# Inflection points for sigma > 0

# 120 100 80 60 40

# Scale-Based Description and Recognition of Planar Curves and Two-Dimensional Shapes

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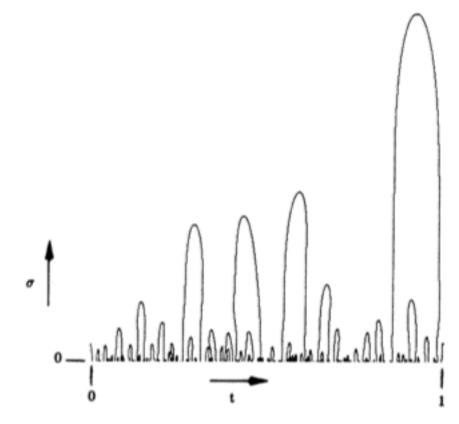
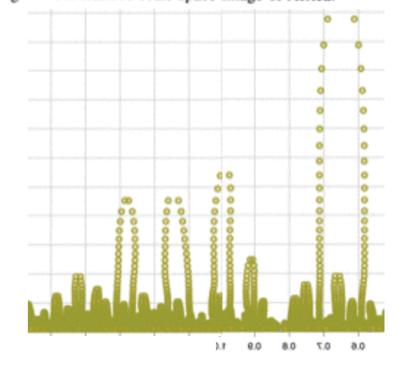


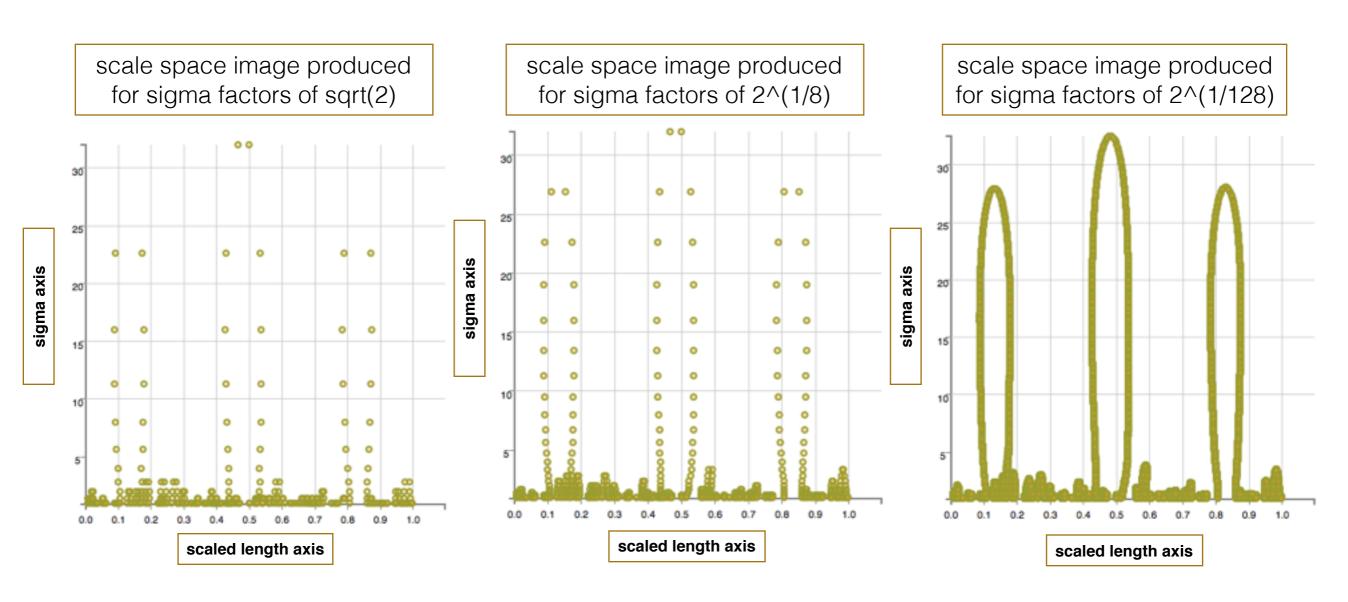
Fig. 3. Generalized scale space image of Africa.



my scale space image agrees with theirs (my implementation follows their paper)

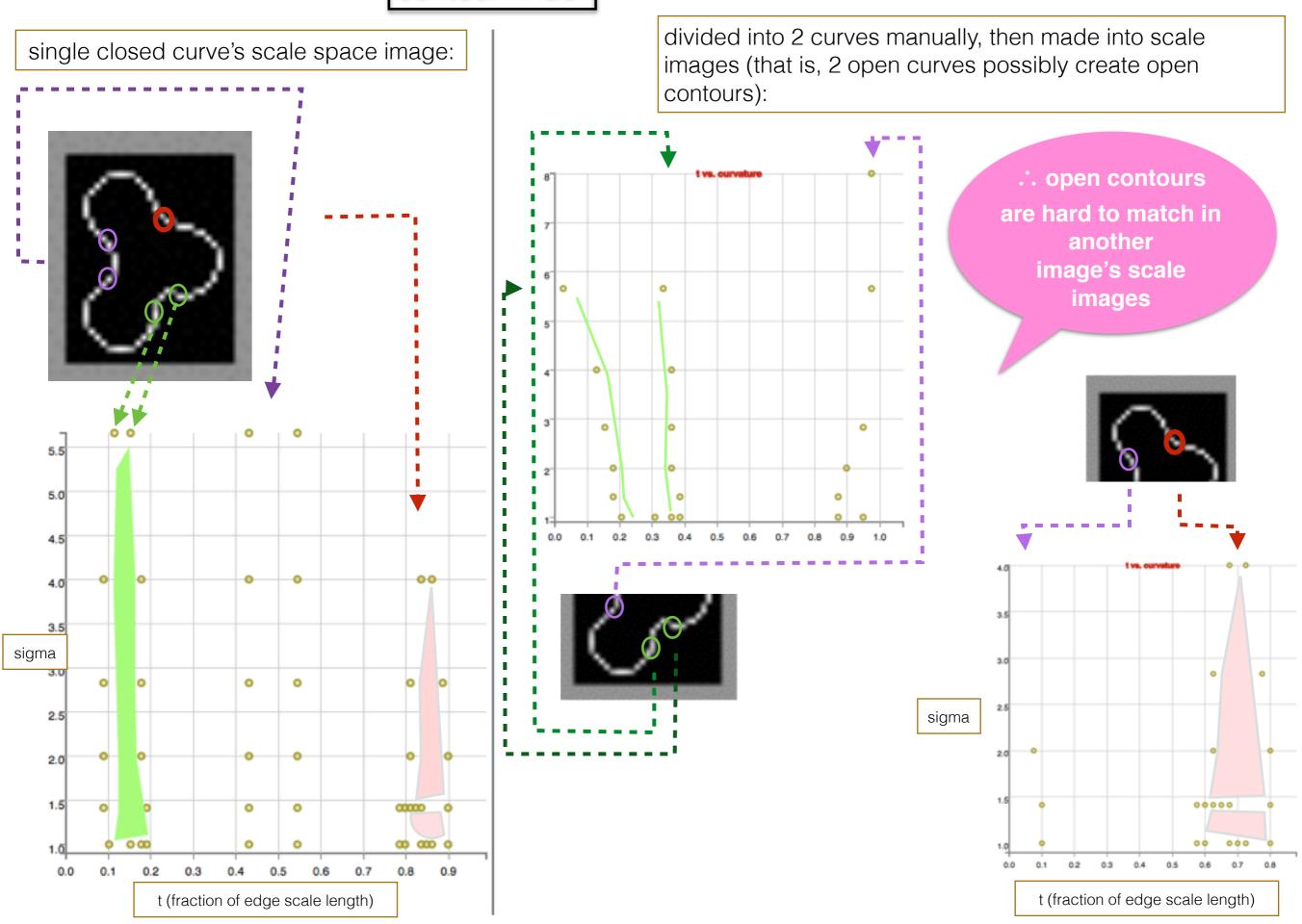
# contour finder



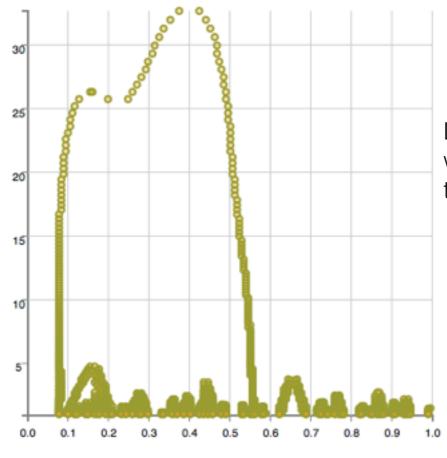


There is an error in estimating the peak of a contour for fastest creation of scale space images (<= sqrt(2)). That error can be reduced overall, by having more contours in the final solution. For an error < 10% in determining a contour's peak height, one should choose a sigma factor of  $2^{(1/8)}$  or smaller. It takes  $2^{3}$  more convolutions if the smaller sigma factor of  $2^{(1/8)}$  is used instead of  $2^{(1/2)}$ .

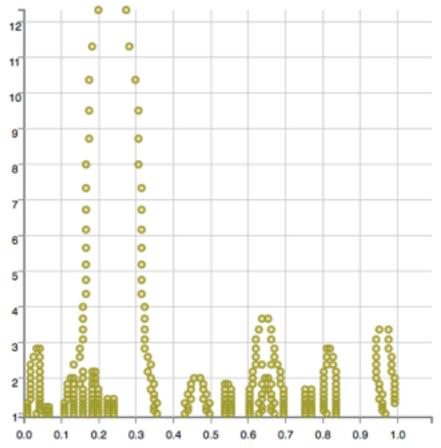
# contour finder



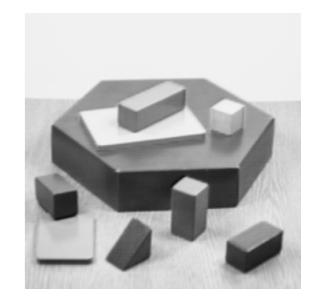
# contour finder



Latest results with improved line thinner.



Older results with older line thinner.

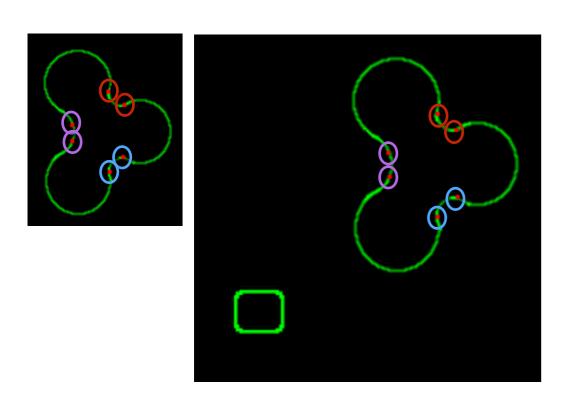


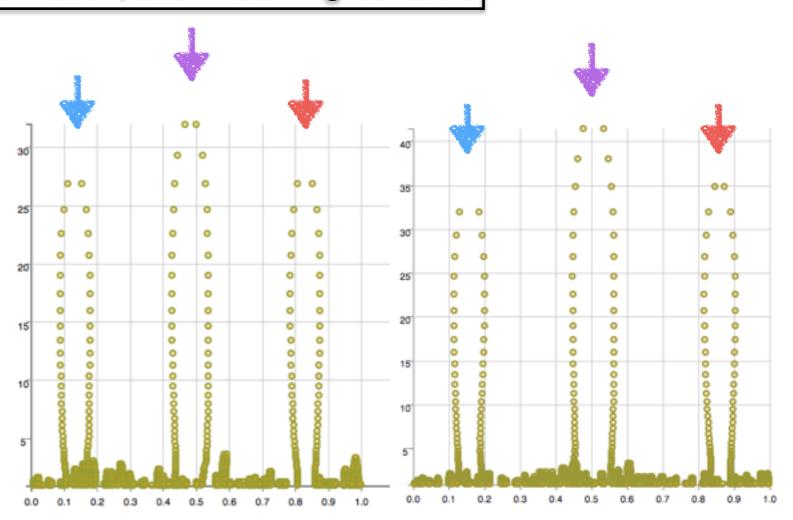
The contour finder looks for the peaks at the highest sigma and then follows the left and right branches down, subtracting that contour from the scale space image. each contour is found that way and subtracted to a lower threshold.

Then contours from one image are matched with the contours of another image (an image having the same content, that is).

Then euclidean transformation parameters rotation, scale, and translation are calculated from the matched contour peak coordinates.

Then, the parameters are refined with small changes and applied to the edges in image 1. The transformed closed curve edges from image 1 are compared to the closest matches in image 2 to find the best fitting transformation parameters.



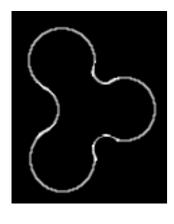


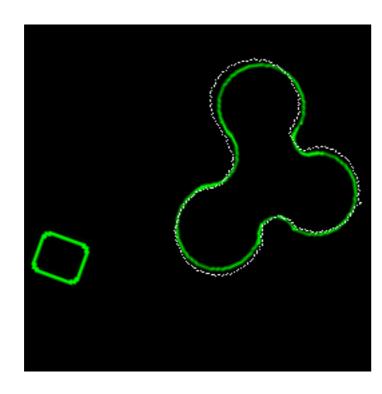
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 20

Contour matcher solution scale=1.354256510734558
Contour matcher solution shift=-0.1688411384820938
CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (43.336529, 0.504396) (157, 108) (159, 101)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.148750, 0.157143) (190, 143) (177, 150)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.859341) (200, 85) (209, 97)
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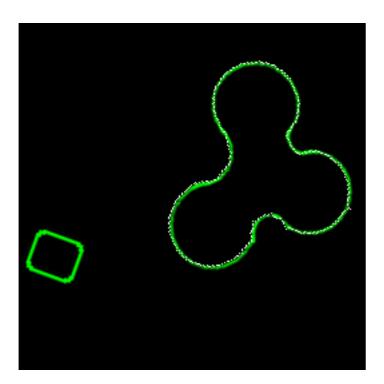
translationX=108.1361 translationY=15.72716





rotationInRadians=6.0030236
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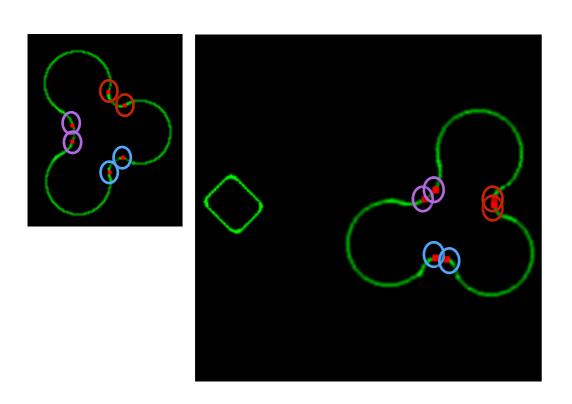
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360-20

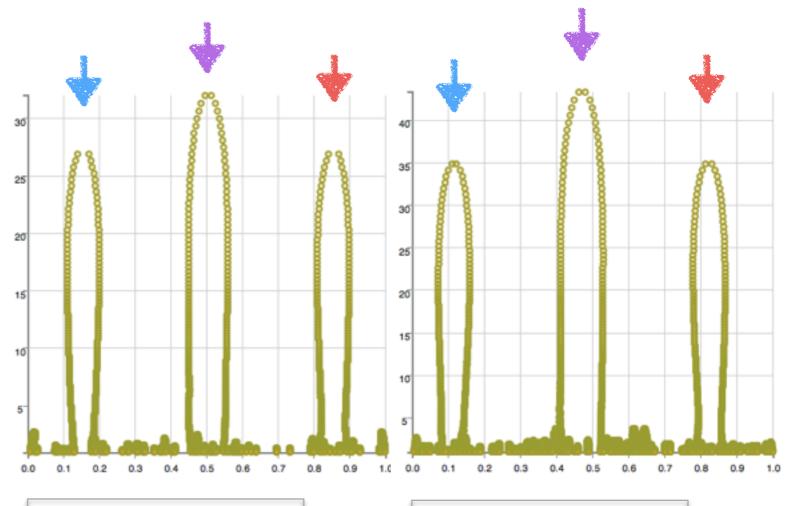


This shows that it's difficult to estimate scale unless some of the inflection points are further from the center of the shape

#### **After Refinement**

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scale=1.3042566
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translationY=20.0





reversed to have CCW ordering

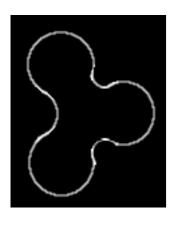
reversed to have CCW ordering

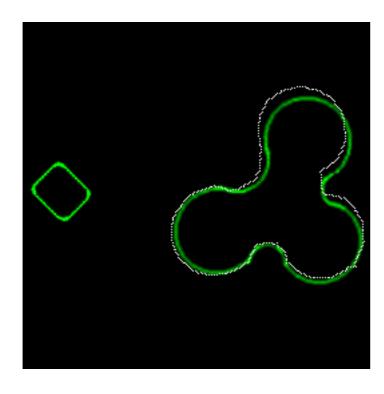
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 45

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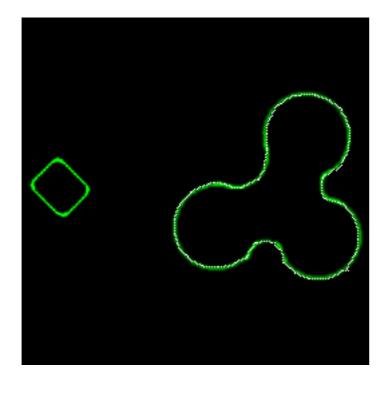
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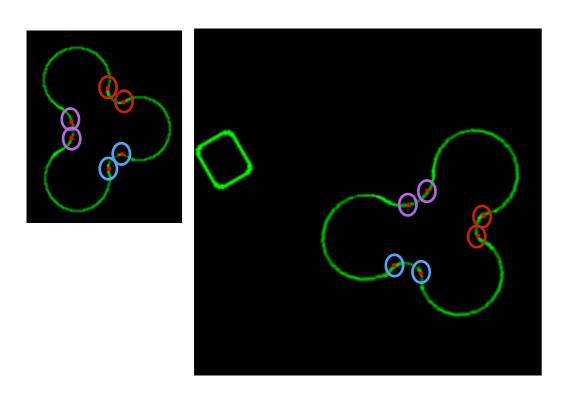
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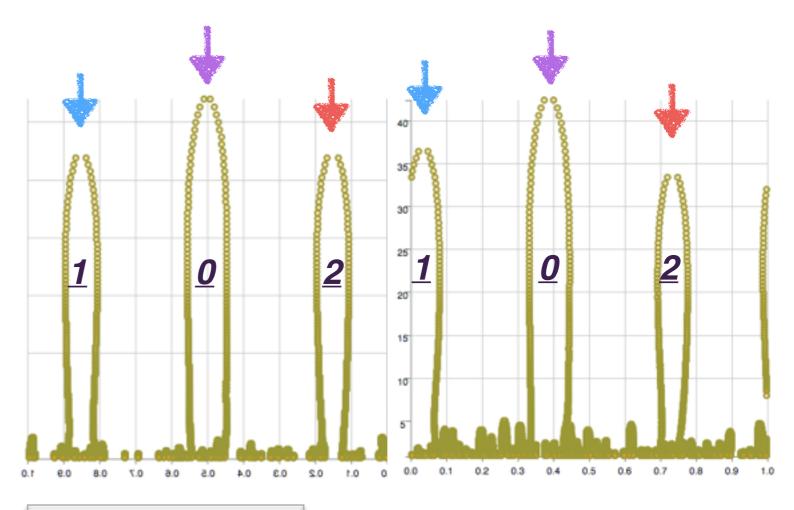
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#### **After Refinement**

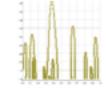
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reversed to have CCW ordering

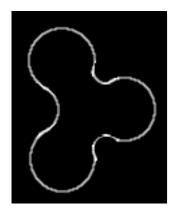
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 60

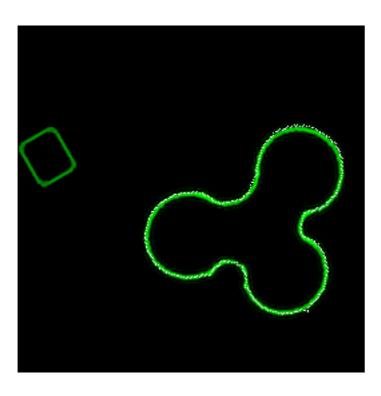


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CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (42.407913, 0.387309) (161, 133) (172, 126)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (36.441517, 0.035011) (168, 182) (157, 176)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (33.417011, 0.734136) (215, 143) (213, 156)
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offsetImgX2=0 offsetImgY2=71
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scale=1.3252375 translationX=107.96625

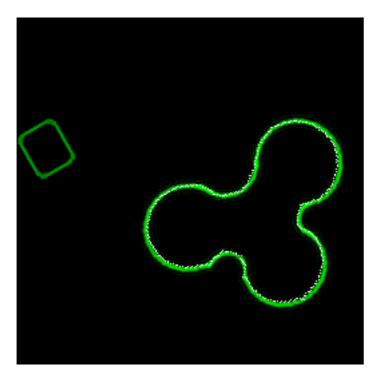
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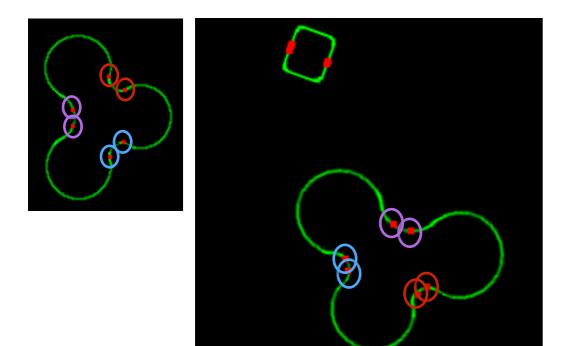
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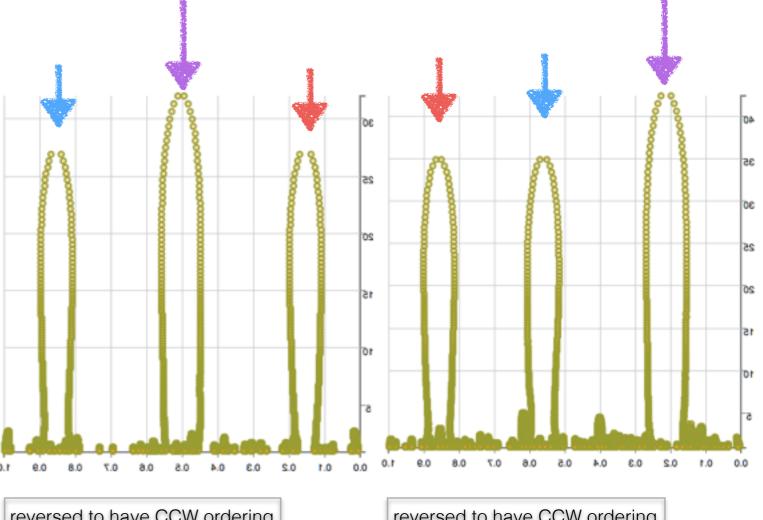
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 60



#### **After Refinement**

rotationInRadians=5.2398615
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reversed to have CCW ordering

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scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 -110

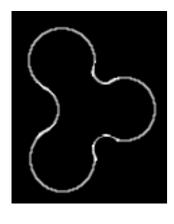


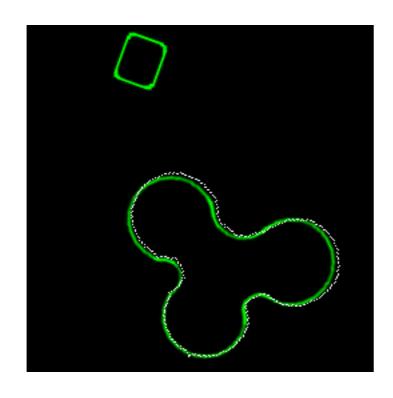
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CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (42.407913, 0.787445) (148, 154) (161, 159)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.439427) (114, 189) (112, 180)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.142070) (173, 201) (166, 207)
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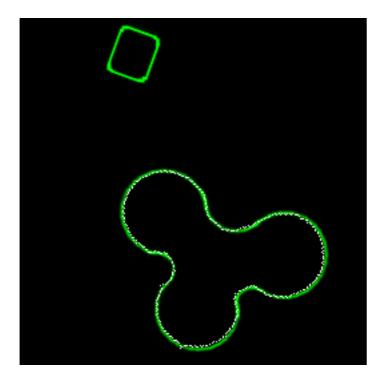
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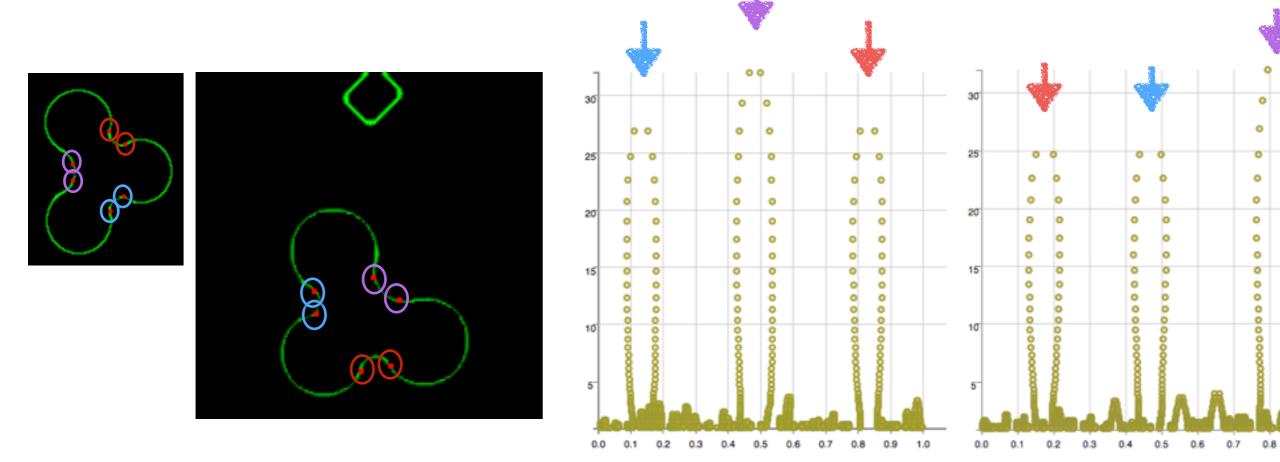
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scale should be 1 rotation should be 360 - 110 (250)



#### **After Refinement**

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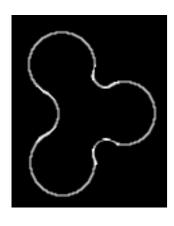
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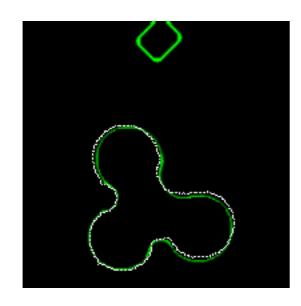
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scale should be 1.0 rotation should be 360 - 135

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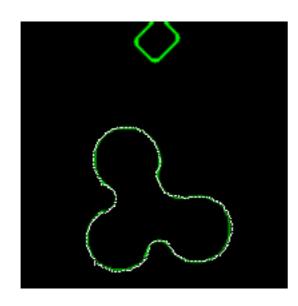
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CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (25.768024, 0.468300) (69, 136) (69, 127)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (25.768024, 0.175793) (105, 164) (97, 166)
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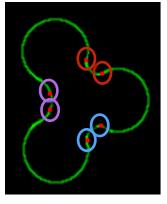
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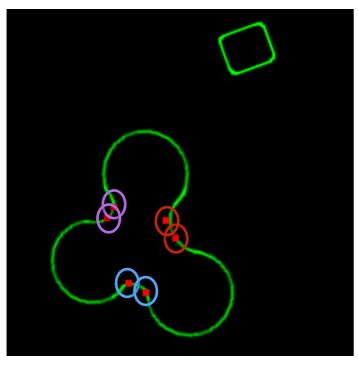
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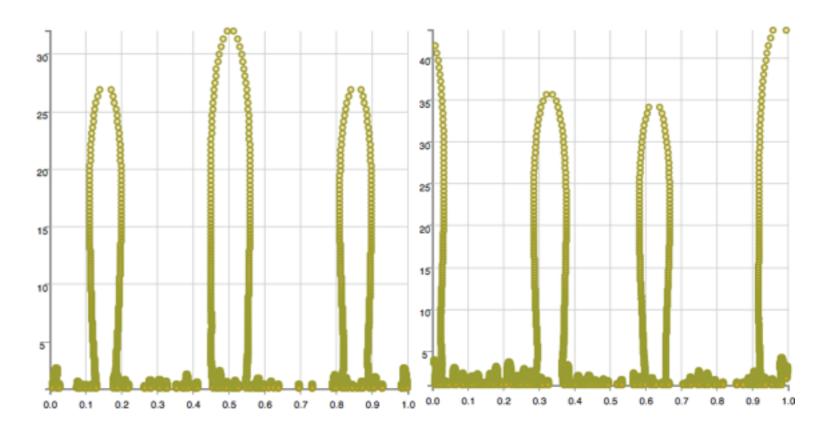


#### **After Refinement**

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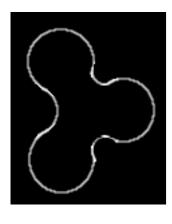
reversed to have CCW ordering

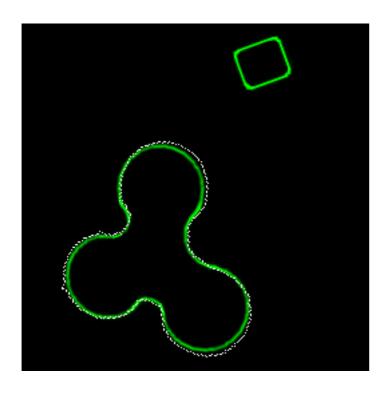
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 160

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CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (35.660648, 0.672489) (75, 156) (80, 148)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.148750, 0.377729) (104, 212) (91, 205)
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10
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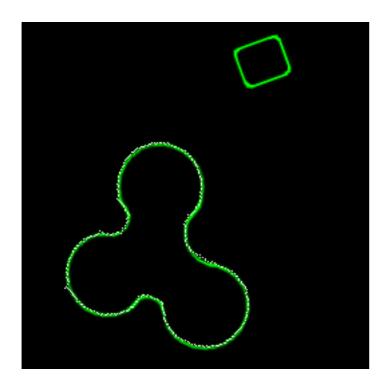
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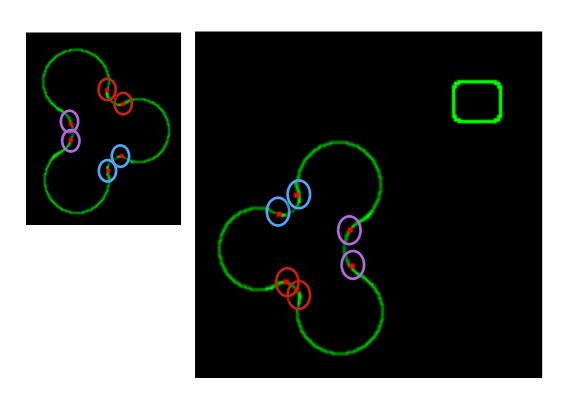
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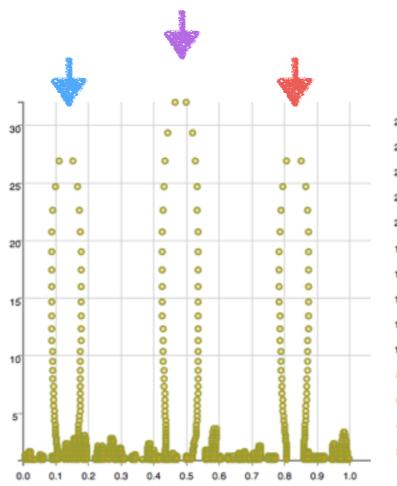
scale should be 1 rotation should be 360 - 160

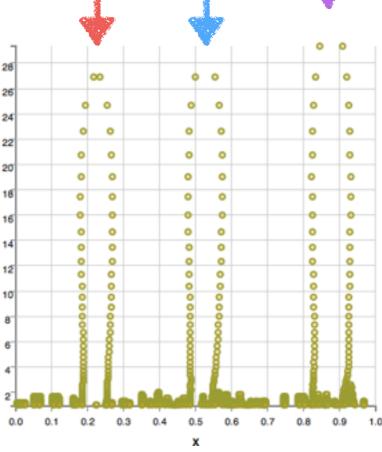


#### **After Refinement**

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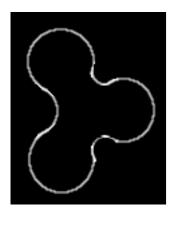


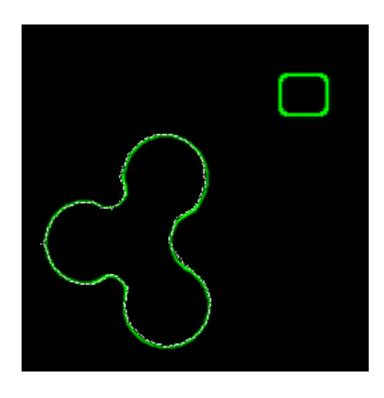
reversed to have CCW ordering

scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 180

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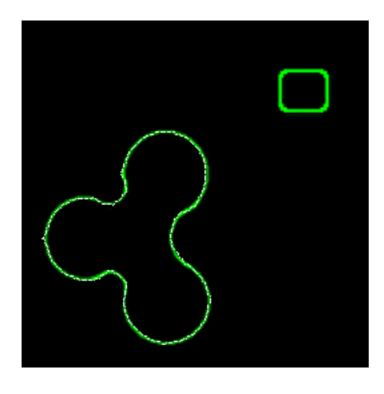
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CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (41.499199, 0.873068) (111, 158) (112, 167)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (35.660648, 0.522075) (67, 137) (77, 127)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.222958) (75, 194) (69, 188)
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10
offsetImgX2=14 offsetImgY2=33
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translationX=5.891382
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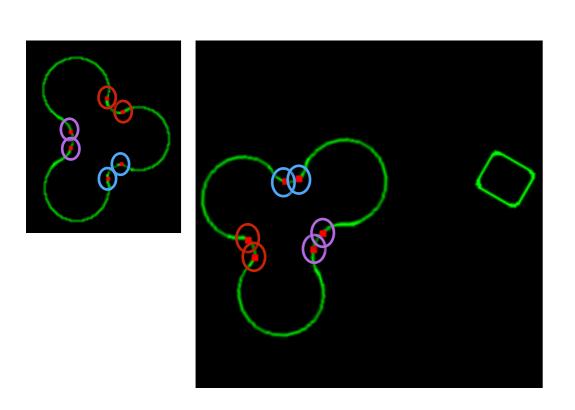
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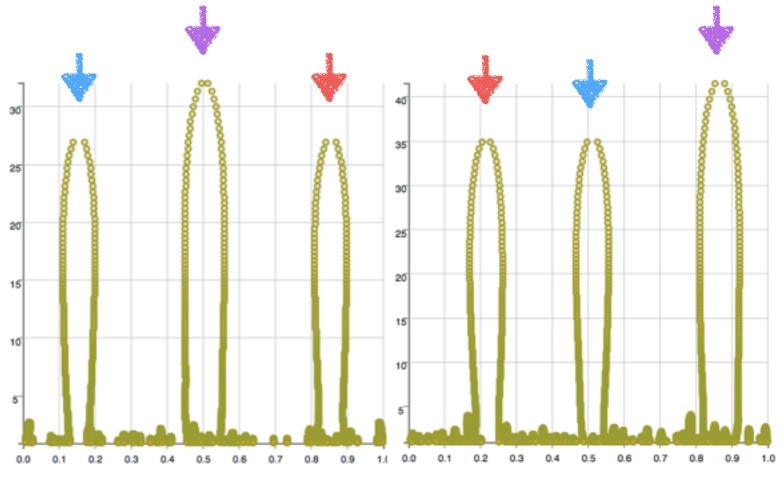
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 180



#### **After Refinement**

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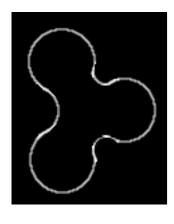
reversed to have CCW ordering

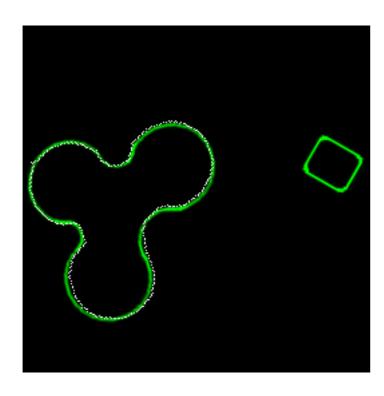
reversed to have CCW ordering

scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 210

translationY=41.450577

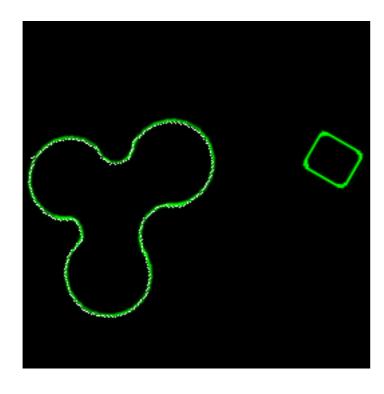
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CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.490044) (44, 162) (39, 149)
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10
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scale=1.2968404
translationX=-10.876109
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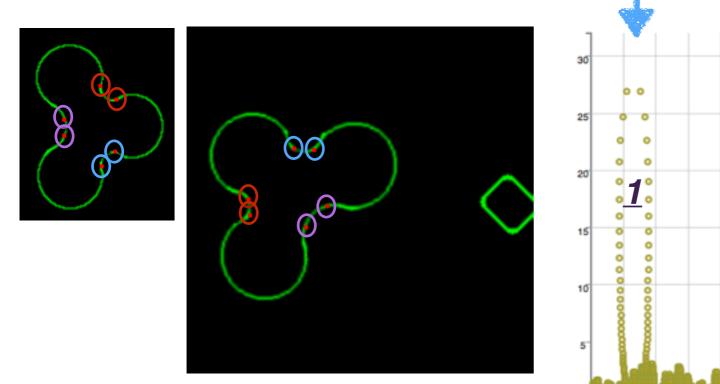
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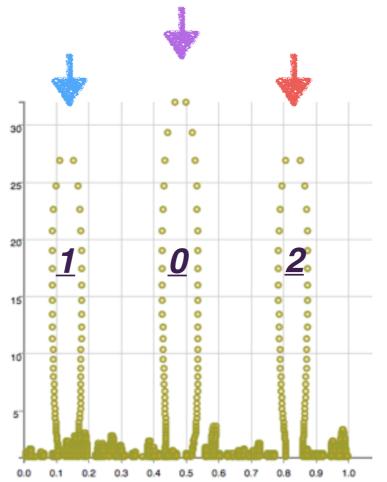
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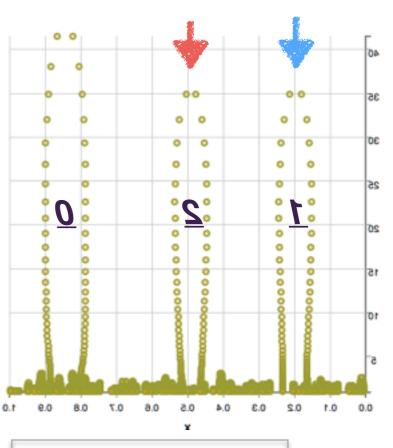


#### **After Refinement**

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scale=1.2968404
translationX=-12.0
translationY=43.0





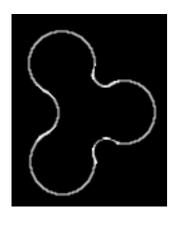


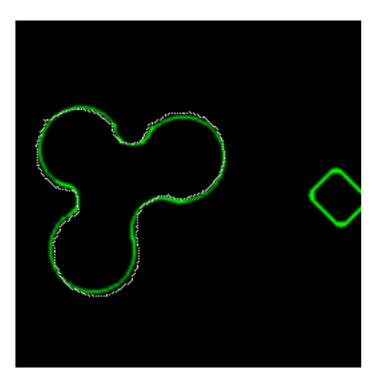
reversed to have CCW ordering

scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 225

Contour matcher solution scale=1.325237512588501
Contour matcher solution shift=-0.5053889751434326
CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (42.407913, 0.153422) (98, 136) (91, 143)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.802428) (81, 91) (92, 92)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.508830) (46, 140) (45, 129)
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10
offsetImgX2=14 offsetImgY2=61
rotationInRadians=2.4194849
rotationInDegrees=138.6262707153875
scale=1.3252375

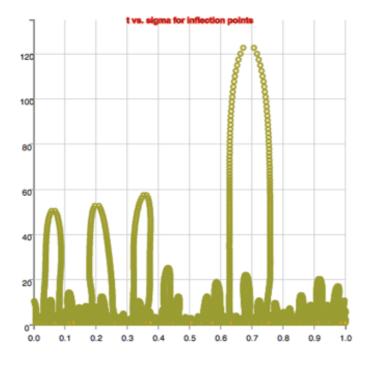
translationX=-5.8268623 translationY=25.13414





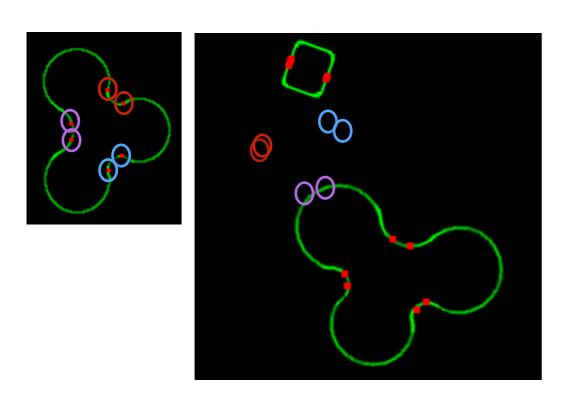
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10 offsetImgX2=14 offsetImgY2=61 rotationInRadians=2.4194849 rotationInDegrees=138.6262707153875 scale=1.3252375 translationX=-5.8268623 translationY=25.13414

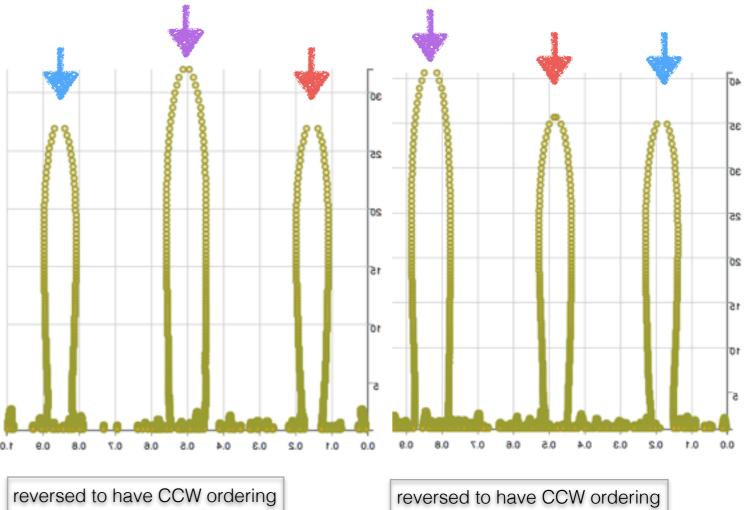
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 225



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rotationInRadians=2.3322184
rotationInDegrees=133.6262717146147
scale=1.2752376
translationX=-3.0
translationY=27.0



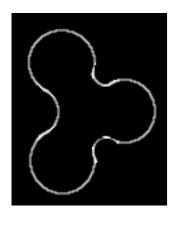


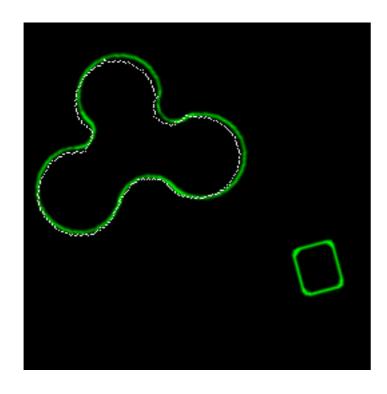
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 255

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CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (40.609955, 0.168514) (98, 115) (82, 118)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.817073) (101, 65) (113, 73)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (35.660648, 0.517738) (49, 89) (51, 86)
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offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10 offsetImgX2=5 offsetImgY2=20 rotationInRadians=1.8595577 rotationInDegrees=106.54481071213507 scale=1.2690517

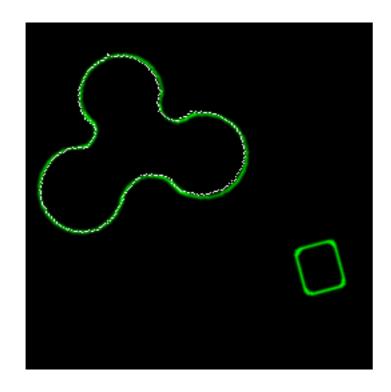
translationX=3.6613295 translationY=-1.6037707





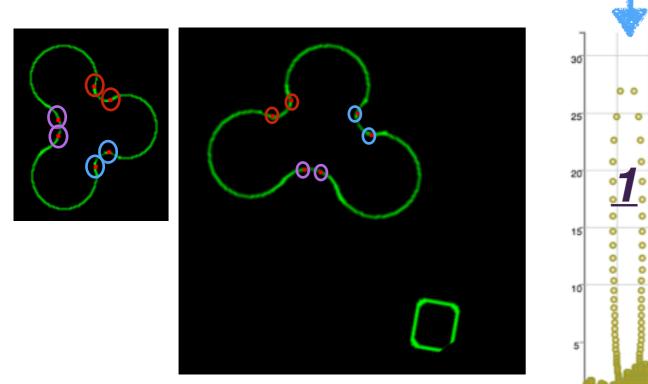
rotationInRadians=1.8595577
rotationInDegrees=106.54481071213507
scale=1.2690517
translationX=3.6613295
translationY=-1.6037707

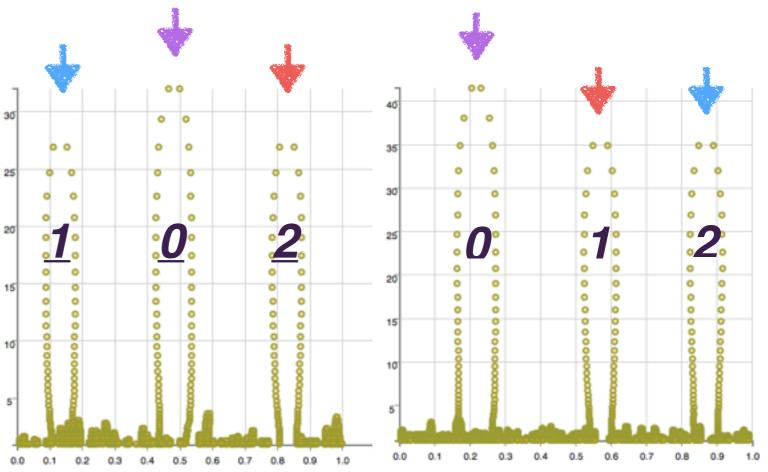
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 255



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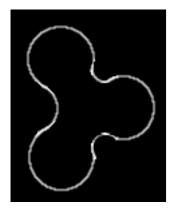
rotationInRadians=1.8558925
rotationInDegrees=106.33480971591386
scale=1.2845517
translationX=4.0
translationY=-6.0

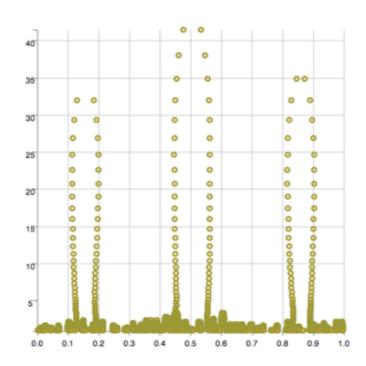




scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 280

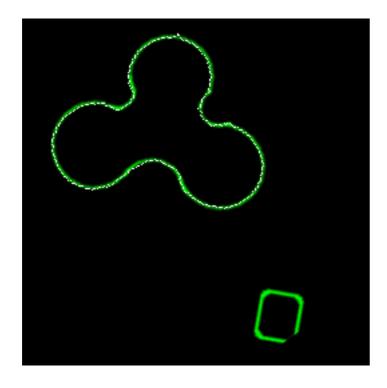
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Contour matcher solution scale=1.2968404293060303
Contour matcher solution shift=-0.4310373365879059
CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (41.499199, 0.213656) (106, 108) (96, 106)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (35.660648, 0.865639) (134, 70) (137, 76)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (35.660648, 0.566079) (74, 67) (82, 60)
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10
offsetImgX2=19 offsetImgY2=9
rotationInRadians=1.4486057
rotationInDegrees=82.9989903033234
scale=1.2968404
translationX=28.18638
translationY=-16.518988
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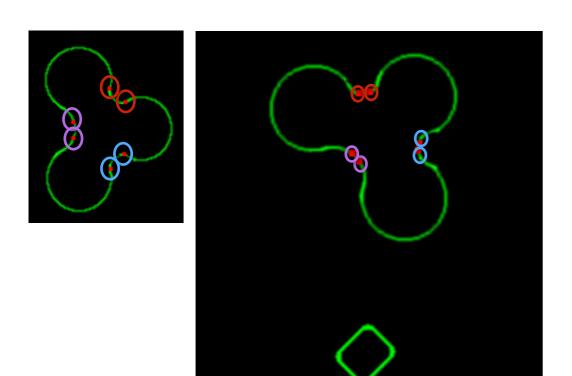
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10 offsetImgX2=19 offsetImgY2=9 rotationInRadians=1.4486057 rotationInDegrees=82.9989903033234 scale=1.2968404 translationX=28.18638 translationY=-16.518988

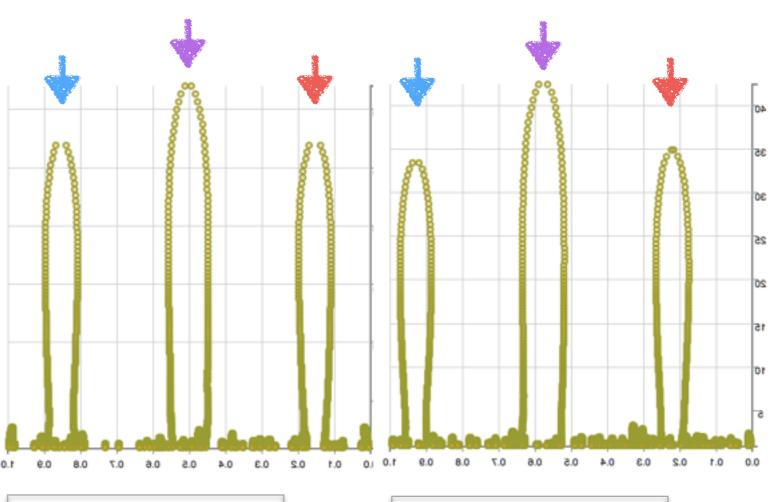
scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 280



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rotationInRadians=1.4049724
rotationInDegrees=80.49899080293699
scale=1.2968404
translationX=29.0
translationY=-17.0





reversed to have CCW ordering

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scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 315

Contour matcher solution scale=1.325237512588501 Contour matcher solution shift=-0.2311936765909195

Contour matcher solution cost=89.0

CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (42.407913, 0.427617) (125, 102) (112, 89) CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (33.417011, 0.074610) (169, 80) (168, 93) CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.148750, 0.783964) (120, 45) (132, 45)

offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10 offsetImgX2=52 offsetImgY2=14

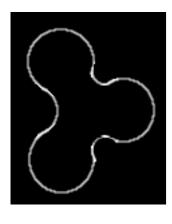
rotationInRadians=0.7365556

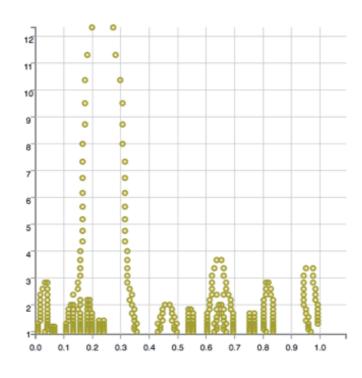
rotationInDegrees=42.2015259002177

scale=1.3252375

translationX=60.744064

translationY=-25.366236





offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10 offsetImgX2=52 offsetImgY2=14 rotationInRadians=0.7365556 rotationInDegrees=42.2015259002177 scale=1.3252375 translationX=60.744064 translationY=-25.366236

scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 315

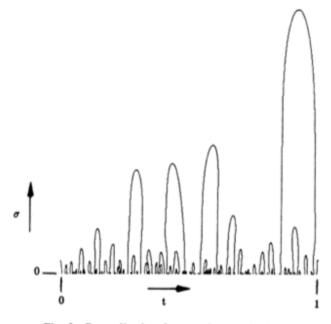
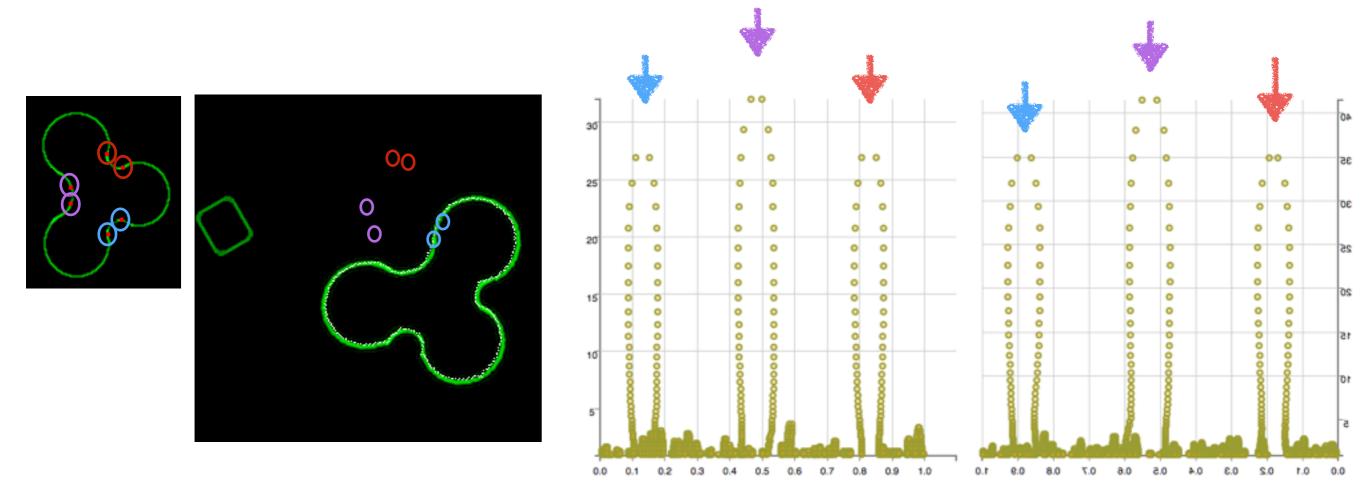


Fig. 3. Generalized scale space image of Africa.

#### **After Refinement**

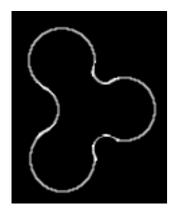
rotationInRadians=0.7801888
rotationInDegrees=44.70152540060411
scale=1.2752376
translationX=65.0
translationY=-21.0

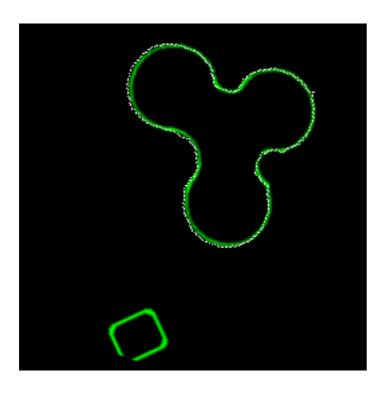


scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 335

translationX=81.613556 translationY=-16.98058

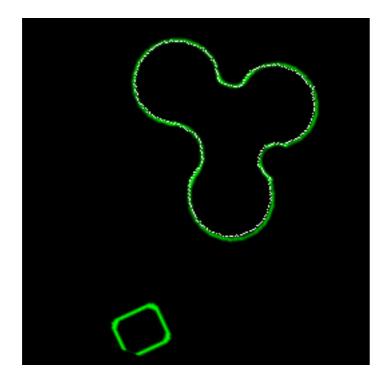
Contour matcher solution scale=1.325237512588501
Contour matcher solution shift=-0.19089026749134064
CONTOUR PEAK1: (32.000237, 0.497126) (34, 78) (35, 72) CONTOUR PEAK2: (42.407913, 0.467920) (134, 99) (131, 90)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.146552) (70, 93) (61, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.115044) (182, 98) (178, 106)
CONTOUR PEAK1: (26.908875, 0.846264) (60, 45) (69, 54) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.818584) (150, 48) (158, 51)
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10
offsetImgX2=63 offsetImgY2=12
rotationInRadians=0.43239865
rotationInDegrees=24.77461754427387
scale=1.3252375





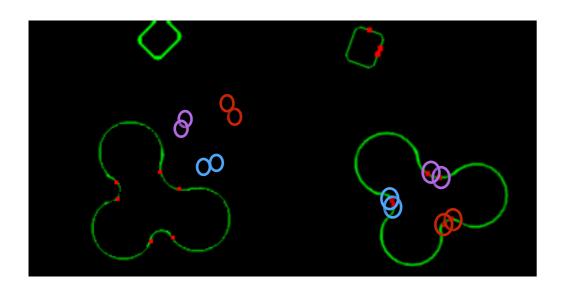
offsetImgX1=10 offsetImgY1=10 offsetImgX2=63 offsetImgY2=12 rotationInRadians=0.43239865 rotationInDegrees=24.77461754427387 scale=1.3252375 translationX=81.613556 translationY=-16.98058

scale should be 1.3 rotation should be 360 - 335

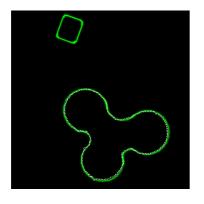


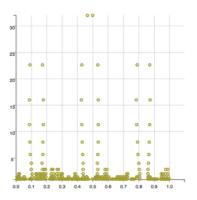
#### **After Refinement**

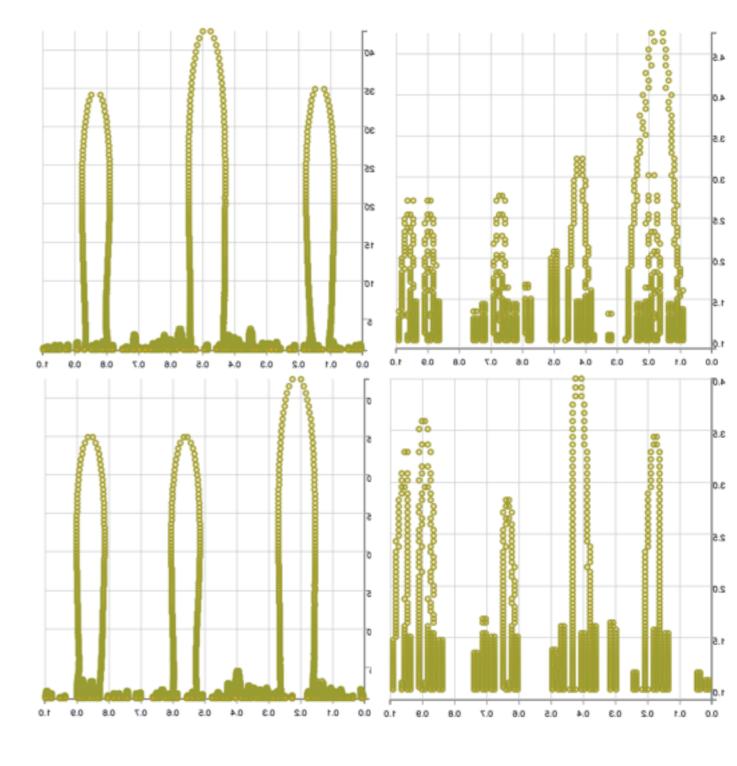
rotationInRadians=0.43239865 rotationInDegrees=24.77461754427387 scale=1.2752376 translationX=85.0 translationY=-14.0



rotationInRadians=4.7316465
rotationInDegrees
=271.1033767625259
scale=1.0
translationX=0.5612701
translationY=0.34837633







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Contour matcher solution scale=1.0

Contour matcher solution shift-0.2
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Contour matcher solution shift=0.27483445405960083

Contour matcher solution cost=14.0

CONTOUR PEAK1: (42.407913, 0.513245) (156, 110) (159, 99) CONTOUR PEAK2: (42.407913, 0.788080) (149, 155) (161, 159) CONTOUR PEAK1: (34.896511, 0.866446) (201, 83) (208, 96) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.142384) (173, 201) (166, 207)

CONTOUR PEAK1: (4.756843, 0.845455) (33, 160) (33, 160) CONTOUR PEAK2: (3.589427, 0.103604) (99, 33) (98, 34)

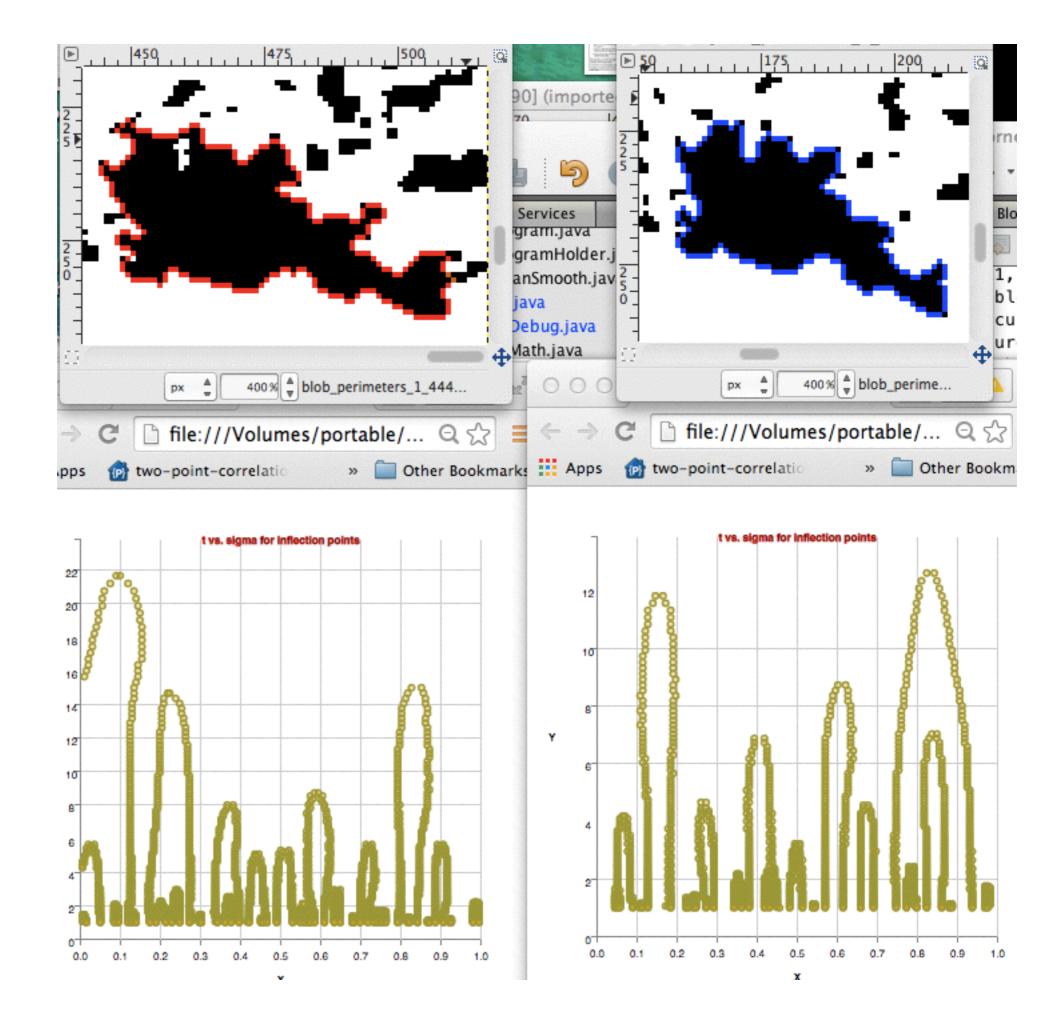
CONTOUR PEAK1: (34.148750, 0.166667) (191, 144) (178, 149) CONTOUR PEAK2: (34.896511, 0.440397) (115, 187) (113, 182)

CONTOUR PEAK1: (3.220988, 0.581818) (9, 170) (10, 168) CONTOUR PEAK2: (3.437247, 0.828829) (90, 9) (90, 9)

CONTOUR PEAK1: (3.018335, 0.809091) (28, 158) (30, 159) CONTOUR PEAK2: (3.291518, 0.049550) (101, 27) (101, 28)

very important to have
similar curves.

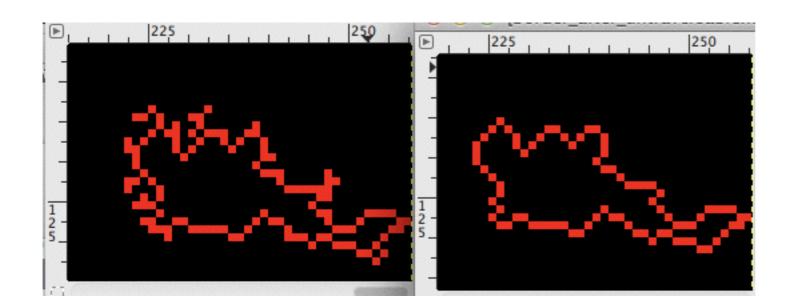
The same blob in different images with a couple of large bumps introduced from the image processing and then perimeter extraction instead of edges, shows a scale space map on left dominated by the difference. The contour matcher prefers the strongest peaks so does not give as good of a score for the true match (seen from 0.2 to 0.9)

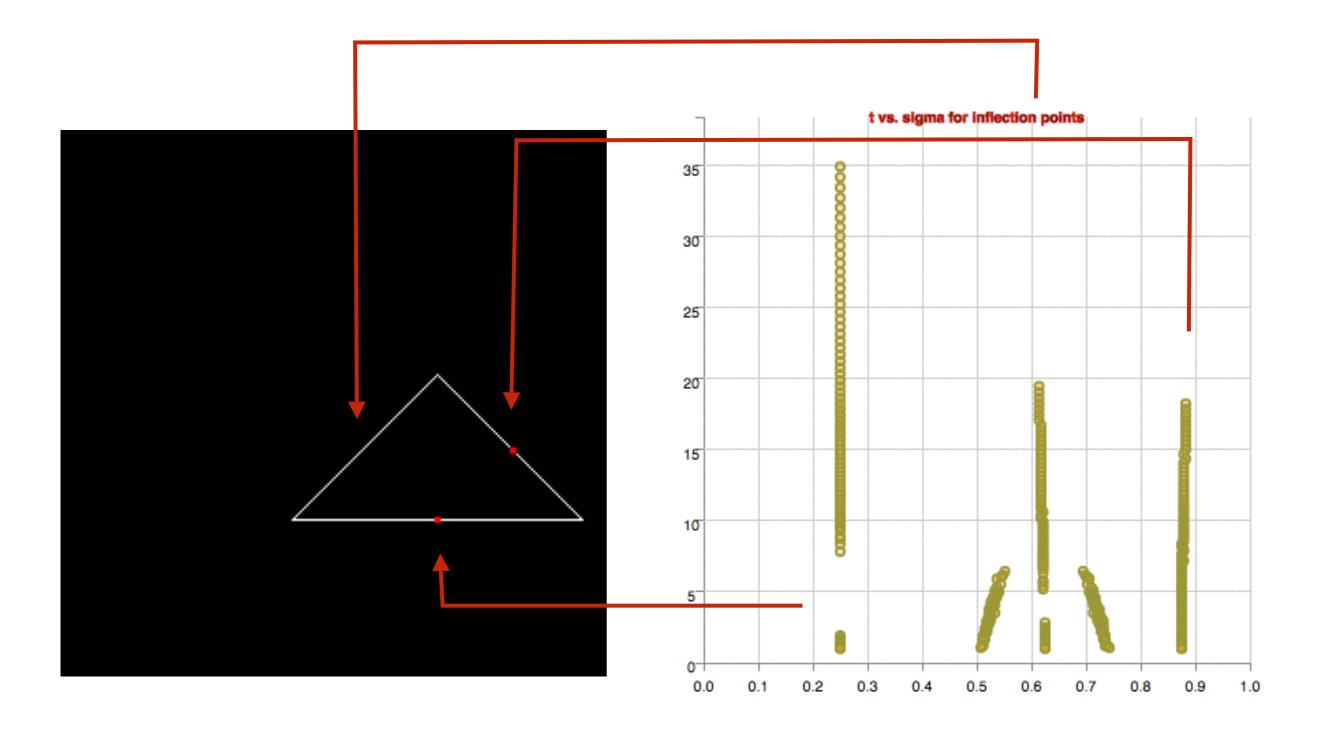


Note that the blob perimeters were not constructed from differences of gaussians, but instead from the borders of contiguous pixels in segmented images.

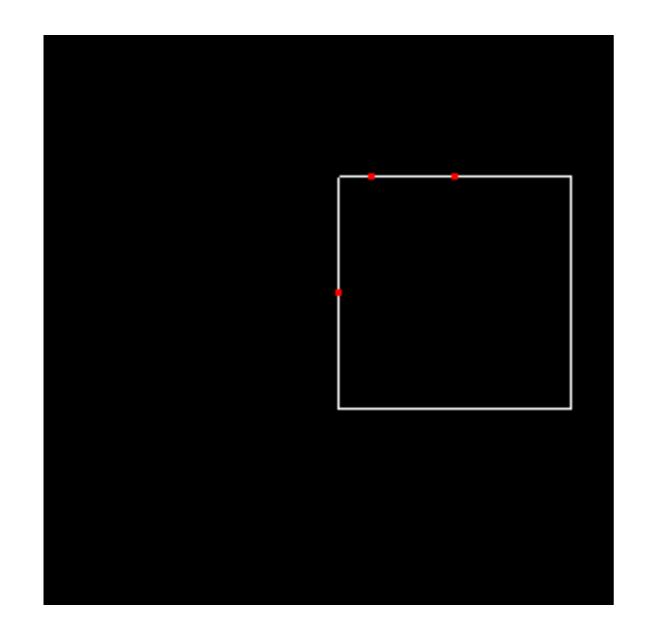
So a lot of processing of the perimeter is needed to make a usable contour.

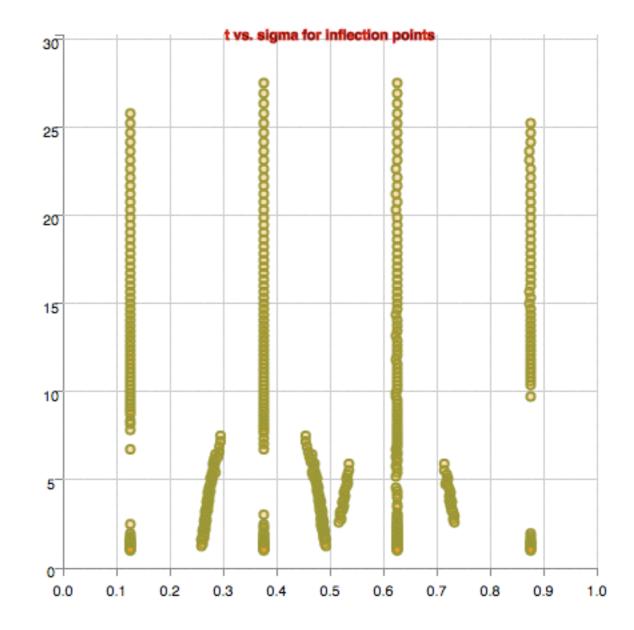
Here's an example of the blob from a binned segmented image before and after additional line processing.



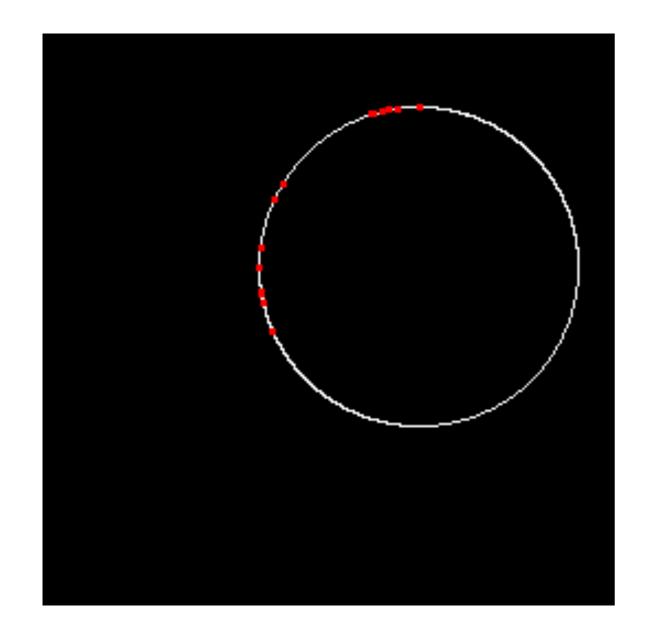


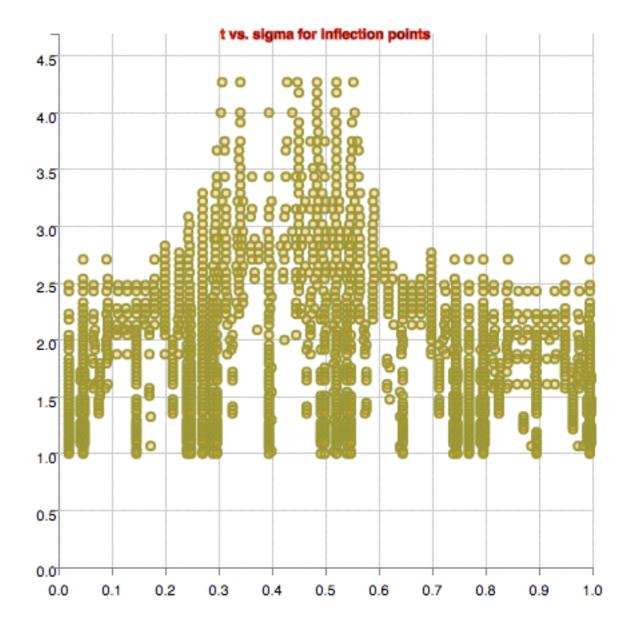
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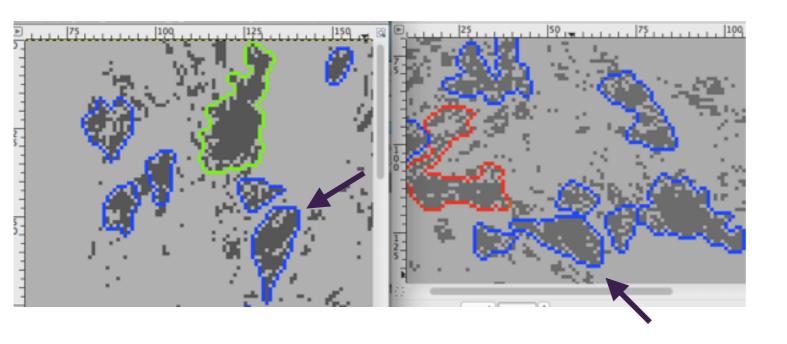
Considering a hybrid approach to use corners around an object, but the runtime might be larger than the contour approach (not considering corner extraction vs scale space image construction and moving feature comparison into the first search):

- (1) find the closed curve surrounding an object.
- (2) determine corners on the curve.
- (3) match pairs of points in one curve in an image with pairs of points in a curve in another image using location and feature descriptors. Like the contour matching, one could make an assumption of strongest characteristic to create a reference point used to determine a reference for the scores and penalties of matching. For a non-scale-space-image approach, the smallest error point descriptor along the first curve could be treated as the reference for all of the first curve's matches. Then one determines the best match for it along the second curve (O(N)). That single point match needs a second correct match to make a euclidean transformation estimate. The second single point to match along the first curve could be found as the one with the next smallest feature error at a reasonable distance from the first point. It's match along the second curve would be found in O(N). From those two matching points, one could estimate the euclidean transformation and then apply it one by one to the remaining points in the first curve and use a scoring an penalty system adapted from the contour matching (SSD instead of sigma, but additive not multiplicative scoring and penalty).

The first few steps of that match are stored in a min cost heap as the cost of the start of a solution. Then the next solution is started w/ the next smallest error point not already in a solution, etc until each point is a starter in a solution.

Then, just as in the contour matching algorithm, the best solution is applied to the remaining points and the best solution (min cost) is found.

Next is an example of blobs found in binary segmented images. The arrowed blob does not have strong inflection points (as currently implemented), but does have somewhat strong corners. (note the greyscale image is used for feature descriptor rather than segmented image shown).



note that for the contour matching, errors in scale due to curve length differences because of deviations in segmentation more strongly affect the scale estimate than a method based on point pair matches.

test images shown have scale =1.

nCurvePoints1	nCurvePoints2
97	78
60	60

So, will implement the new hybrid method of point pair matching around blob contours to estimate scale.

Note that if the only goal is scale, the euclidean transformation for scale could be considered only in scale space, that is in number of points along the curve, but has the same vulnerability to the curve length. That method is safe for textures if the textures are all of the same size in an image, that is corner location predicted from starter solution is relative to location on the curve (does not predict location in image x,y space, only curve point index space). This approach would be better for an image with large projection differences across it too.

If one could be certain that the contours were extremely well formed and deviations such as a large bump present in only one were not possible, no occlusion, etc, the scale space image contour method would be preferred. The hybrid method seems necessary.