total number of rows and columns on the tape including zeros (filler). This information and additional information can also be obtained by running the program [m.examine.tape](#). [m.examine.tape](#) will read any tape and provide the user with the number of files on a tape, the number of records on a tape, and the record lengths. Any subset of the image on the tape may be extracted. For a discussion of row and column extraction see the subheading enTITLED [ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION](#) below.

The next menu is:

```
Please mark an x by the bands you want extracted
```

```
_____ 1
_____ 2
_____ 3
```

```
AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

SPOT imagery has three bands, but the user may want to extract a subset of these bands. See the subheading in this entry enTITLED [ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION](#).

The user then is asked to enter the prefix/group name for the raster band files to be created. This name will precede each band file extracted into GRASS. For example, if two bands are extracted the following two band files will result:

```
prefixname.1
prefixname.2
```

The specified *prefixname* will also automatically become the name for the imagery group file being created. Each image or subset (i.e., each run of *i.tape.spot*) should be given a unique prefix/group name.

The extraction process will begin by first skipping a number of files which are not data or not requested, advancing to the first band requested, forwarding to the requested column, and then reading the data. After extracting the requested rows and columns from each band, the program creates support files for the raster

band map layer. The percent completion of the extraction is displayed on the screen. Because sometimes SPOT imagery is very large and is stored in multiple tape sets, the program is designed to read image by pausing when the tape need to be changed and inform the user to mount and load next tape. The number of tapes required to store one scene depends on the number of bytes per inch (bpi) in which the data are stored.

The extracted band files will be listed as raster map layers available in the current MAPSET and may be displayed using the GRASS commands [d.display](#), [d.rast](#), or [i.points](#).

ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION

The display options in GRASS allow the user to locate rows and columns on the digital image. If enough disk space is available, one band of an entire image or one band of a portion of an image known to contain the area of interest, can be extracted and displayed. The *measurements* option in [d.display](#), or [d.where](#) (following use of [d.rast](#)) will echo x and y coordinates to the screen. (These coordinates will display negative numbers in the north-south direction, but ignoring the negative sign will yield the row number.) See the [imagery](#) manual entry for further explanation.

Each scene of a SPOT image contains filler on both the left and right sides of the quad. The user may want to identify the row and column numbers in order to exclude the filler. This filler will otherwise be extracted with the image and take up unnecessary disk space.

If a photograph of the digital image is available, the rows and columns to be extracted can be determined from it by associating inches with the total number of known rows and columns in the scene. For example, if the total length of the photograph is 12 inches, the total number of rows on the tape is 2000, and the northwest corner of the area of interest begins 2 inches from the top of the photo, then:

$$\begin{aligned} 12" / 2000 \text{ rows} &= 2" / x \text{ rows} \\ x &= 333.333 \end{aligned}$$

The northwest corner of the area of interest starts at row 333. The starting row, ending row, starting column, and ending column can be calculated in this manner.

NOTES

After extracting an image from tape the geographic region definition in the x,y coordinate LOCATION_NAME will be set based upon the extracted rows and columns from the tape. The relationship between the image rows and columns and the coordinates of the geographic region is discussed in the [imagery](#) format manual entry.

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[d.display](#)

[d.rast](#)

[d.where](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.points](#)

[i.tape.mss](#)

[i.tape.mss.h](#)

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NAME

i.tape.tm3 – Import Landsat thematic mapper imagery.
(GRASS Image Processing Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.tape.tm3 **-e** [**input=name**] [**blocksize=blocksize**]
i.tape.tm3 [**-pq**] [**input=name**] **group=name** [**output=prefix**] **bands=band[,band,...]** [**blocksize=blocksize**]
 [**rows=firstrow,lastrow**] [**cols=firstcol,lastcol**] [**title=title**]

DESCRIPTION

i.tape.tm3 is a successor to *i.tape.tm*. *i.tape.tm3* can import Landsat Thematic Mapper imagery in fast format, full scene, and quadrant scene formats. Imports may be done from 1600 BPI and 6250 BPI 9-track tapes, QIC 150 tape, 8mm tape, or from disk files. *i.tape.tm3* is completely command-line driven, although the usual GRASS parser may be used if command line options are not given. During the import, the program may also prompt for filenames to use and tapes to be mounted.

i.tape.tm3 must be run in a location with an x,y coordinate system (i.e., a coordinate system with a projection 0.) Refer to the imagery manual entry.

Flags:

- e** Examine tape or files. A summary of information from the scene's headers is printed. No bands are imported. If this option is given, all other options except input and blocksize are ignored.
- p** Display the percentage of work done. By default, *i.tape.tm3* displays the number of lines for each band that it has imported so far.
- q** Run quietly. Error messages are still printed but messages about the import's progress are not.

Parameters:

input=name

The name of the device or file to extract imagery from. If not given, *i.tape.tm3* will assume the import is from disk files and will prompt for file names.

group=name

The name of the group to store imported bands in. The group will be created if it does not already exist.

output=prefix

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The prefix with which to name the raster maps for each band imported. The band number of each raster map is appended to this prefix. If omitted, the group name is used as the prefix.

bands=band[,band,...]

The list of bands to import. Band numbers range from 1 to 7 inclusive. Band numbers may be specified in any order. For fast format imagery, a band number of "P" may be used to specify the panchromatic band.

blocksize=blocksize

The blocksize to use for reading tapes. For QIC-150 tapes, this value must be a multiple of 512. The default is 32768.

rows=firstrow,lastrow

The range of rows within each band to import. Must have firstrow <= lastrow. Row numbers increase from top to bottom. The topmost, or northernmost, row of each band is row 1.

cols=firstcol,lastcol

The range of columns within each band to import. Must have firstcol <= lastcol. Column numbers increase from left to right. The leftmost, or westernmost, column of each band is column 1.

title=title

The title to give each extracted band. The default is "Landsat TM Imagery"

USAGE

i.tape.tm3 can import Landsat TM imagery in three formats: full scene, quadrant scene, and fast format. Full scene and quadrant scene file formats are very similar, and differ only in the size of the image. A quadrant scene corresponds to one quarter of a full scene of the same area. *i.tape.tm3* can read fast format imagery in its A and B versions. See the references for file format documents.

Information about a TM scene can be obtained by using the *-e* option. It is useful to use this option before importing imagery. This option will examine the files on tape or disk and print important information about the scene. Fields printed include the file format, size of image in pixels, scene ID, and date of creation. Coordinates for the scene center or corners are given depending on the file format. For full scene and quarter scene formats, the *-e* option requires the volume directory file and a leader and imagery file from a single band. For the fast format, the *-e* option requires only a header file.

i.tape.tm3 allows the block size to be specified. This is the number of bytes to read from a tape at a time. The block size is optional; specifying it may or may not make the import run faster. The default is 32768. Look on the tape's label to find the block size. For QIC-150 tapes, the block size must be a multiple of 512 or the import will fail. The maximum allowable block size is one megabyte ($1024 * 1024 = 1048576$ bytes.) The block size is not used when importing from disk files.

The following sections describe the tape file formats and how to import from disk files. If you are copying imagery between tapes or to disk, it is necessary to understand how the files are arranged on tape so that *i.tape.tm3* will be able to import from copied tapes correctly. If you are importing from the original tapes or exact copies there is no need to be concerned with the tape formats.

FULL SCENE AND QUADRANT SCENE FILE FORMATS

For full scene and quadrant scene formats, it may require more than one tape to store the seven bands of a single Landsat scene. The set of tapes containing imagery for a single scene is called a volume set. Each tape in a set has the same format. The first file on the tape is a volume directory file. This is followed by a leader file, imagery file, and trailer file for each band on the tape. There may be supplemental files after the bands, but these are not used by *i.tape.tm3*. For example, a tape containing bands 1-3 of Landsat imagery

contains these files:

```
Volume Directory File
Band 1 Leader File
Band 1 Imagery File
Band 1 Trailer File
Band 2 Leader File
Band 2 Imagery File
Band 2 Trailer File
Band 3 Leader File
Band 3 Imagery File
Band 3 Trailer File
Supplemental File
```

When importing from tape, the program will prompt the user to mount each tape needed. Tapes may be mounted in any order. Only the tapes that contain the bands to be imported need be mounted. Be sure that tapes are rewound or positioned correctly before mounting them.

IMPORT FROM DISK FILES

i.tape.tm3 can import imagery from disk files. The volume directory must be copied from tape to disk, as well as the leader, imagery, and trailer files for each band to import. To speed the import, the filenames should all have the same prefix and have a `.ls#` suffix, where `#` is an integer that increases sequentially from zero. The prefix may be any name. For example, if you wanted to import bands 2 and 3 of a quadrant scene from disk files, you would copy the files from tape and give them names like this:

```
Volume Directory File      landsat.ls0
Band 2 Leader File         landsat.ls1
Band 2 Imagery File        landsat.ls2
Band 2 Trailer File        landsat.ls3
Band 3 Leader File         landsat.ls4
Band 3 Imagery File        landsat.ls5
Band 3 Trailer File        landsat.ls6
```

The volume directory file must have the `.ls0` suffix. Only the leader, imagery, and trailer files for the bands to be imported need be copied to disk. The prefix "landsat" is used here, but any name can be used. Each file must have a `.ls#` suffix, though. By naming the files this way, *i.tape.tm3* can easily read the files in the correct order. Once these files are on disk, they may be imported with a command like this:

```
i.tape.tm3 input=landsat group=landsat bands=1,2,3
```

The input option specifies the prefix to use for the file names. The `.ls#` suffix should not be included in the input option. *i.tape.tm3* will automatically append the `.ls#` suffix to each file in turn.

Naming the imagery files in this fashion is the easiest way to import from disk. However, *i.tape.tm3* can import from files that have any names. The program will prompt for filenames. Enter the filenames at each prompt in the order that the files would be read from tape in. To import this way, omit the input option in the command, like this:

```
i.tape.tm3 group=landsat bands=1,2,3
```

If you are importing from disk files with `.ls#` filenames, *i.tape.tm3* will prompt for a filename at any time that it cannot find the next file to read.

FAST FORMAT TM IMAGERY

Like full scenes and quadrant scenes, imagery in fast format may come on multiple tapes, depending on the amount of data. The file format is very simple, consisting of a header file followed by imagery files for each of the bands. The imagery files are flat data files; they have no header information within them. For example, a set of seven bands for a scene in fast format may come on three 9-track tapes and look like this:

Tape 1	Tape 2	Tape 3
Header File	Header File	Header File
Band 1	Band 4	Band 7
Band 2	Band 5	
Band 3	Band 6	

Because the band files have no header information in them, the only way *i.tape.tm3* can tell which band is which is by the order the files come in their header file. If fast format imagery is ever copied to other tapes be sure the files are kept in the same order as they came.

To import fast format imagery from disk files, copy the files to disk using the same naming convention used for quadrant and full scenes. The header file must have a `.ls0` extension. The band 1 imagery file should have a `.ls1` extension, band 2 a `.ls2` extension, etc. If a panchromatic band is available, give it a `.ls8` extension, for lack of a better name.

If you are importing only spectral bands, the header file from any tape may be used as the `.ls0` file. But if you are importing the panchromatic band, use the header file from its tape. The headers for the spectral bands and the panchromatic band are different; be sure to copy the right one to the `.ls0` file before importing.

When importing the panchromatic band from fast format imagery, specify the band number as "P", like this:

```
i.tape.tm3 input=landsat group=landsat bands=P
```

If the input option is omitted, or if the program cannot find the file for a band asked for, it will prompt for a filename to be entered.

ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION

i.tape.tm3 can extract an entire image or a rectangular region within an image. Use the `rows` and `cols` options to specify the ranges of rows and columns to import. Before importing the imagery, use the `-e` option to display the number of rows and columns in the image. Row and column numbers begin at 1. Row numbers increase from top (north) to bottom (south). Column numbers increase from left (west) to right (east). If either option is omitted the full range is used. The program ignores the current geographic region when importing. When the import is complete, the current region is set to the region extracted.

NOTES

Raster files created will overwrite existing files with the same names without warning.

Use the `dd(1)` command to copy files to tapes. When copying to 9-track and 8mm tapes, just use the `if` and `of` options with a large blocksize. Use caution when copying data to QIC-150 tapes. QIC-150 tapes require all files to use record lengths that are multiples of 512. Files whose lengths are not multiples of 512 must be padded. Always use `dddd` with the "sync" option when copying files to QIC-150 tape, like this:

```
dd if=filename of=/dev/rst0 obs=32768 conv=sync
```

obs is the output block size; use any multiple of 512. The larger the block size the faster the copy will be done. When Landsat imagery files are copied this way they will be padded at the end, making them longer than they originally were. *i.tape.tm3* will have no problem reading padded files, but other programs may.

REFERENCES

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Format for Thematic Mapper Computer Compatible Tape, Full Scene, Jan 1, 1990

Fast Format Document for TM Digital Products, Version A, Mar 1, 1990

Fast Format Document for TM Digital Products, Version B, Oct 1, 1991

These documents describe the file formats that *i.tape.tm3* imports. They are available from EOSAT, 4300 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706 USA.

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NAME

i.tape.tm.fast – An imagery function that extracts Thematic Mapper (TM) imagery from tape media (*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.tape.tm.fast

i.tape.tm.fast help

i.tape.tm.fast help [-q] **input**=name **group**=name **bands**=value[,value,...] [**rows**=firstrow–lastrow] [**cols**=firstcol–lastcol] [**TITLE**=name]

DESCRIPTION

i.tape.tm.fast is a program that extracts TM imagery from tape media with different blocking factors (its value indicates how many rows are combined into one physical record on the tape).

i.tape.tm.fast must be run in a `LOCATION_NAME` with a (x,y) coordinate system (i.e., a coordinate system with projection 0). For further information regarding the `LOCATION_NAME` type, please refer to the [imagery](#) manual entry.

i.tape.tm.fast reads the blocking factor from the header file as well as other parameters, such as gains and offsets for each band, map projection, sun elevation and azimuth, etc., and writes into history file (depending upon the contents of the header file).

OPTIONS

This program can be run either non- interactively or interactively. It will be run non- interactively if the user specifies the name of input device, the name of output group file, bands to be extracted, and optionally other parameters (see below) on the command line using the form:

i.tape.tm.fast help [-q] **input**=name **group**=name **bands**=value[,value,...] [**rows**=firstrow–lastrow] [**cols**=firstcol–lastcol] [**TITLE**=name]

where the *input* should be the device name on which the tape media are mounted. The *group* is an imagery group which will store the extracted TM imagery. The *bands* value in a list separated by commas is the bands the user wants to extract from the imagery. The *rows* and *cols* represent the region which the user wishes to extract, where the default is whole imagery. At last an optional *TITLE* is for information only. Alternatively, the program will be run interactively if the user types only *i.tape.tm.fast*; in this case the program will prompt the user for parameter values using the standard GRASS [parser](#) interface.

Flags:

-q

Run quietly. Suppresses output of program percent-complete messages. If this flag is not used, these messages are printed out.

Parameters:

input=name

The name of the device on which the tape media containing the imagery files mounted.

group=name

The name of the group, which will store the imagery extracted from tape media.

bands=value[,value,...]

The bands the user wishes to be extracted from the tape media.

Options: 1-7

rows=firstrow-lastrow

The values of first and last row of the extracting region.

Default: full imagery

cols=firstcol-lastcol

The values of first and last column of the extracting region.

Default: full imagery

TITLE=name

The TITLE of the extracting imagery.

Default: TM Imagery File Extracted from Tape

NOTES

Running in command line mode, *i.tape.tm.fast* will overwrite the group file and support files without prompting if the files existed.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.tape.mss](#)

[i.tape.mss.h](#)

[i.tape.other](#)

[i.tape.tm](#)

[i.tape.spot](#)

[imagery](#)

[m.examine.tape](#)

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NAME

i.tape.tm – An [imagery](#) function that extracts LANDSAT Thematic Mapper (TM) imagery from half–inch tape.

(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.tape.tm

DESCRIPTION

i.tape.tm is a program that extracts LANDSAT Thematic Mapper (TM) imagery from half–inch tape.

This program must be run in a `LOCATION_NAME` with a x,y coordinate system (i.e., a coordinate system with projection 0). For further information regarding this `LOCATION_NAME` refer to the [imagery](#) manual entry.

The first prompt in *i.tape.tm* asks the user for the tape device name. This is sometimes `/dev/rmt0` (for a half–inch tape having a density of 1600 bpi), but this varies with each machine.

The next prompt is:

```
Please mount and load tape, then hit RETURN -->
```

IMAGE IDENTIFICATION MENU

The first menu in the program asks the user for information about the data.

```

    please enter the following information

Tape Identification:          ___
Image Description:           ___
Title for the Extracted Raster (Cell) Files:  ___

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
      (OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

This program automatically enters the scene ID number into the field for Tape Identification. The mission, path, row, quadrant, date, and whether the image is corrected is automatically entered into the field for Image Description.

The second menu is:

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```
THEMATIC MAPPER EXTRACT
please select the desired tape window (geographic
region definition) to extract
```

```
first row: _____(1-2984)
last row:  _____(1-2984)

first col: _____(1-4220)
last col:  _____(1-4220)
```

```
AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
      (OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

The numbers in parentheses are the total number of rows and columns on the tape including zeros (filler). This information and additional information can also be obtained by running the program [m.examine.tape](#). [m.examine.tape](#) will read any tape and provide the user with the number of files on a tape, the number of records on a tape, and the record lengths. Any subset of the image on the tape may be extracted. For a discussion of row and column extraction see the subheading `enTITLED ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION` below.

The next menu is:

```
please make an x by the bands you want extracted
```

```
_____ 1
_____ 2
_____ 3
_____ 4
_____ 5
_____ 6
_____ 7
```

```
AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
      (OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL)
```

TM imagery has 7 bands, but the user may want to extract only a subset of these bands. See the subheading in this entry `enTITLED ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION`.

The user then is asked to enter the prefix/group for the raster band files to be created. This name will precede each band file extracted into GRASS. For example, if three bands are extracted the following three band files will result:

```
prefixname.1
prefixname.2
prefixname.3
```

The specified *prefixname* will also automatically become the name for the [imagery](#) group file being created. Each image or quad (i.e., each run of *i.tape.tm*) should be given a unique prefix/group name.

The extraction process will begin by first skipping the number of specified files, advancing to the first band requested, and then reading the tape. After extracting the requested rows and columns for each band, the program creates support files for the raster band map layer. The percent completion of the extraction is displayed on the screen. Because TM imagery is divided into four quads and is stored in multiple tape sets, the program is designed to read one quad at a time. The number of tapes required to store one quad depends on

the number of bytes per inch in which the data is stored. If more than one tape is required to store one quad, the program will pause and inform the user to mount the next tape.

The extracted band files will be listed as raster map layers available in the current MAPSET and may be displayed using the GRASS commands [d.display](#), [d.rast](#) or [i.points](#).

NOTES

After extracting an image from tape the geographic region definition in the x,y coordinate LOCATION_NAME will be set based upon the extracted rows and columns from the tape. The relationship between the image rows and columns and the coordinates of the geographic region is discussed in the [imagery](#) manual entry.

This program is interactive and requires no command line arguments.

ROW AND COLUMN EXTRACTION

The display options in GRASS allow the user to locate rows and columns on the digital image. If enough disk space is available, one band of an entire image or, one band of a portion of an image known to contain the area of interest, can be extracted and displayed. The *measurements* option in [d.display](#), or [d.where](#) (following use of [d.rast](#)) will echo x and y coordinates to the screen. (These coordinates will display negative numbers in the north-south direction, but ignoring the negative sign will yield the row number.) See the [imagery](#) manual entry for further explanation.

Each quad of a TM image contains filler on both the left and right sides of the quad. The user may want to identify the row and column numbers in order to exclude the filler. This filler will otherwise be extracted with the image and take up unnecessary disk space.

If a photograph of the digital image is available, the rows and columns to be extracted can be determined from it by associating inches with the total number of known rows and columns in the scene. For example, if the total length of the photograph is 12 inches, the total number of rows on the tape is 2000, and the northwest corner of the area of interest begins 2 inches from the top of the photo, then:

$$\begin{aligned} 12" / 2000 \text{ rows} &= 2" / x \text{ rows} \\ x &= 333.333 \end{aligned}$$

The northwest corner of the area of interest starts at row 333. The starting row, ending row, starting column, and ending column can be calculated in this manner.

SEE ALSO

[d.display](#)

[d.rast](#)

[d.where](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.points](#)

[i.tape.mss](#)

[i.tape.mss.h](#)

[i.tape.other](#)

[imagery](#)
[m.examine.tape](#)

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NAME

i.target – This program targets an imagery group to a GRASS location and mapset
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.target [-c] **group**=*name* [**location**=*name*] [**mapset**=*name*]

Parameters:

Flags:

-c
Set current location and mapset as target for of imagery group

group
Name of imagery group

location
Name of imagery target location

mapset
Name of imagery target mapset

DESCRIPTION

i.target targets an [imagery](#) group to a GRASS data base location name and mapset. During the [imagery](#) program [i.rectify](#), a location name and mapset are required into which to transfer the rectified file just prior to completion of the program; *i.target* enables the user to specify this location. *i.target* must be run before [i.points](#) and [i.rectify](#).

In interactive mode the first prompt in the program asks the user for the name of the [imagery](#) group that needs a target. The imagery group must be present in the user's current mapset.

The following menu asking for the target LOCATION NAME and MAPSET is displayed:

```
Please select the target LOCATION and MAPSET for group <spot>
```

```
CURRENT LOCATION:  location_____
CURRENT MAPSET:    demo_____
```

```
TARGET LOCATION:  _____
TARGET MAPSET:    _____
```

```
(Enter list for a list of location names or mapsets
```

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within a location)

AFTER COMPLETING ALL ANSWERS, HIT <ESC> TO CONTINUE
(OR <Ctrl-C> TO CANCEL

An [imagery](#) group may be targeted to any GRASS location.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.points](#)

[i.rectify](#)

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NAME

i.texture – Calculate textural features on a raster map
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.texture
i.texture help
i.texture rast=name

DESCRIPTION

Reads a GRASS raster map as input. Calculates textural features based on spatial dependence matrices for north–south, east–west, northwest, and southwest directions using a 3x3 neighborhood (i.e., a distance of 1). Writes to standard output. Be sure to carefully set your resolution (using [g.region](#)) before running this program, or else your computer could run out of memory. Also, make sure that your raster map has no more than 255 categories.

OPTIONS

Parameter:

rast=name
Raster map name.

NOTES

Textural features include:

1. Angular Second Moment,
2. Contrast,
3. Correlation,
4. Variance,
5. Inverse Difference Moment,
6. Sum Average,
7. Sum Variance,
8. Sum Entropy,
9. Entropy,
10. Difference Variance,
11. Difference Entropy,

12. Information Measure of Correlation,
13. Another Information Measure of Correlation, and
14. Maximal Correlation Coefficient.

Algorithm taken from:

Haralick, R.M., K. Shanmugam, and I. Dinstein. 1973. Textural features for image classification. *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics*, SMC-3(6):610-621.

The code was taken by permission from *pgmtexture*, part of PBMPLUS (Copyright 1991, Jef Poskanser and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, employer for hire of James Darrell McCauley).

BUGS

The program can run incredibly slow for large raster files (larger than 64 x 64) and command line options are limited.

The method for finding (14) the maximal correlation coefficient, which requires finding the second largest eigenvalue of a matrix Q, does not always converge.

It would be interesting to write raster files to map features for neighborhoods, with some sort of quantization to record category values. This may be useful for image classification schemes, but this exercise is left to the reader (the changes would be fairly trivial).

REFERENCES

IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, SMC-3(6):610-621.

SEE ALSO

[g.region](#)

[r.reclass](#)

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NAME

i.vpoints – Identifies coordinate pairs of points from a vector map or keyboard entry and corresponding points in an image.

(GRASS Imagery Program)

SYNOPSIS

i.vpoints

DESCRIPTION

This program enables the user to identify coordinate pairs of points from a vector map or keyboard entry and corresponding points in an image to be rectified. The map coordinate values of each point are used to calculate a transformation matrix. The operator may then use the [i.rectify](#) program to rectify the image using the transformation matrix coefficients calculated from the control point file created in *i.vpoints*. The [i.rectify](#) program performs a first, second or third order transformation of the image.

The first step is to display the unrectified image and corresponding vector map data. The operator would then mark corresponding control point locations on the image and map. To identify the precise location of a point to be marked, *i.vpoints* has a zoom option. In addition to marking control points on an image to be rectified and inputting their world coordinate values using the keyboard, *i.vpoints* has the option to simultaneously display vector map data available in the targeted database, and identify on the vector map the location of the corresponding marked points. When this option is chosen, the coordinate values are input automatically. Any GRASS map layer or vector map in the targeted database LOCATION can be displayed using *i.vpoints*. The *i.vpoints* program also has the capability of overlaying (i.e., warping) the vector data onto the raster image to visually check the accuracy of the registration based on the current set of active control points. During the process of marking points and entering map coordinates, the user can compute the RMS (root mean square) error for each point entered. The *i.vpoints* program does this by calculating a transformation equation (the same one that is calculated in the GRASS program [i.rectify](#) 2). Coefficients are computed for the equation. The coefficients are then used in the equation along with the x,y coordinates of the marked points. The results are plugged into an equation for RMS error. The interpretation of RMS error is described in the ANALYZE subsection.

The procedures for marking control points (registration points), displaying vector map layers, overlaying vector maps onto the raster image, and calculating RMS error are described in the following sections .

To enter the program (the *i.vpoints* program requires the use of a graphics monitor) type *i.vpoints*:

i.vpoints

The first prompt in the program asks for the imagery group to be registered . . .

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```
Enter imagery group to be registered
Enter 'list' for a list of existing imagery groups
Enter 'list -f' for a verbose listing
Hit RETURN to cancel request
>
```

For example,

```
>list
```

might produce the following response:

```
<list>
Available groups
-----
test
-----
hit RETURN to continue -->
```

whereas,

```
>list -f
```

might produce the following response

```
Available groups
-----
test
    photo in PERMANENT
    res2 in tifftest
-----
hit RETURN to continue -->
```

The imagery group entered above should contain the files that you wish to rectify. After entering the group to be registered, the terminal screen displays the message:

```
>test
<test>
Use mouse now . . .
```

And the color graphics monitor displays the following screen:

Any single file in the imagery group may be used to mark points, and points can be marked on more than one file in the imagery group to accumulate the suggested minimum number of points (3 for a 1st order transformation, 6 for a 2nd order, and 10 for a 3rd order). Any file in the imagery group can be subsequently rectified (using [i.rectify](#)) based on the transformation matrix computed from these points.

The chosen file is displayed in the upper left quadrant of the monitor at a default magnification based on the extent of the current active window.

RASTER IMAGE

The raster image option on the menu at the bottom of the window allows the user to display any single file in the imagery group in the upper right quadrant of the window screen. The option provides the same file selection pick list as is presented when you first enter the *i.vpoints* program. When you select this option, the

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program will erase the data contained in all of the four quadrant windows and will reinitialize all program values.

VECTOR MAPS

The vector maps option on the menu at the bottom of the screen allows the user to display vector map data in the upper right quadrant of the screen. After selecting the vector map layer to display, a menu selection bar appears along the bottom on the screen. This pick list is used to select the line color (blue, gray, green, red, white, or yellow) for the selected vector data layer.

Refresh

The refresh option on the main menu allows the user to "refresh" or re-draw the displayed vector data. This function will erase all outlines showing the limits of previously zoomed areas. A "yes/no" roompt will appear:

```
Refresh Map ?          NO  YES
```

Zoom

To enlarge a raster or vector image, place the mouse cross hairs on the word zoom on the main menu and press the left button. The following menu will be displayed at the bottom. of the screen:

```
CANCEL  BOX  POINT      Select type of zoom
```

You have the option to identify the map extent of the zoom window using either the mouse to define a box, or the mouse to mark a center point from which to enlarge the image. The box option first prompts you to identify a starting corner for the zoom region and then allows you to define the area to be zoomed using a rubber band box. The prompts appear as follows...

```
CANCEL  Mark the first corner of region
```

```
CANCEL  Define the region
```

After marking the first corner of the region to be enlarged, hold down the left button and move the mouse to change the size and shape of the rubber band box. After defining the area to be enlarged, press the right button to accept it.

The point method for enlarging an image will display a mouse menu to guide you in selecting the appropriate enlargement. To enlarge or reduce the magnification factor, place the cursor on the "+" or "-" box and press the left button on the mouse.

You may zoom either the raster or the vector display.

Upon accepting the new region limits, the raster or vector data are redisplayed in either the lower left (raster) or lower right (vector) windows.

The extent of the zoomed area is outlined on the unzoomed image in the main window area.

While the main menu is displayed, you can mark corosponding control points on the raster and vector images or enter map coordinates from the keyboard. If you are using coordinates taken from a reference map, circle these points and then use whatever means you have available to identify as precisely as possible the coordinate values for these points. Digitizing software is recommended, especially GRASS 3.0 program

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digit/1/. Once you have determined the standard coordinates (for example, UTM's) of each circled point, you are ready to mark the points on the displayed image.

To mark the points on the image, that correspond to the points on the standard coordinate map, place the mouse cross hairs on the point on the image to be marked (you will probably have to ZOOM to find the exact spot) and press the left hand button on the mouse. A diamond shaped symbol will be marked on the image. The text monitor will display the following screen:

```
Point 1 marked on the image at
East:  1023.77
North: -164.41

Enter coordinates as east north:
```

Analyze

After a number of points have been marked (a minimum of 4 for a 1st order transformation, 7 for a 2nd order, and 11 for a 3rd order), the RMS error of the points marked on the image can be checked. This is done by placing the cross hairs on the word ANALYZE on the main menu at the bottom of the monitor. The following error report is superimposed on the monitor:

```
error
#   col  row target      image      target
#   col  row target  east      north     east      north
1  -0.9  0.0  1.0  1048.5    -144.8    679132.5  4351080.6
2   1.0  0.4  1.3  2153.1    -567.2    684314.7  4399001.4
.
.
.
Overall rms error  76.85
```

The RMS error for the image being rectified is recorded under the column "error" and subTITLED "row" and "col". In the above report, the marked point number 1 is 0.0 rows and -0.9 columns from the predicted location calculated by the transformation equation. The RMS error for the target database map is recorded under the heading "error" and the subheading "target". This is the RMS error for the east and the north coordinate values of the target map, but it is represented in the table using one general value. The overall RMS error for the image is displayed at the bottom of the screen in meters. Points that generate a high RMS error are displayed in red on the monitor. The x,y coordinate values of the point marked on the image being rectified are recorded under the heading "image" and the subheadings "east" and "north". The standard coordinate values of the point in the target database are recorded under the heading "target" and the subheadings "east" and "north". If the user would like to exclude or include a point, this can be accomplished by placing the mouse cross hairs on the point number to be included (if the point is absent) or excluded (if the point is displayed) and then pressing the left button on the mouse twice. When a point is excluded, it is not included in the calculation of the RMS error, or included in the final transformation matrix. However, it can be retrieved within *i.vpoints* at any time by double clicking with the mouse as described above.

The following menu appears at the bottom of the monitor:

```
DONE  PRINT  FILE  OVERLAY  DELETE ON      Transformation -
->  1st ORDER  Double click on point to be DELETED
```

Selecting DELETE ON will toggle the option to DELETE OFF, the toggle option is used to allow the user to physically remove a control point from the POINTS file instead of just flagging it as a non-active reference

point.

Overlay

Overlay allows the user to overlay the vector map(s) onto the raster image. Overlay can be used to warp (register) and display the selected vector file data on top of the raster image contained in the upper left window of the color screen. An inverse coordinate transformation is performed using the currently active order of transformation (i.e., first, second, or third).

```
Overlay vectors on raster image  NO  YES
```

By selecting the 1st ORDER option, the user may select the order of transformation desired:

```
Select order of transformation --> 1st Order 2nd Order 3rd Order
```

The program will immediately recalculate the RMSE and the number of points required.

Quit

To exit the *i.vpoints* program, place the mouse cross hairs on the word QUIT at the bottom of the monitor and all of the marked points (including coordinates) will be saved.

SEE ALSO

GRASS Tutorial: [Image Processing](#)

[g.mapsets](#)

[i.group](#)

[i.points](#)

[i.rectify](#)

[i.rectify](#)

[i.target](#)

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NAME

i.zc – Zero-crossing "edge detection" raster function for image processing.
(*GRASS Image Processing Program*)

SYNOPSIS

i.zc

i.zc help

i.zc input_map=name zc_map=name [width=value] [threshold=value] [orientations=value]

DESCRIPTION

i.zc is an image processing program used for edge detection. The raster map produced shows the location of "boundaries" on the input map. Boundaries tend to be found in regions of changing cell values and tend to run perpendicular to the direction of the slope. The algorithm used for edge detection is one of the "zero-crossing" algorithms and is discussed briefly below.

This program will be run interactively if the user types ***i.zc*** without program arguments on the command line. In this event, the program will prompt the user for parameter values using the standard interface described in the manual entry for [parser](#). Alternately, the user can run the program non-interactively by specifying program parameter values on the command line.

OPTIONS

Parameters:

input_map=name

Name of input raster map layer.

zc_map=name

Name of raster map layer to be used for zero-crossing values.

width=value

This parameter determines the x-y extent of the Gaussian filter. The default value is 9; higher and lower values can be tested by the user. Increasing the width will result in finding "edges" representing more gradual changes in cell values.

Default: 9

threshold=value

This parameter determines the "sensitivity" of the Gaussian filter. The default value is 10; higher and lower values can be tested by the user. Increasing the threshold value will result in fewer edges being found.

Default: 10

orientations=value

This value is the number of azimuth directions the cells on the output raster map layer are categorized into (similar to the aspect raster map layer produced by the [r.slope.aspect](#) program). For example, a value of 16 would result in detected edges being categorized into one of 16 bins depending on the direction of the edge at that point.

Default: 1

The current region definition and mask settings are respected when reading the input map.

NOTES

The procedure to find the "edges" in the image is as follows:

1. The Fourier transform of the image is taken,
2. The Fourier transform of the Laplacian of a two-dimensional Gaussian function is used to filter the transformed image,
3. The result is run through an inverse Fourier transform,
4. The resulting image is traversed in search of places where the image changes from positive to negative or from negative to positive,
5. Each cell in the map where the value crosses zero (with a change in value greater than the threshold value) is marked as an edge and an orientation is assigned to it. The resulting raster map layer is output.

SEE ALSO

[i.fft](#)

[i.iff](#)

[r.mapcalc](#)

[r.mfilter](#)

[r.slope.aspect](#)

[parser](#)

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