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%Tracking of PW values
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%Requires the Image Processing Toolbox
%clear, clean, and time
clear
clc
tic
%Change directory to location of data
cd('F:\TrackPW')
%Set's the minimum PW threshold to define a "region"
%I tried 40:5:65
PW_thresh=55;%55;
%Read in PW from netCDF
PW=ncread('MERRA_tqv_0.67x0.5deg_1997-2015_dailyavg.nc','tqv');
%Determine length of PW (in time)
[~,~,il]=size(PW);
%Create a small subdomain
%Size depends on region of interest
PWsmallout=ones(84+2,81+2,i1+2);
%Set binary marked based on PW_thresh on subdomain
for i=1:il
    PWsmall=squeeze(PW(338:421,41:121,i));
    PWsmall(PWsmall<PW_thresh)=0;</pre>
    PWsmall(PWsmall~=0)=1;
    PWsmallout(2:end-1,2:end-1,i+1)=PWsmall;
end
%Call the image processing toolbox
%Returns a struct of connected regions in time and space
Objects=bwconncomp(PWsmallout);
clear PWsmall PWsmallout PW
%For each region, identify the bounding box
BB=regionprops(Objects, 'BoundingBox');
%Extracts geometric lengths for convenience
TimeLength=NaN(1,0bjects.NumObjects);
Area=NaN(1,0bjects.NumObjects);
for i=2:0bjects.NumObjects
    TimeLength(i)=BB(i).BoundingBox(6);
    Area(i)=(BB(i).BoundingBox(4)*2/3)*(BB(i).BoundingBox(5)*0.5);
histogram(TimeLength(2:end))
toc
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count=0;
%Determine the properties of long-lived PW regions in the same way we did
%above for all regions
for i=2:0bjects.NumObjects
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%Make sure objects last at least 5 days
        if TimeLength(i)>4
                count=count+1;
                PW=zeros(84+2,81+2,i1+2);
                PW(Objects.PixelIdxList{i})=1;
                %Record long-lived PW regions longevity
                Long Objects \{count\}. Times = BB(i). Bounding Box(3) + .5: BB(i). Bounding Box(4) + .5: Bbunding Bo
                for k=LongObjects{count}.Times(1):LongObjects{count}.Times(end)
                         %Record the geometric properties of potentially serval regions
                         %at any one time that are part of the long-lived region. We're
                         %taking 2D snapshots and recording centroids.
                         tempObjects=bwconncomp(squeeze(PW(:,:,k+1)));
                         tempCent=regionprops(tempObjects, 'Centroid');
                         for j=1:tempObjects.NumObjects
                                 LongObjects{count}.Centroids(k-
LongObjects{count}.Times(1)+1, j, 1:2)=tempCent(j).Centroid;
                         end
                end
        end
end
clear tempObjects tempCent
toc
%%
PWRegion=NaN(1,4);
%Constructs the useful output vector, 'PWRegion'. The vector is composed
%of columns: 1) LongObject number 2) Gregorian day 3) latitude 4) longitude
%5) year 6) doy 7) month 8) day of month.
%Example: If the first 'LongObject' has 3 2D regions at some point in its
        lifetime, there will be 3 centroid locations recorded for each doy the
        'LongObject' exists. Some locations are NaNs. This implies fewer than
       the maximum number of regions occur on that day. So, day 1 might have
        3 centroid (i.e. 3 2D regions), day 2 might have 2 centroids and a NaN
        centroid (2 of the origional regions merged), day 3 might have 1
%
        centroid and 2 NaNs (the 2 remaining regions merged), day 4 might have
        2 centroids and a NaN (the region split).
%Insert centroids to PWRegion
for i=1:length(LongObjects)
        [Times,Pieces,~]=size(LongObjects{i}.Centroids);
        Rows=Times*Pieces;
        count=0;
        for j=1:Times
                for k=1:Pieces
                         count=count+1;
                         A(count,1:4)=[i 2450449+LongObjects{i}.Times(j),...
                                 LongObjects{i}.Centroids(j,k,1),...
                                 LongObjects{i}.Centroids(j,k,2)];
                end
        end
        if i==1
                PWRegion(1:Rows,1:4)=A;
                PWRegion=[PWRegion; A];
        end
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clear A
end
%Replace roque zeros with NaN
PWRegion(PWRegion==0)=NaN;
%Convert centroids to lat/long
lat=ncread('MERRA_tqv_0.67x0.5deg_1997-2015_dailyavg.nc','latitude');
long=ncread('MERRA_tqv_0.67x0.5deg_1997-2015_dailyavg.nc','longitude');
l=~isnan(PWRegion(:,3));
PWRegion(1,3)=lat(round(PWRegion(1,3))+40); %Test Switch
PWRegion(1,4)=long(round(PWRegion(1,4))+337);%Test Switch
%rows of PWRegion
[il2,~]=size(PWRegion);
%For each PWRegion find year and convert to day of year
%This should probably be written more sensibly if this code is to be used
%for files other than the one I used (Matt)
for i=1:il2
    JD=PWRegion(i,2);
    if JD<2450815
        yr=1997;
        doy=JD-2450450+1;
    elseif JD<2451180
        yr=1998;
        doy=JD-2450815+1;
    elseif JD<2451545
        yr=1999;
        doy=JD-2451180+1;
    elseif JD<2451911
        yr=2000;
        doy=JD-2451545+1;
    elseif JD<2452276%5
        yr=2001;
        doy=JD-2451911+1;
    elseif JD<2452641
        yr=2002;
        doy=JD-2452276+1;%5
    elseif JD<2453006
        yr = 2003;
        doy=JD-2452641+1;
    elseif JD<2453372
        yr = 2004;
        doy=JD-2453006+1;
    elseif JD<2453737
        yr=2005;
        doy=JD-2453372+1;
    elseif JD<2454102
        yr=2006;
        doy=JD-2453737+1;
    elseif JD<2454467
        yr = 2007;
        doy=JD-2454102+1;
    elseif JD<2454833
        yr=2008;
        doy=JD-2454467+1;
    elseif JD<2455198
        yr=2009;
        dov=JD-2454833+1:
    elseif JD<2455563
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yr = 2010;
        doy=JD-2455198+1;
    elseif JD<2455928
        yr=2011;
        doy=JD-2455563+1;
    elseif JD<2456294
        yr=2012;
        doy=JD-2455928+1;
    elseif JD<2456659
        yr=2013;
        doy=JD-2456294+1;
    elseif JD<2457024
        yr=2014;
        doy=JD-2456659+1;
    elseif JD>=2457024
        yr=2015;
        doy=JD-2457024+1;
    end
    %Fill time stamps for PWRegions
    PWRegion(i,5)=yr;
    PWRegion(i,6)=doy;
    [~,PWRegion(i,7),PWRegion(i,8)]=julian2greg(JD);
%Make the 'short version' of PWRegion. (On RAMADDA server as case list)
PWRegions_Short=NaN(length(LongObjects),3);
for i=1:length(LongObjects)
    Ind=find(PWRegion(:,1)==i,1,'first');
    PWRegions_Short(i,:)=[PWRegion(Ind,5) PWRegion(Ind,7) PWRegion(Ind,8)];
end
toc
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