

# IceMan - Region Selection

Operations in this section have to do with selecting arbitrarily shaped regions in images, a process also called *image segmentation*. All operations generate *matte*s, which are single-channel images describing region "membership". A matte pixel is 1 if the corresponding image pixel belongs to a region, and 0 if it does not. Intermediate values indicate "partial" membership and serve to soften, or feather, matte edges.

## ice.Image SeedFill(*seedPoint*, *startRadius*, *endRadius*)

Seed-filling, or region-growing, operation. Returns a matte image. Starting at a specified location, a region of contiguous pixels is computed such that the pixels satisfy a color proximity criterion. Pixels closer than *startRadius* generate a matte value of unity, and pixels further away than *endRadius* generate a matte value of zero. Intermediate values roll-off linearly. Useful values for the distance are in the 10-100 range.

### Parameters

*seedPoint*

Location of "nucleus" (list).

*startRadius*

Color distance below which matte value is unity (int).

*endRadius*

Color distance above which matte value is zero (int).

### Example



```
point = (608,260)
result = image.SeedFill(point, 10, 40)
```



The color proximity metric used is Euclidean in the n-space that the pixels inhabit, where n is the number of channels. No guarantees of perceptual proximity are made: images must be transformed into a suitable space before attempting the fill.

## ice.Image ColorKey(*seedColor*, *startRadius*, *endRadius*)

Select all pixels in an image satisfying a certain proximity criterion. Pixels closer than *startRadius* generate a matte value of unity, and pixels further away than *endRadius* generate a matte value of zero. Intermediate values roll-off linearly. Useful values for the distance are in the 10-100 range.

### Parameters

*seedColor*

Color of pixel to be used as the "cluster" center (list).

*startRadius*

Color distance below which matte value is unity (int).

*endRadius*

Color distance above which matte value is zero (int).

## Example



```
# Note that this operation gets non-contiguous pixels, too
color = [0.384, 0.294, 0.0745]
result = cdev.ColorKey(color, 0, 15)
```



The color proximity metric used is Euclidean in the n-space that the pixels inhabit, where n is the number of channels. No guarantees of perceptual proximity are made: images must be transformed into a suitable space before attempting the fill.

## ColorKeyFill(*x*, *y*, *seedColor*, *startRadius*, *endRadius*)

Seed-filling, or region-growing, operation. Returns a matte image. Starting at a specified location, a region of contiguous pixels is computed such that the pixels satisfy a color proximity criterion. Pixels closer than *startRadius* generate a matte value of unity, and pixels further away than *endRadius* generate a matte value of zero. Intermediate values roll-off linearly. Useful values for the distance are in the 10-100 range.

This version differs from *ColorFill* in that a pixel different from the one at the "nucleus" can be specified.

### Parameters

*x*

x coord start seed fill operation (int). *y*: y coord to start seed fill operation (int).

*seedColor*

Color of pixel to be used as the "cluster" center (list).

*startRadius*

Color distance below which matte value is unity (int).

*endRadius*

Color distance above which matte value is zero (int).