

**Figure 8.1**

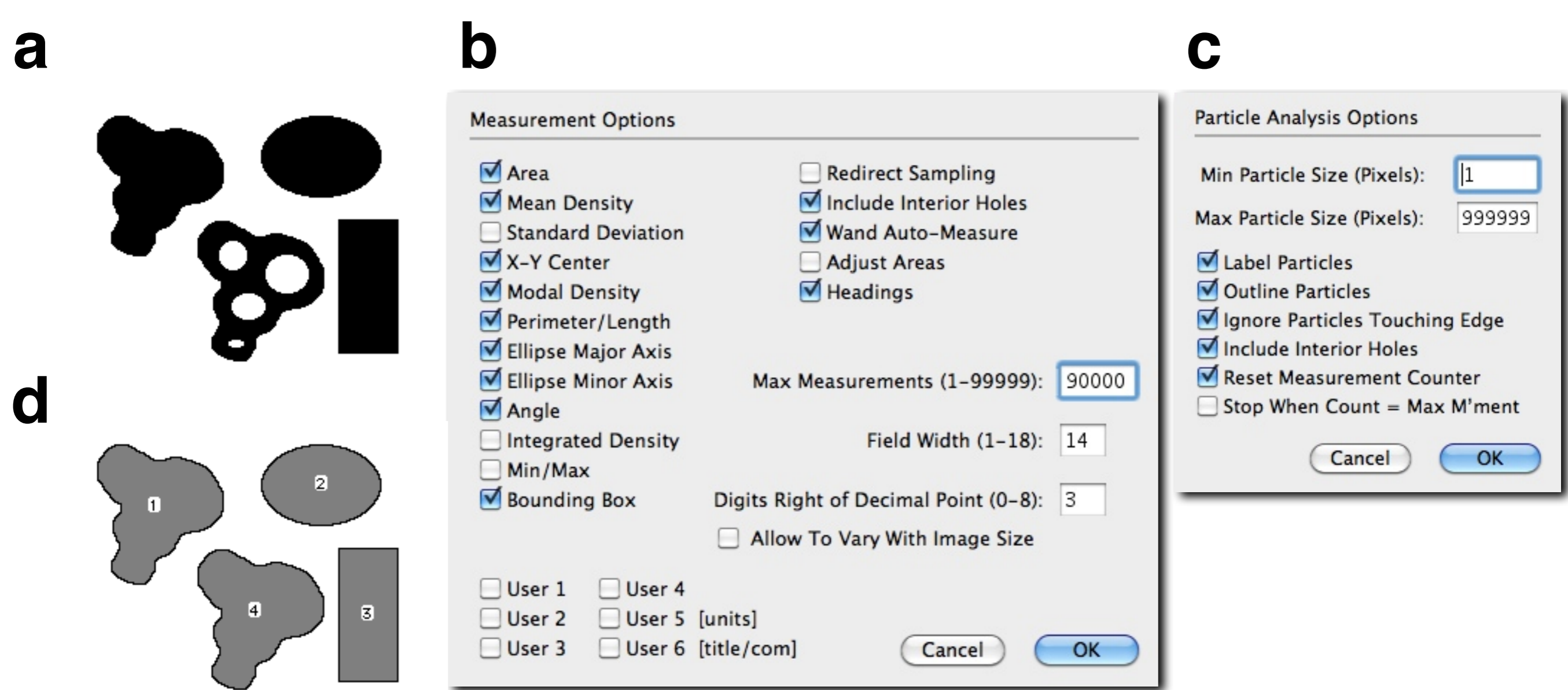
The objects of image analysis.

(a) Micrograph of twinned grain in deformed marble: grayscale image;

(b) segment, representing cross sectional area of the grain;

(c) outline and axes of best-fit ellipse superposed on segment;

(d) digitized outline of segment: polygonal chain connecting 15 vertices along segment boundary.



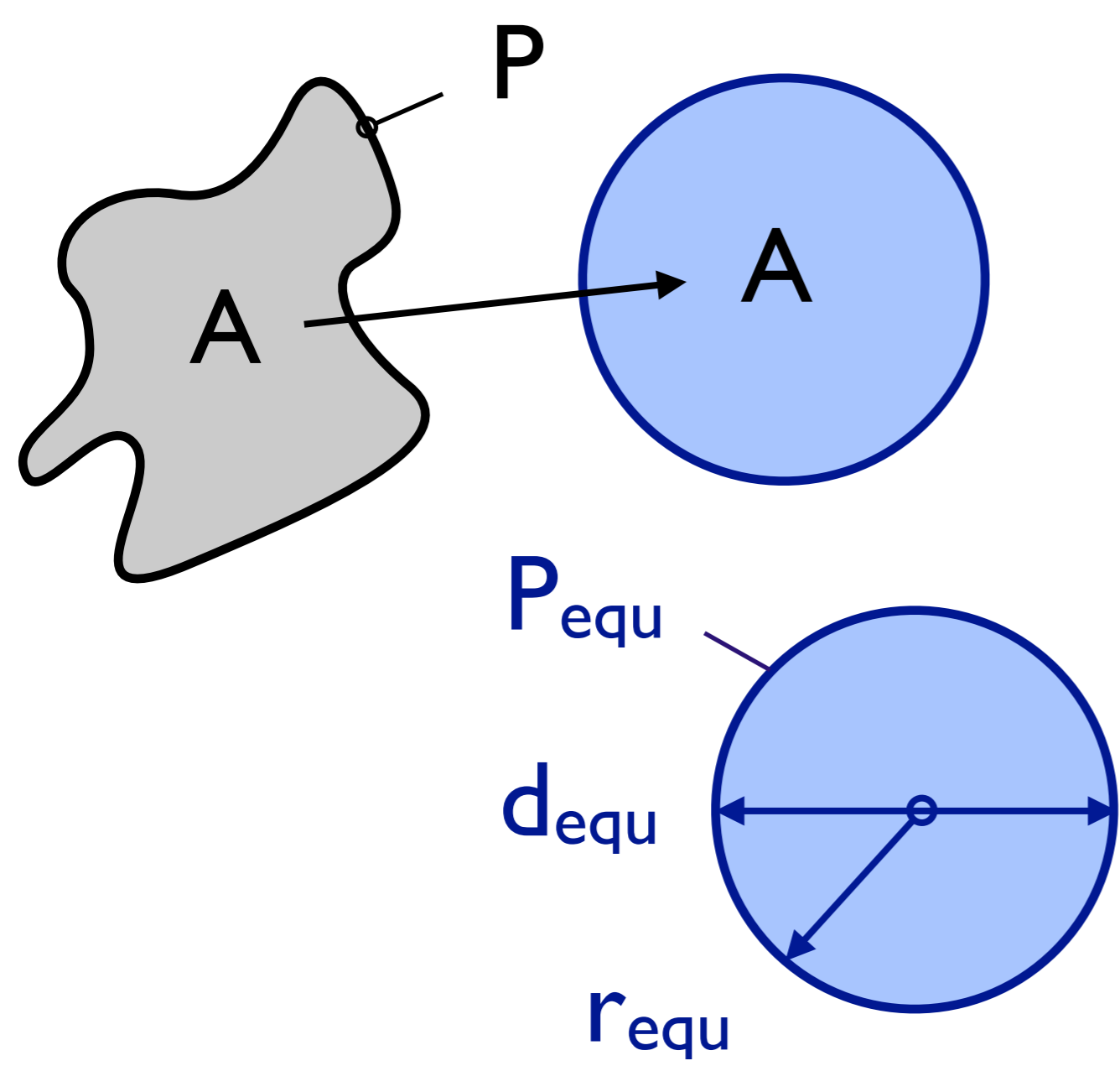
#	Area	Mean	X	Y	Mode	Len	Majr	Minr	Angle	xBB	yBB	wBB	hBB
1	4664	255.00	50.17	54.88	255	303.81	81.37	72.98	70.80	13	15	82	91
2	3258	255.00	157.50	41.00	255	217.48	78.05	53.15	0.00	119	15	78	53
3	3393	255.00	188.00	125.00	255	249.66	98.17	44.01	90.00	169	82	39	87
4	4664	191.03	115.17	122.88	255	303.81	81.37	72.98	70.80	78	83	82	91

**Figure 8.2**

Using the Analyze menu of Image SXM.

- (a) Bitmap with 4 shapes (segments);
- (b) dialog window for Measurement Options;
- (c) dialog window for Particle Analysis Options;
- (d) same as (a), after analysis;
- (e) list showing results:

# = number of particle;  
 Area = area (number of pixels);  
 Mean = mean density of segment;  
 X = x-coordinate of geometric center;  
 Y = y-coordinate of geometric center;  
 Mode = modal gray value;  
 Len = length of outline of segment;  
 Majr = major diameter of best-fit ellipse;  
 Minr = minor diameter of best-fit ellipse;  
 Angle = angle of Majr with respect to positive x-axis (CCW positive);  
 xBB = x-coordinate off top left corner of bounding box;  
 yBB = y-coordinate off top left corner of bounding box;  
 wBB = width of bounding box;  
 hBB = height of bounding box.



**Figure 8.3**

Shape and size measures from segments.

In black: measured; in blue: derived;

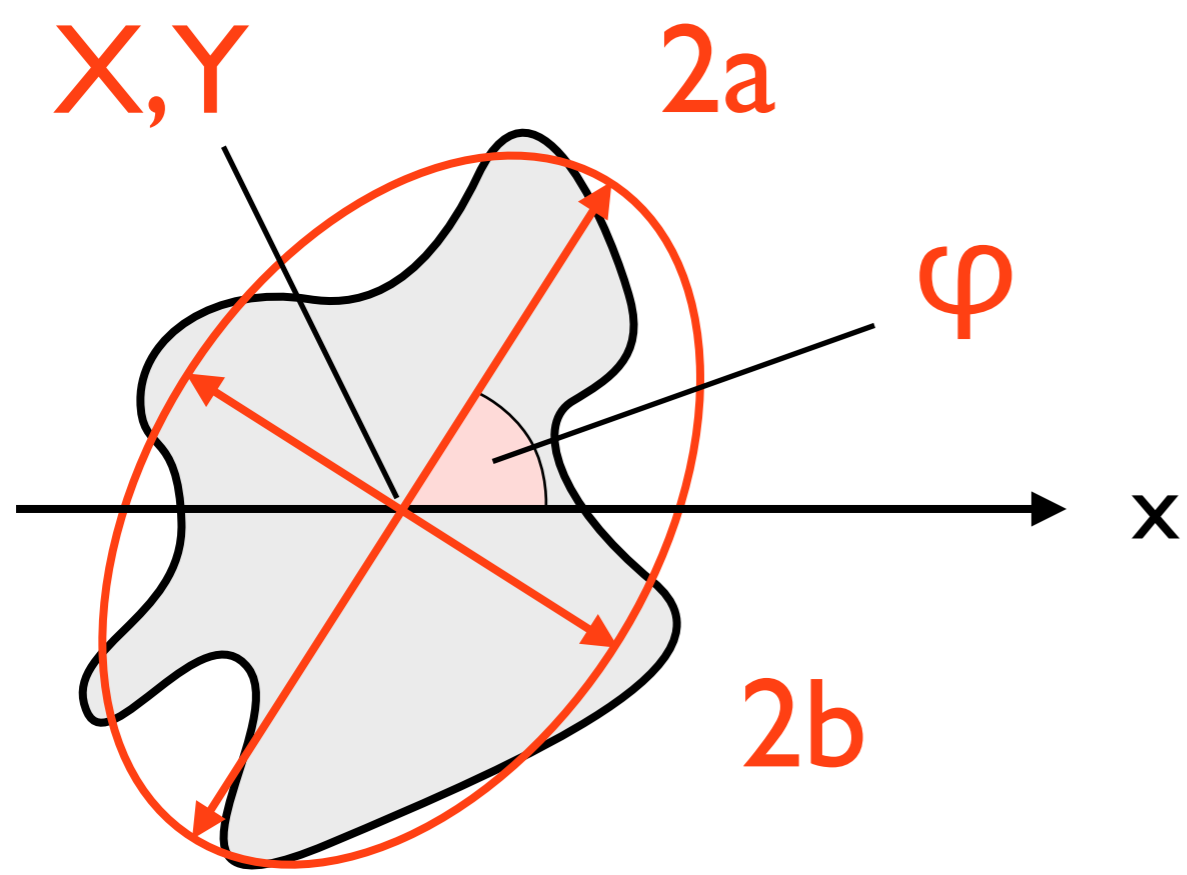
A = area of segment;

P = length of perimeter;

$r_{equ}$  = equivalent radius;

$d_{equ}$  = equivalent diameter;

$P_{equ}$  = equivalent perimeter.



**Figure 8.4**

Shape and size measures from best-fit ellipses.

X,Y = center point;

2a (=Majr) = major diameter;

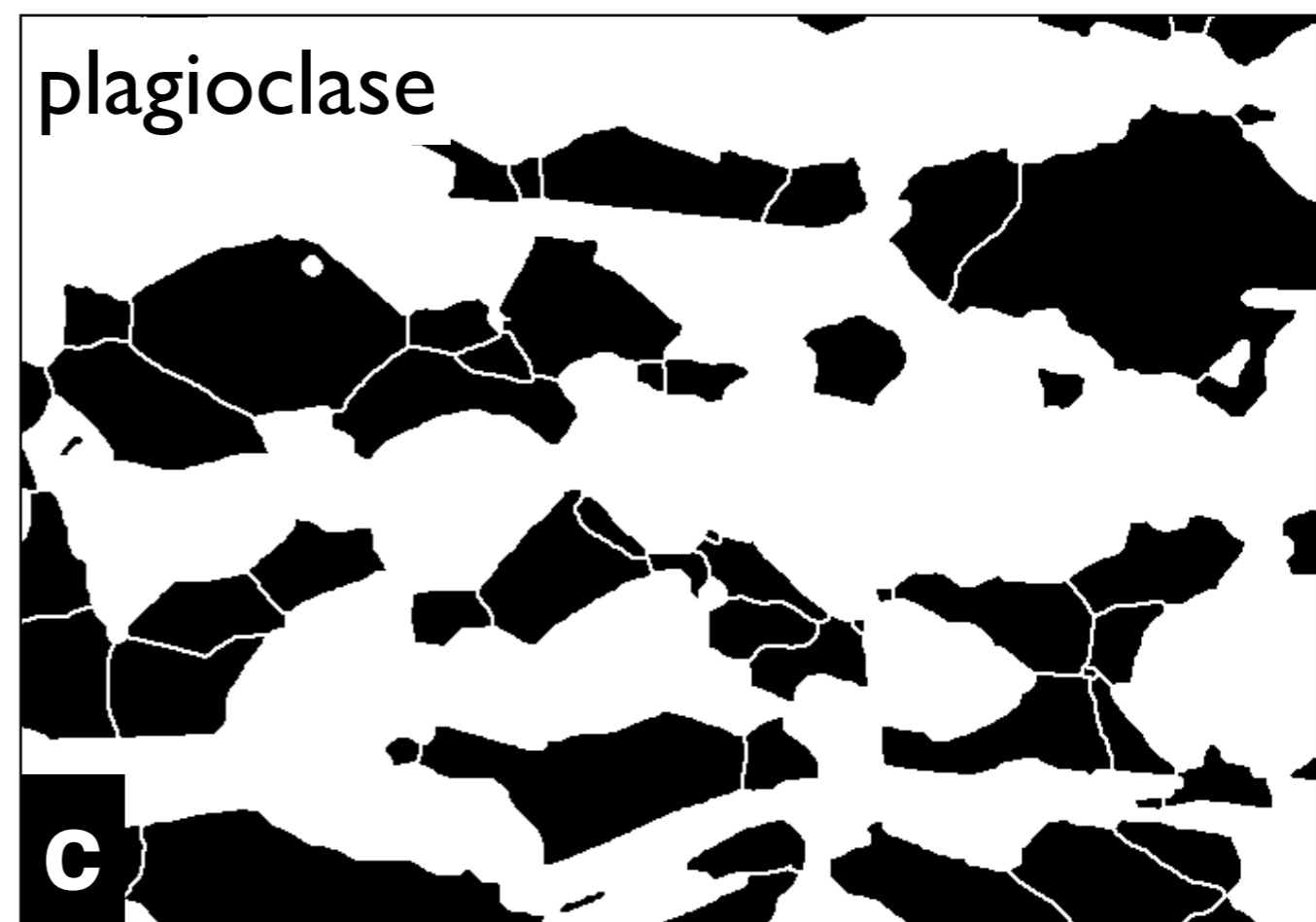
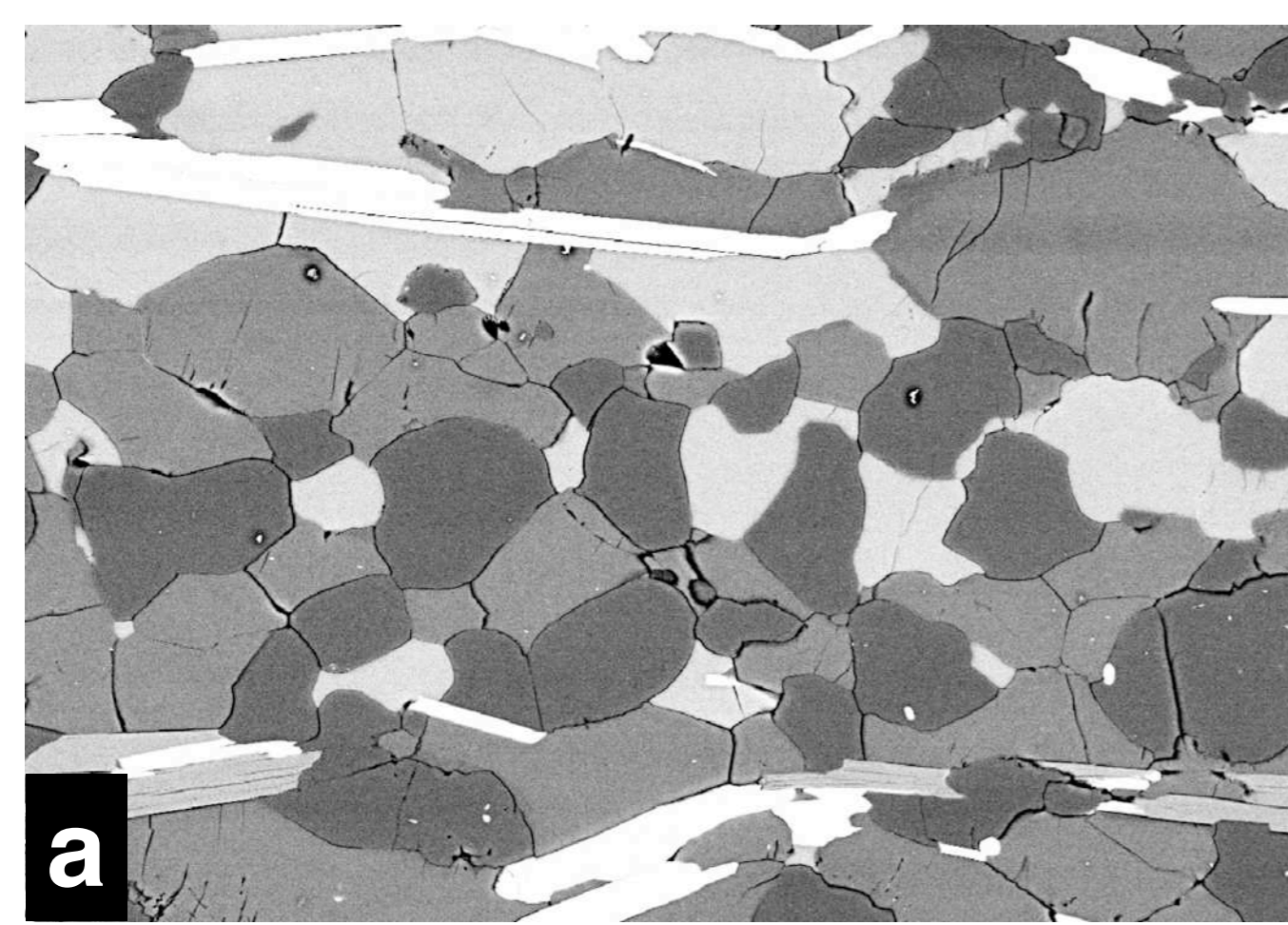
2b (=Minr) = minor diameter;

φ = orientation of major diameter, positive, CCW from positive x-axis.

measure	describing:
$r_{\text{equ}}, a, b$	size (linear)
wBB, hBB	caliper diameters, (projection lengths)
$P / P_{\text{equ}}$	circularity, ("fractal dimension")
$b / a$	axial ratio, (roundness)
$a / b$	aspect ratio, (elongation)

**Table 8.1**

Shape and size descriptors derived from the analysis of segments and best-fit ellipses.



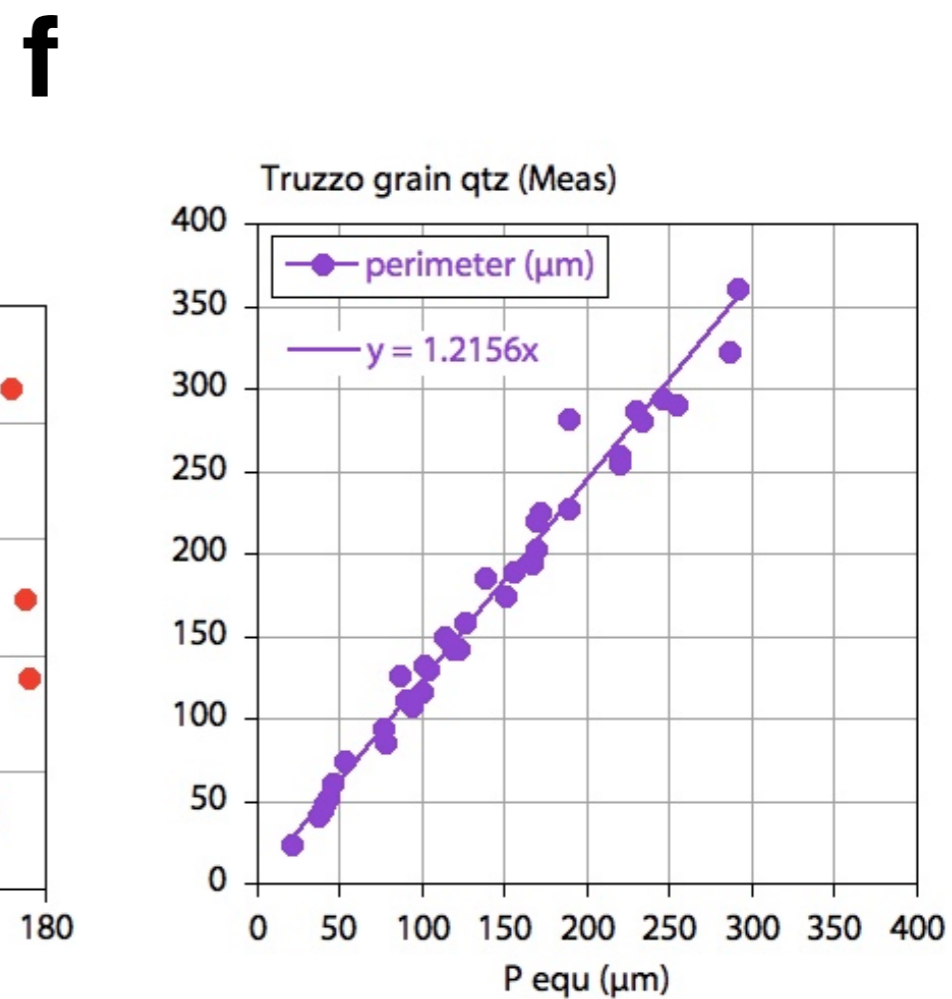
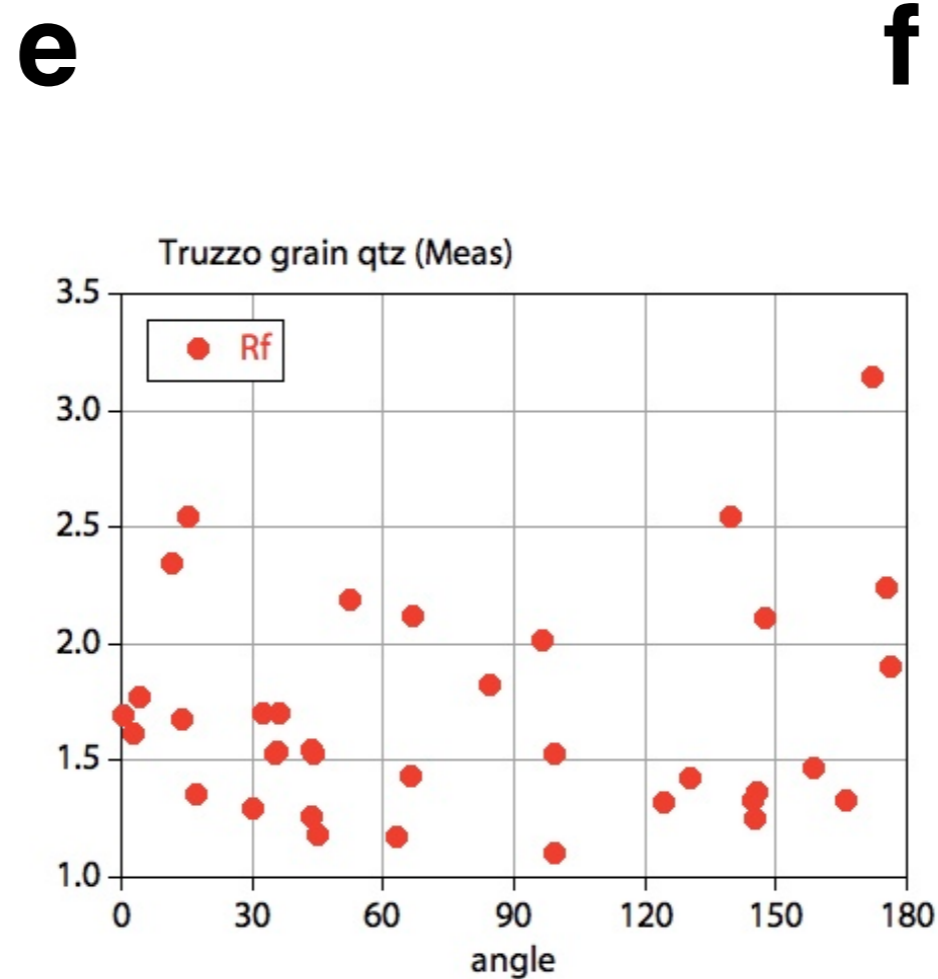
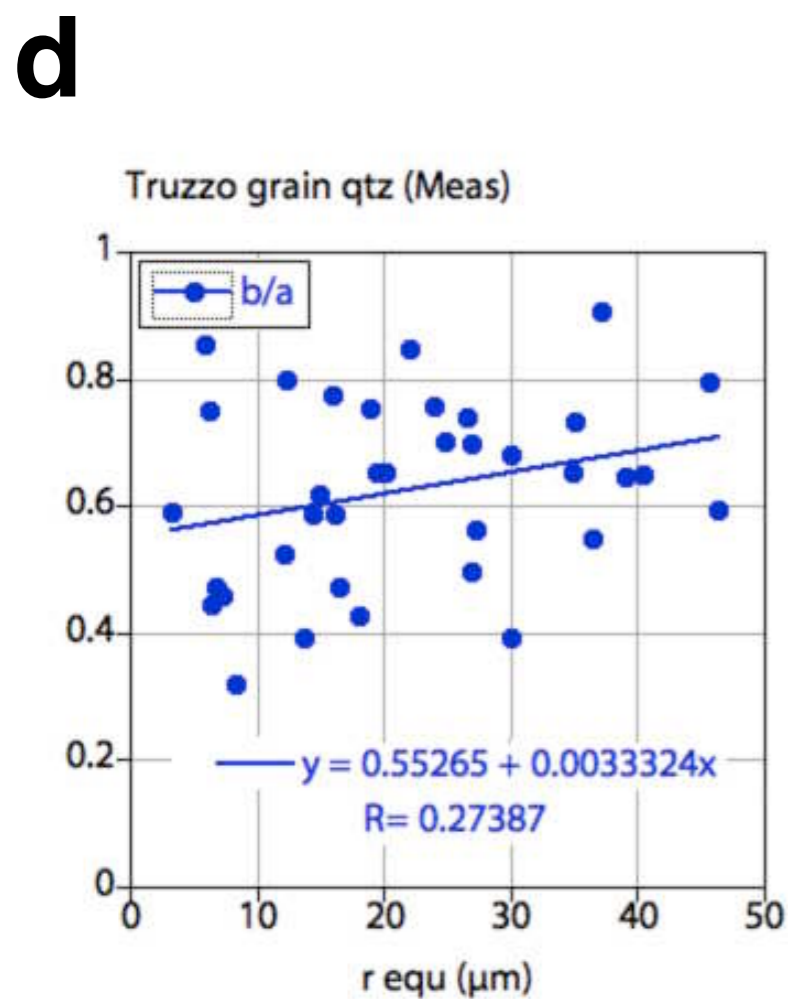
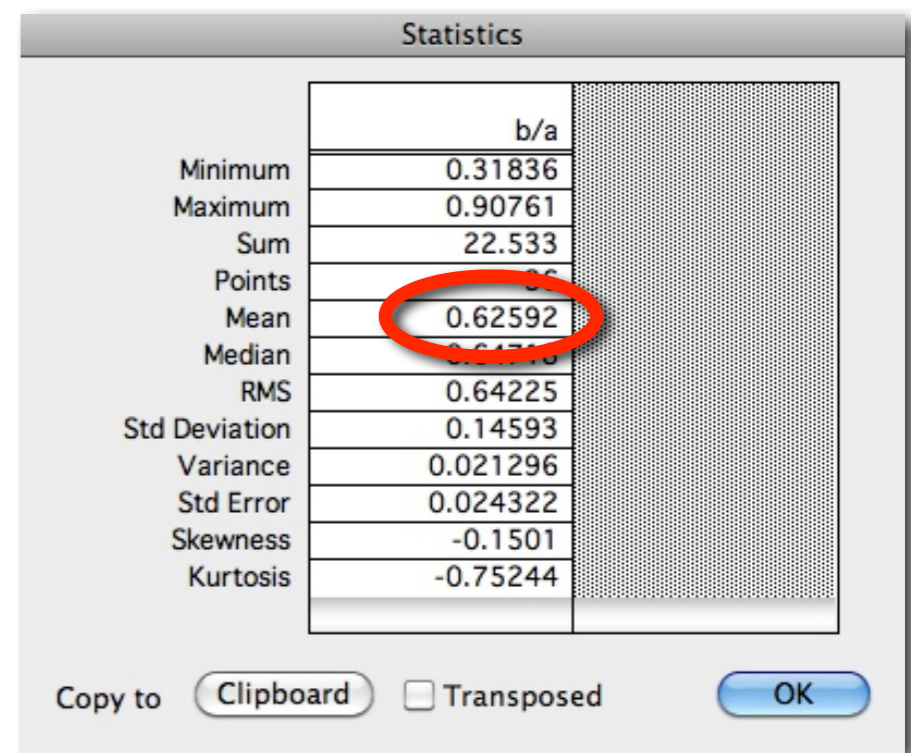
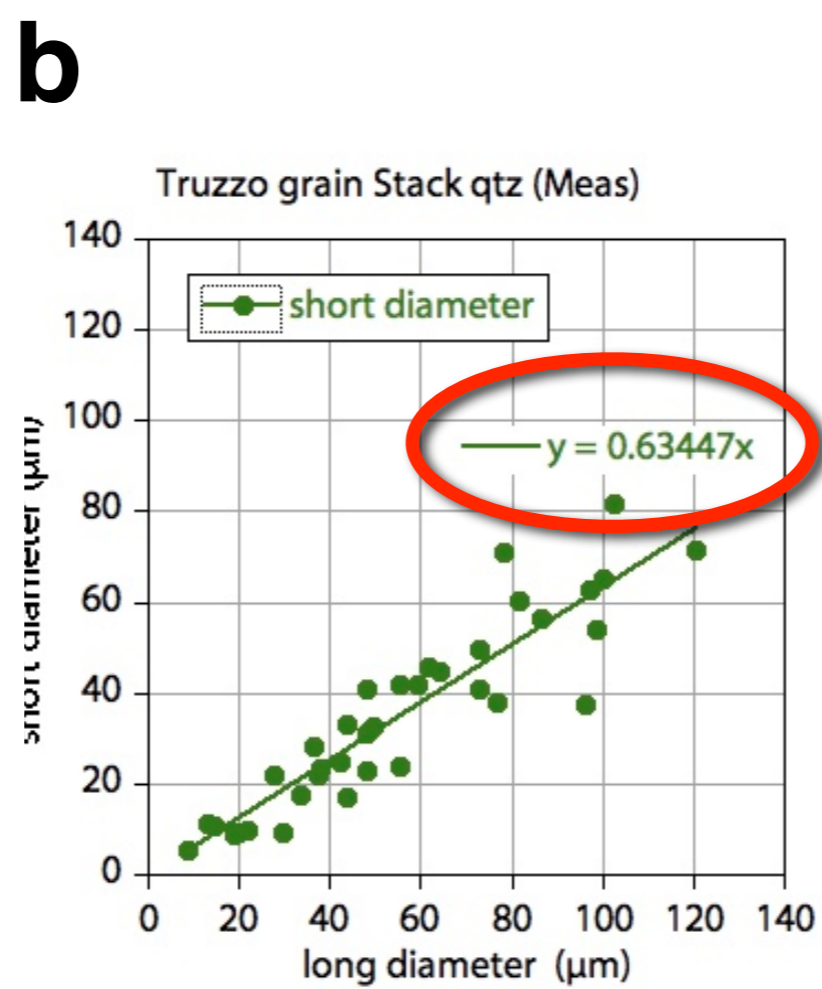
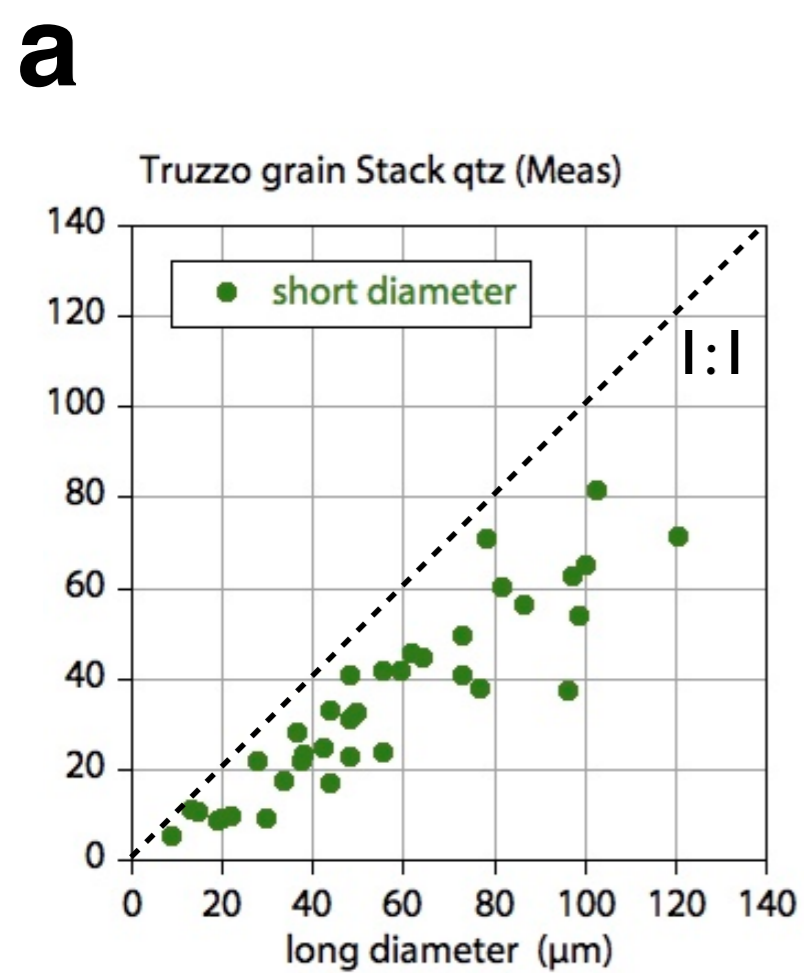
**Figure 8.5**

Segmented input for image analysis.

(a) Original SEM micrograph of granitoid rock;

(b) bitmap of quartz;

(c) bitmap of plagioclase.



## Figure 8.6

Results for quartz.

Bitmap shown in Figure 8.5.b has been analyzed.

(a) Plot of short versus long diameter;

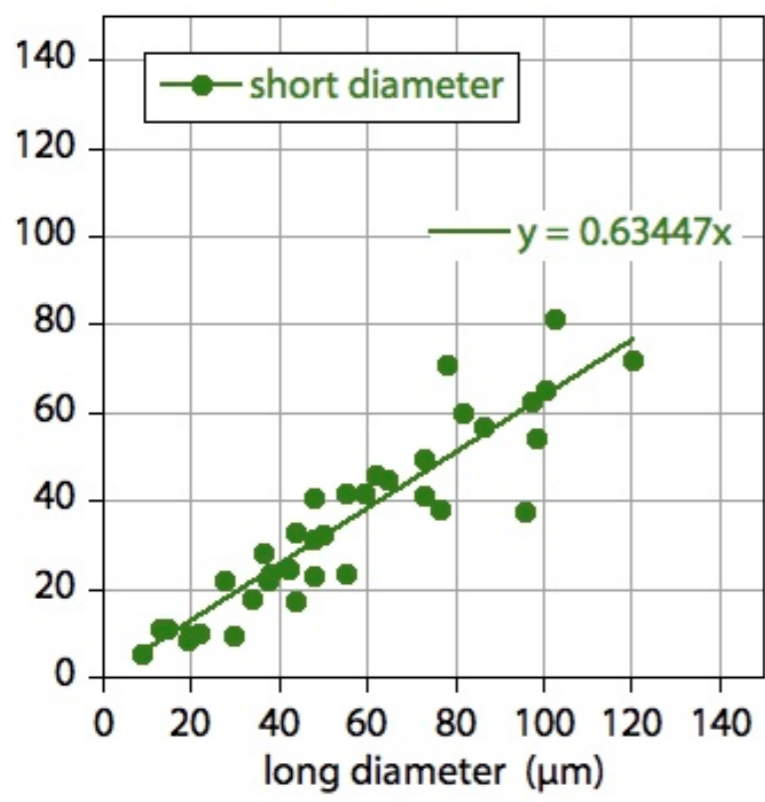
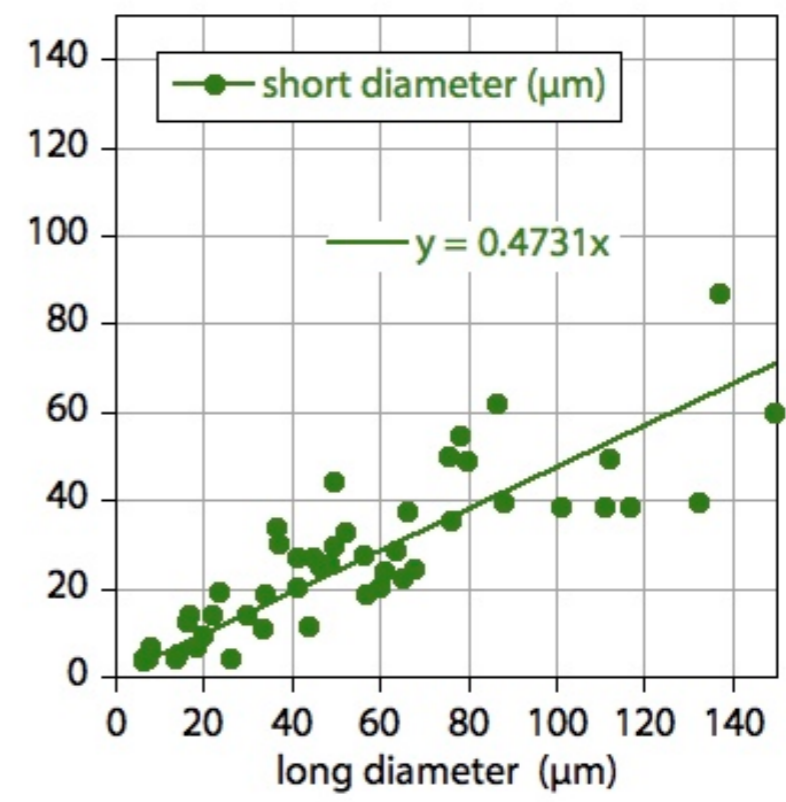
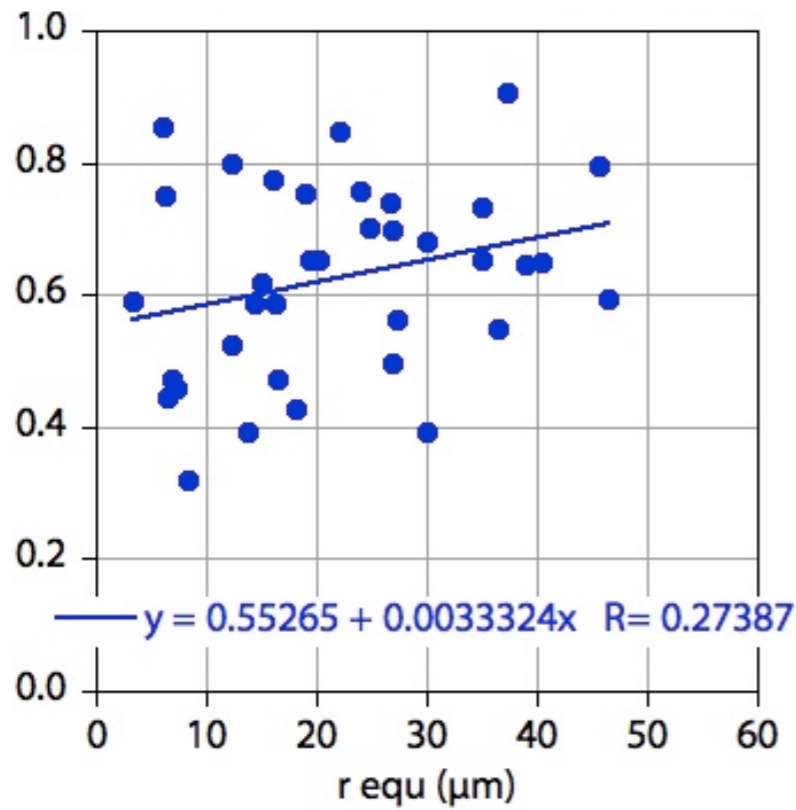
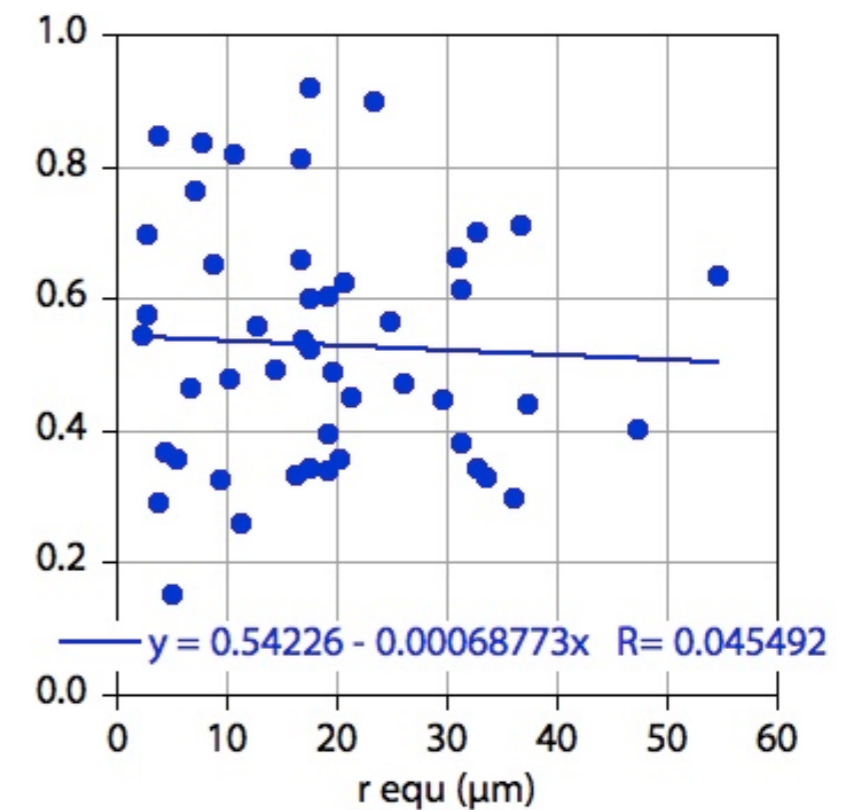
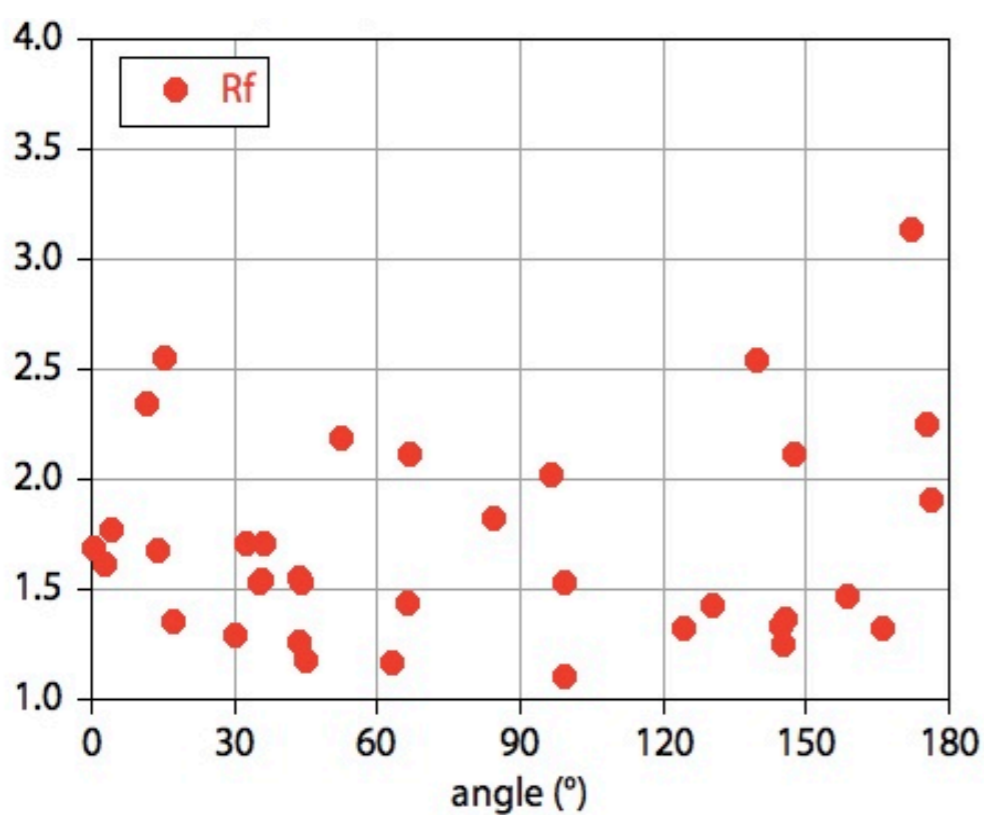
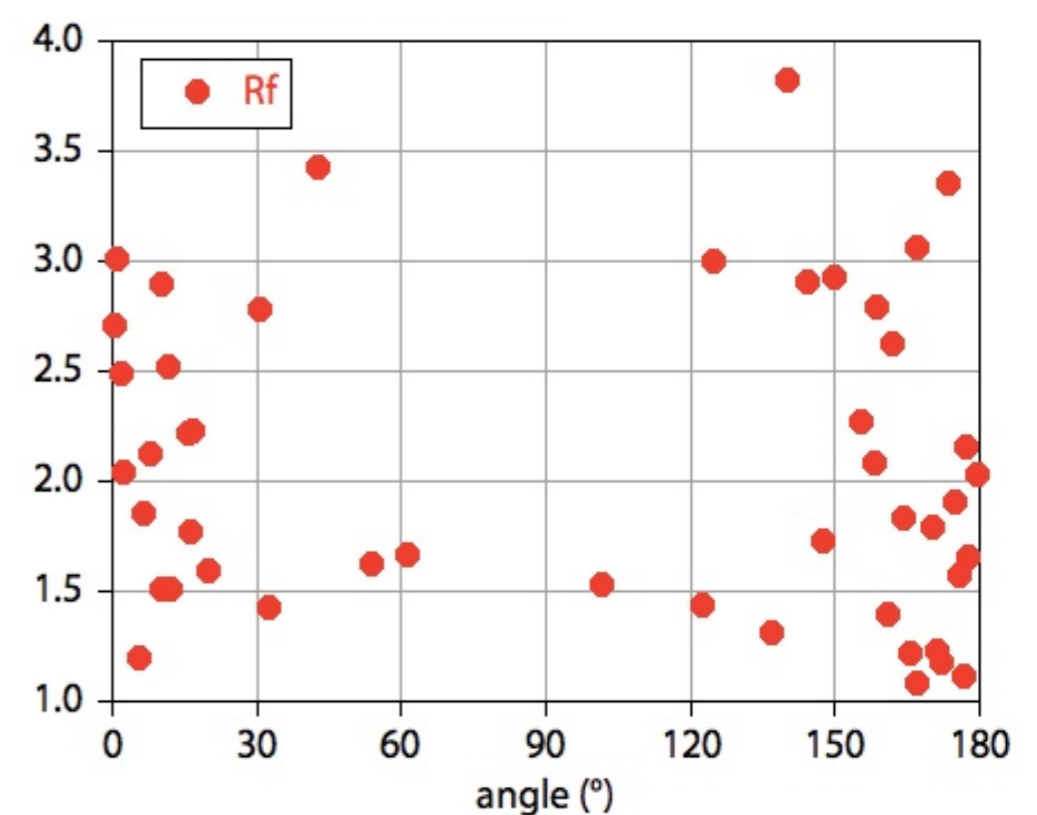
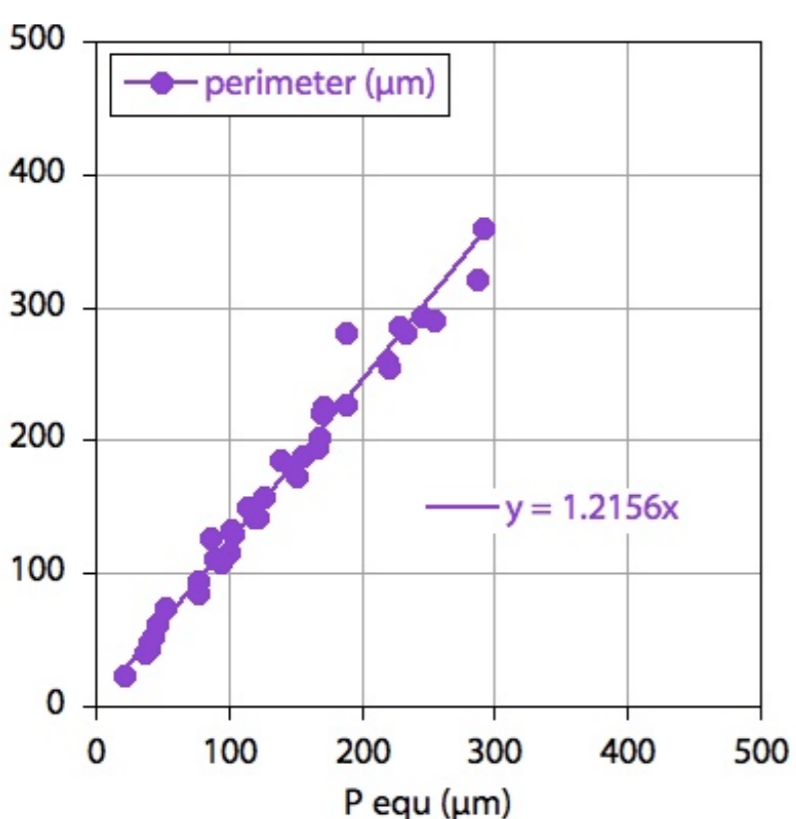
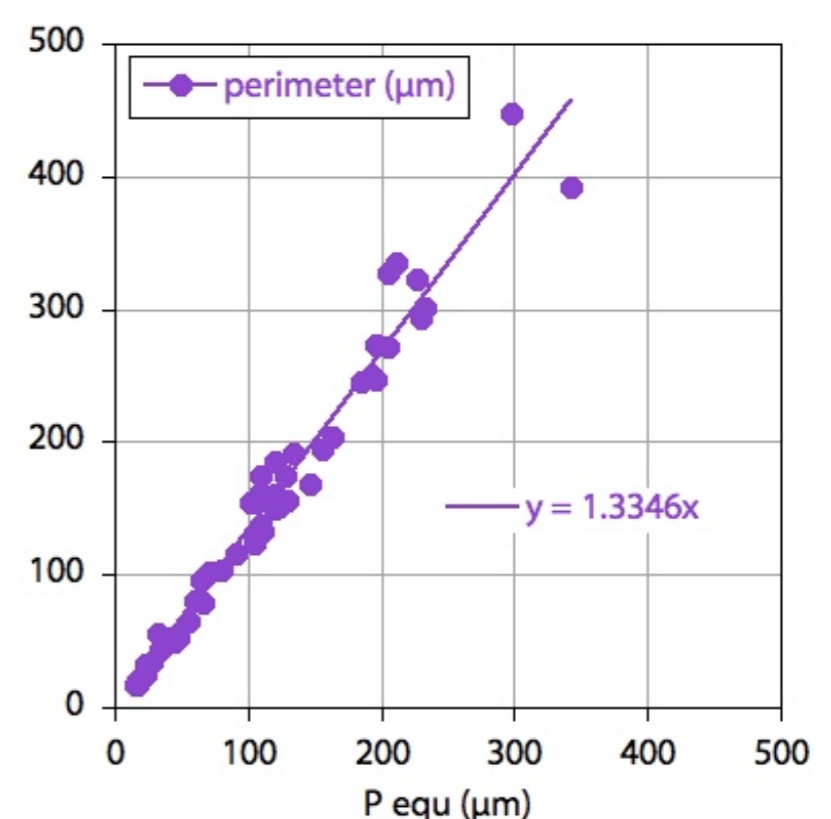
(b) same as (a) with linear curve fit (through zero): slope = 0.634;

(c) statistics of axial ratio (b/a): average = 0.626;

(d) (b/a) versus equivalent radius,  $r_{equ}$ ;

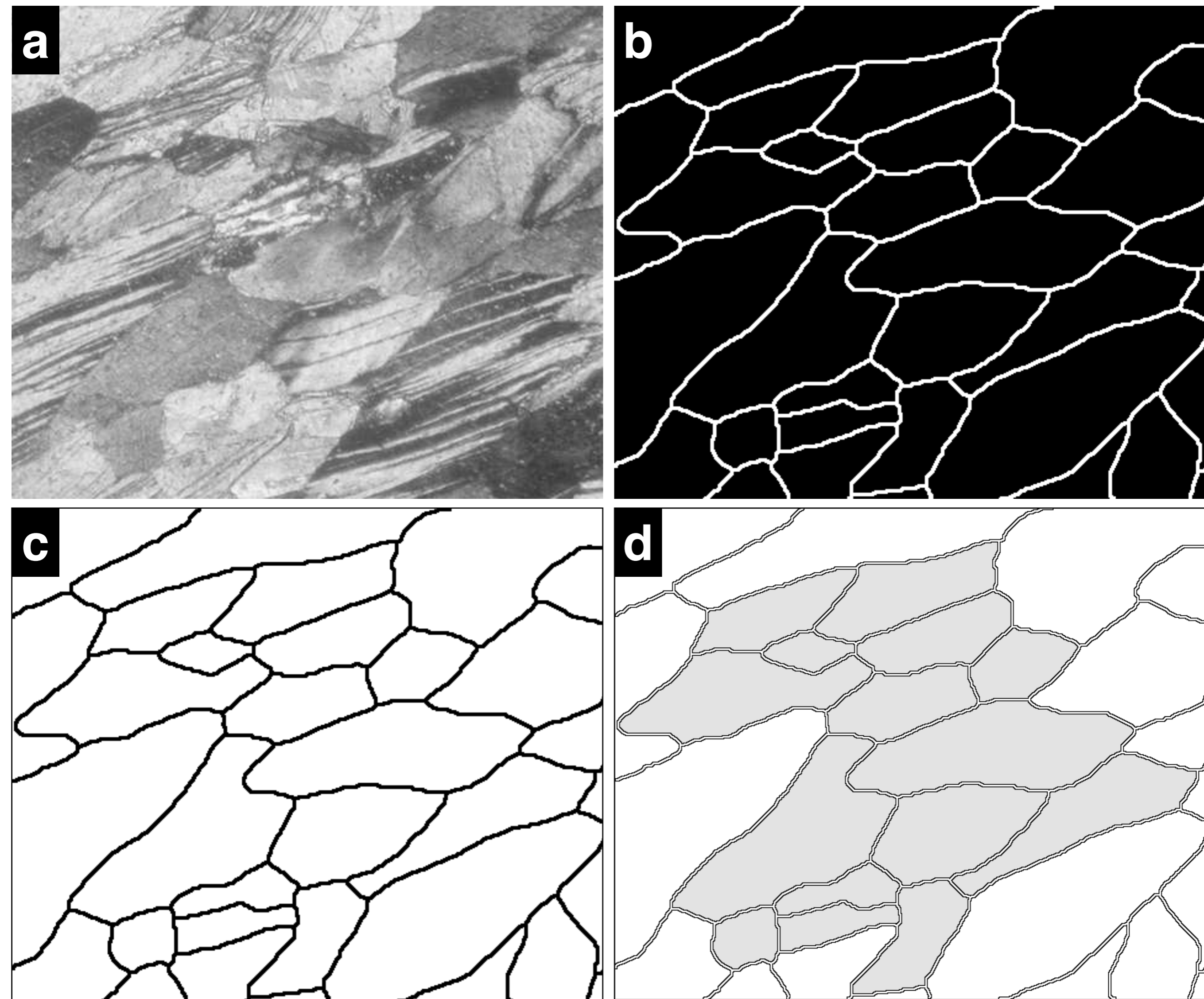
(e)  $R_f - \phi$  plot: a/b versus orientation;

(f) measured perimeter,  $P$ , versus equivalent perimeter,  $P_{equ}$ : 'fractal dimension' = 1.22.

**a** $b/a$ **b** $b/a(r_{equ})$ **c** $R_f - \varphi$ **d** $P/P_{equ}$ **Figure 8.7**

Comparative analysis of quartz and plagioclase. Bitmaps shown in Figure 8.5.b and 8.5.c have been analyzed. (a) average axial ratio: quartz  $b/a = 0.63$ , plagioclase  $b/a = 0.47$ ; (b) dependence of shape on size; (c) preferred orientation,  $R_f - \varphi$  plot, quartz  $\pm$  random, plagioclase preferred orientation at  $0^\circ (=180^\circ)$ ; (d) shape of boundary, 'fractal dimension': quartz  $P/P_{equ} = 1.22$ , plagioclase  $P/P_{equ} = 1.33$ .





**Figure 8.8**

Segment boundaries and outlines.

(a) Original grayscale image (micrograph of deformed marble);

(b) segmented bitmap of (a): grain map;

(c) grain boundary map of (a);

(d) outlines of segments: outlines of gray segments are closed; all others are open.

```
digitize xy [1]
end 9999 [2]
fill area [3]
```

```
macro 'digitize xy [1]';
var
  i,j,x,y:integer;
  XCount:integer;

begin
  SetUser1Label('x');
  SetUser2Label('y');
  SetOptions('User1 User2 ');
  XCount:=rCount+1;
  GetMouse(x,y);
  rUser1[XCount]:=x;
  rUser2[XCount]:=y;
  Measure;
  ShowResults;

end;
```

```
macro 'end 9999 [2]';
var
  i,j,x,y:integer;
  XCount:integer;

begin
  SetUser1Label('x');
  SetUser2Label('y');
  SetOptions('User1 User2 ');
  XCount:=rCount+1;
  rUser1[XCount]:=9999;
  rUser2[XCount]:=9999;
  Measure;
  ShowResults;

end;
```

```
macro 'fill area [3]';
var
  i,j,x,y:integer;
  XCount:integer;

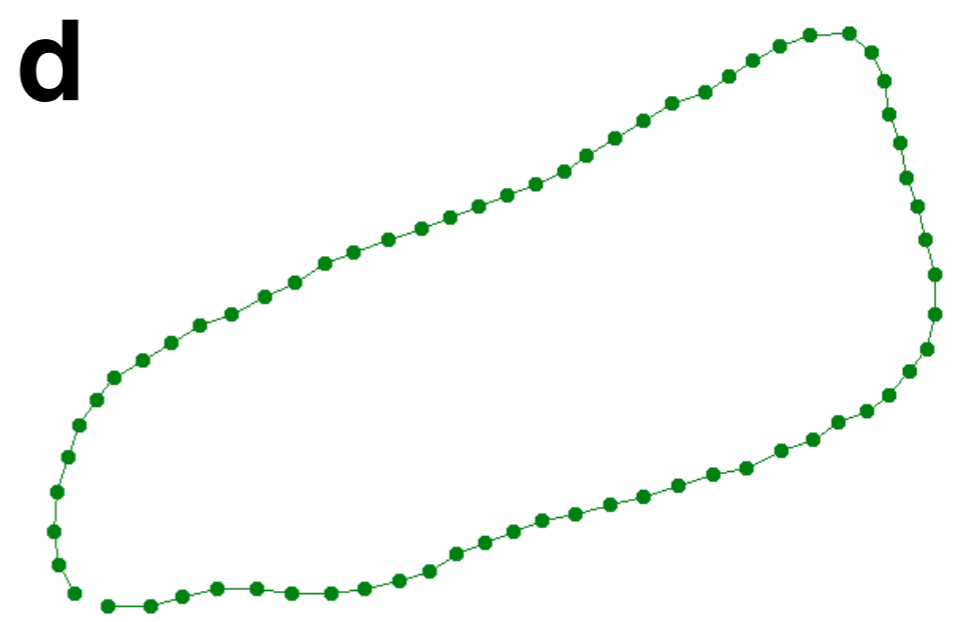
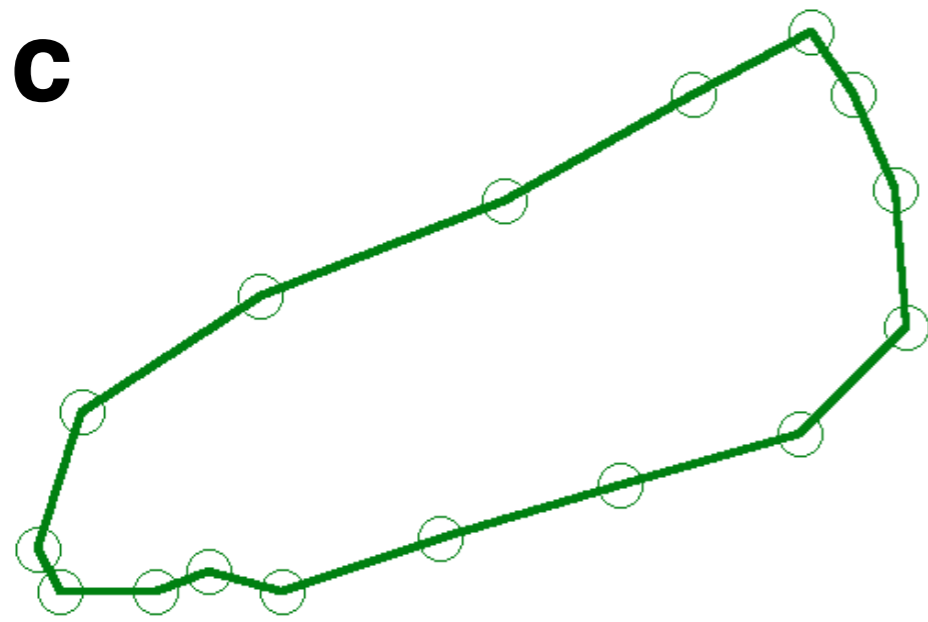
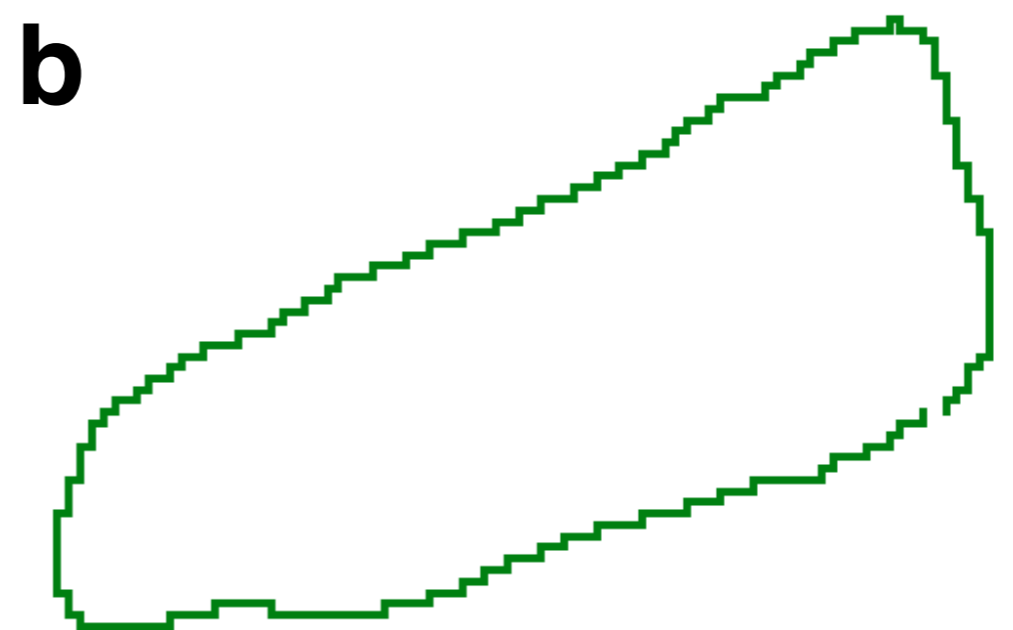
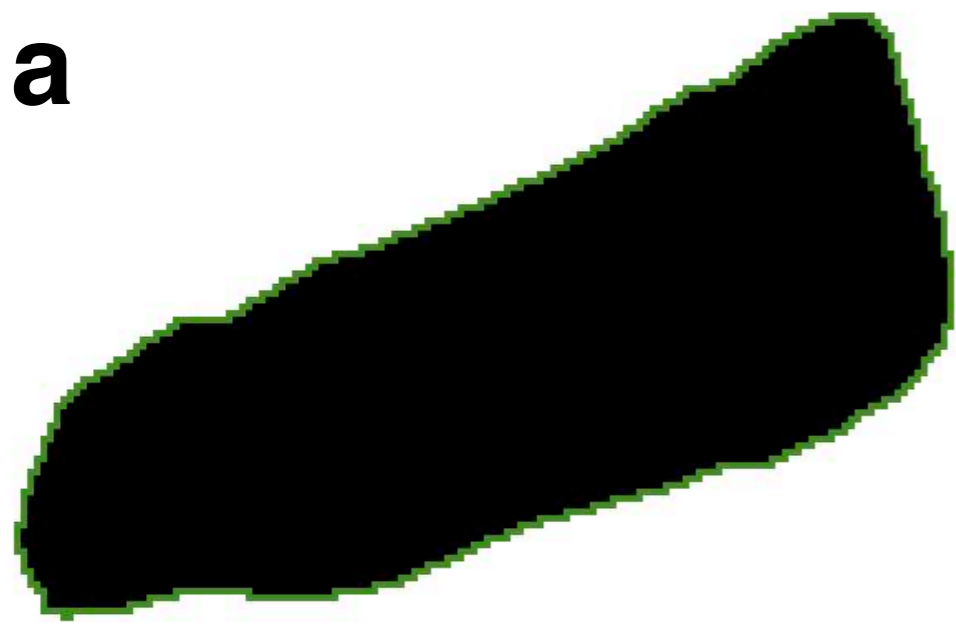
begin
  SetUser1Label('x');
  SetUser2Label('y');
  SetOptions('User1 User2 ');
  XCount:=rCount+1;
  GetMouse(x,y);
  SetForegroundColor(128);
  AutoOutline(x,y);
  Fill;

end;
```

## Figure 8.9

Digitizing macro.

- [1] Digitize mouse location;
- [2] write end coordinate (9999,9999);
- [3] fill segment under cursor (works only for bitmaps).



**Figure 8.10**

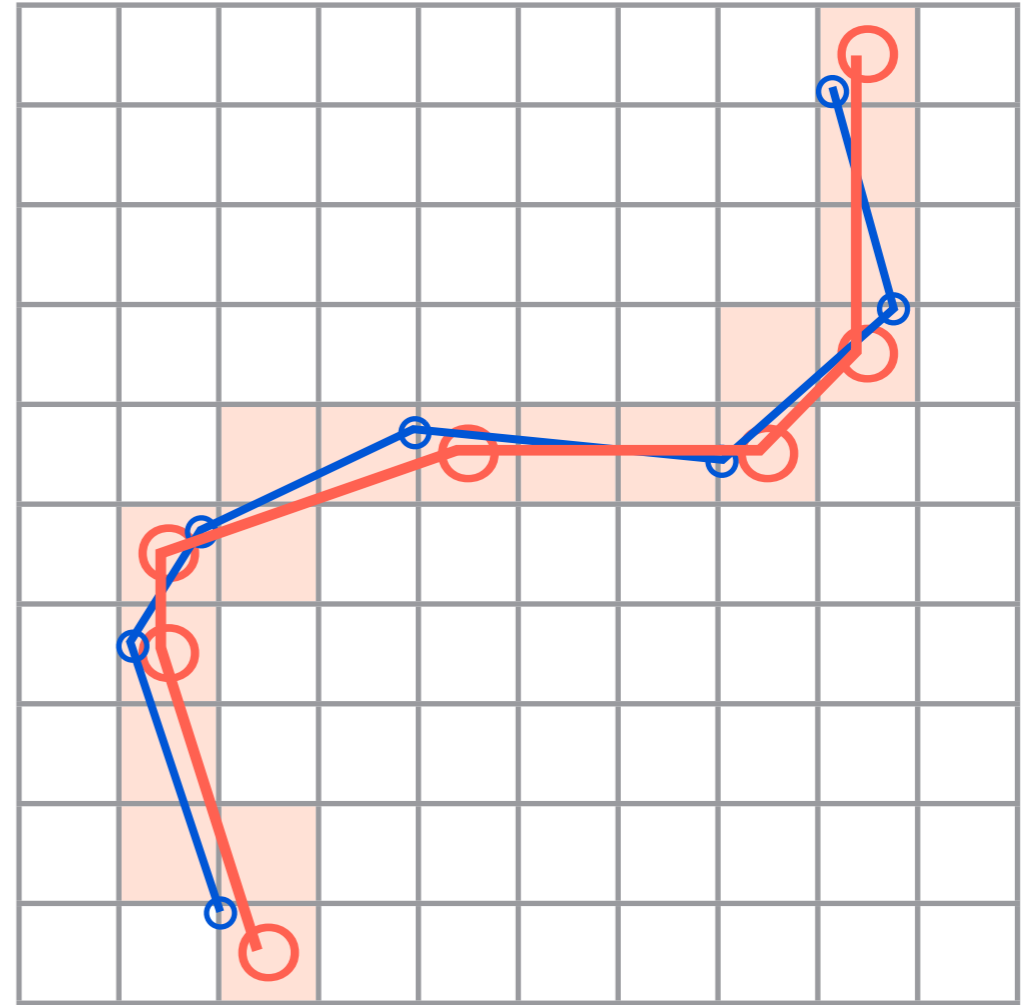
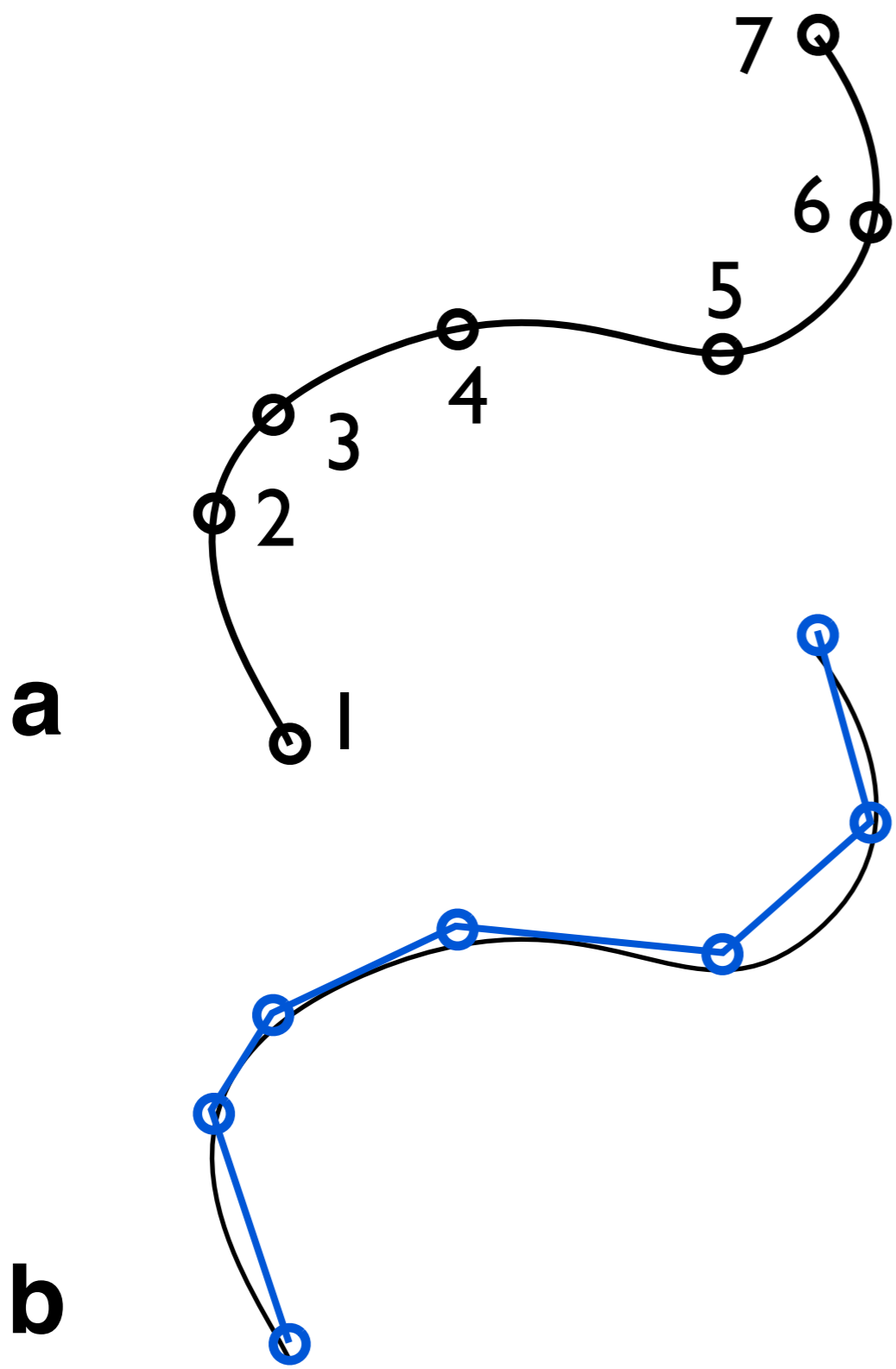
Digitizing outlines.

(a) Bitmap of segment; boundary pixels highlighted;

(b) 253 line segments connecting 254 boundary pixels; last and first are not connected;

(c) inscribed polygon; 16 vertices marked by circles;

(d) using high resolution digitizing tablet: 69 straight line segments connect 69 digitized points; loop is closed.



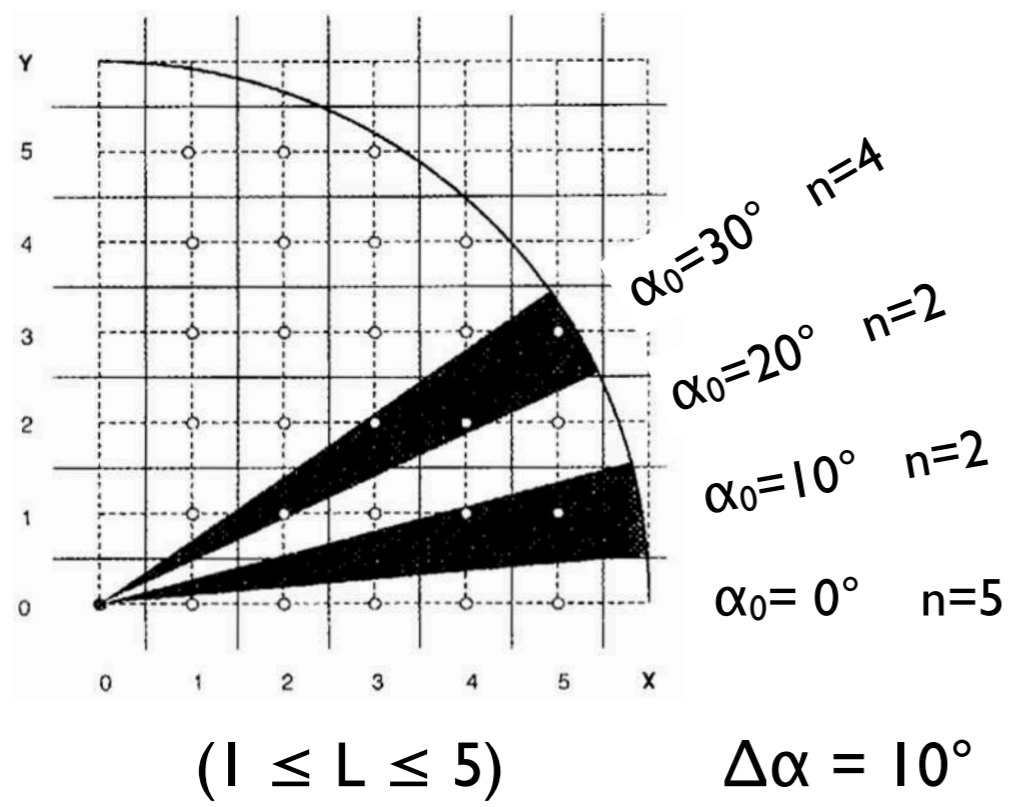
**Figure 8.11**

Curved lines on a grid.

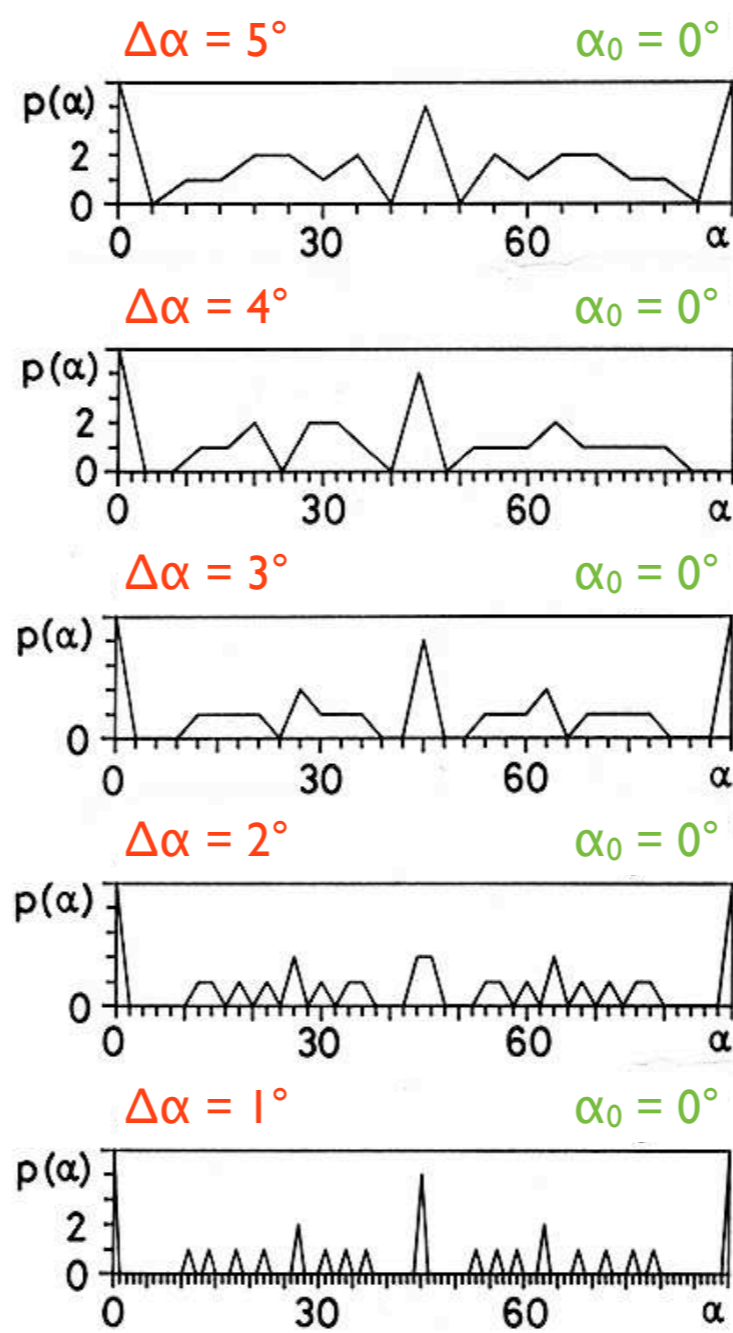
(a) Original continuously curved line, connecting 7 points;

(b) same as (a) with straight lines (polygonal chain) connecting points (vertices) in blue;

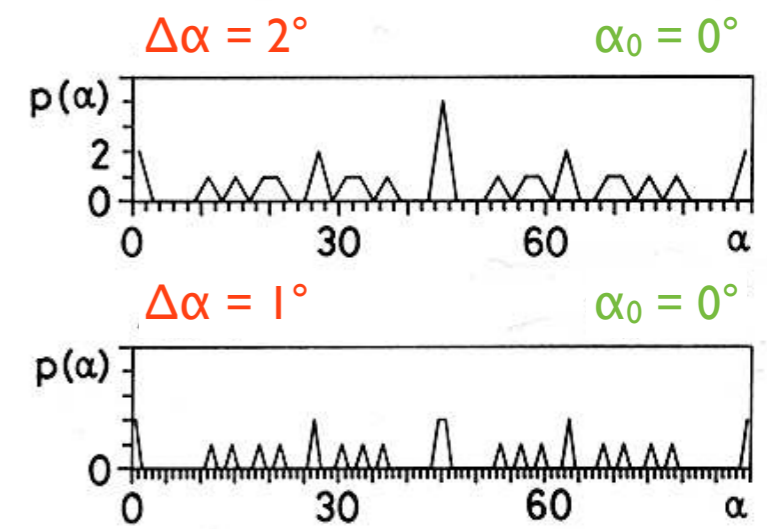
(c) polygonal chain of (b) placed on a digitizing grid (blue circles and lines); grid points closest to vertices are connected to form digitized version of (a) (red circles and lines); boundary pixels are highlighted in light red.



**a**



**b**

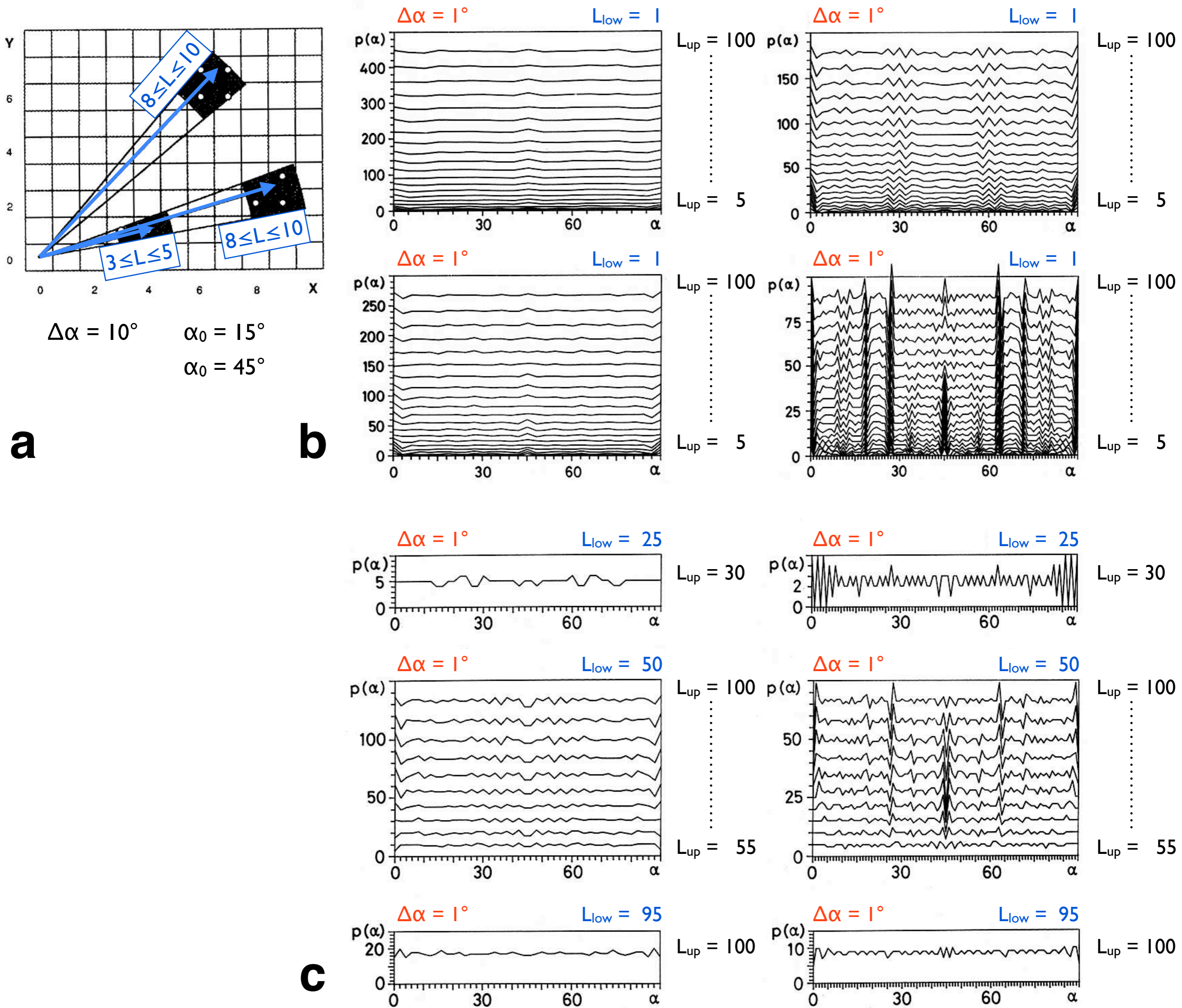


**c**

**Figure 8.12**

Digitizing artifacts.

- (a) Digitizing grid with four  $10^\circ$  sectors;  $n$  = number of possible end points for lines ( $1 \leq L \leq 5$ ) starting at origin;
- (b) number of possible lines,  $p(\alpha)$ , as function of orientation, for lines ( $1 \leq L \leq 5$ ) and for different angular resolutions,  $\Delta\alpha$ ; the first bin is centered at  $0^\circ$ ;
- (c) same as (b); the first bin is centered at  $\Delta\alpha/2$ ;
- $\Delta\alpha$  = angular resolution;
- $\alpha_0$  = center of first bin;
- $L$  = length of line segments in grid units;
- $p(\alpha)$  = grid points within sector.



**Figure 8.13**

Density distribution of grid points.

(a) Three ring sectors with  $\Delta L = 2$  and  $\Delta\alpha = 10^\circ$ ;

(b) number of possible lines,  $p(\alpha)$ , as function of orientation, for lines with  $L_{low} = 1$  and  $L_{up} = 5$  to  $100$ , for different angular resolutions,  $\Delta\alpha$ ;

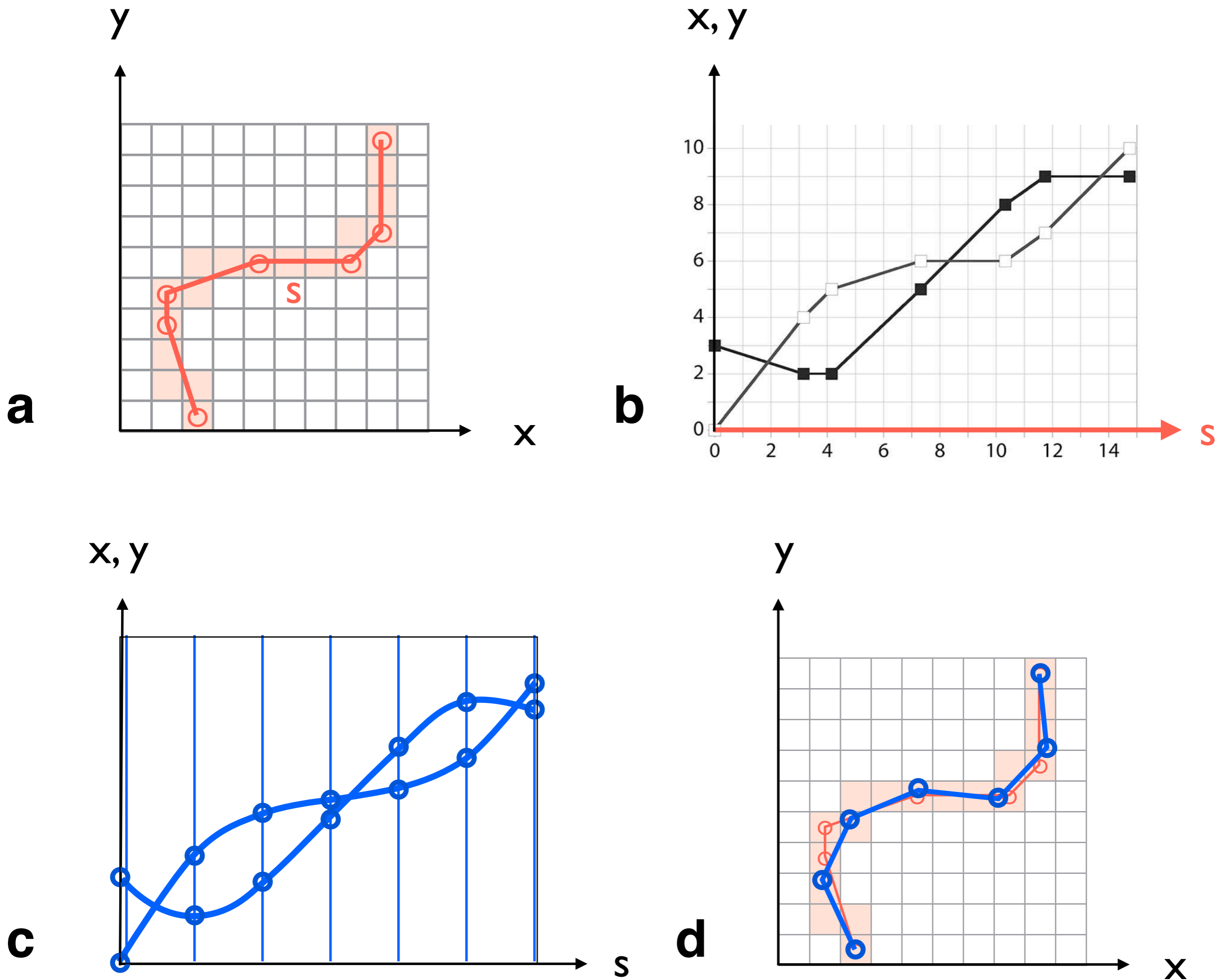
(c) same as (b), for  $L_{low} = 25, 50$  and  $95$ ;

$\Delta\alpha$  = angular resolution;

$\alpha_0$  = center of first bin =  $0^\circ$ ;

$L$  = length of line segments in grid units;  $L_{low}$  = lower bound;  $L_{up}$  = upper bound;

$p(\alpha)$  = grid points within sector  $\Delta\alpha$ .



**Figure 8.14**

Smoothing digitized outlines.

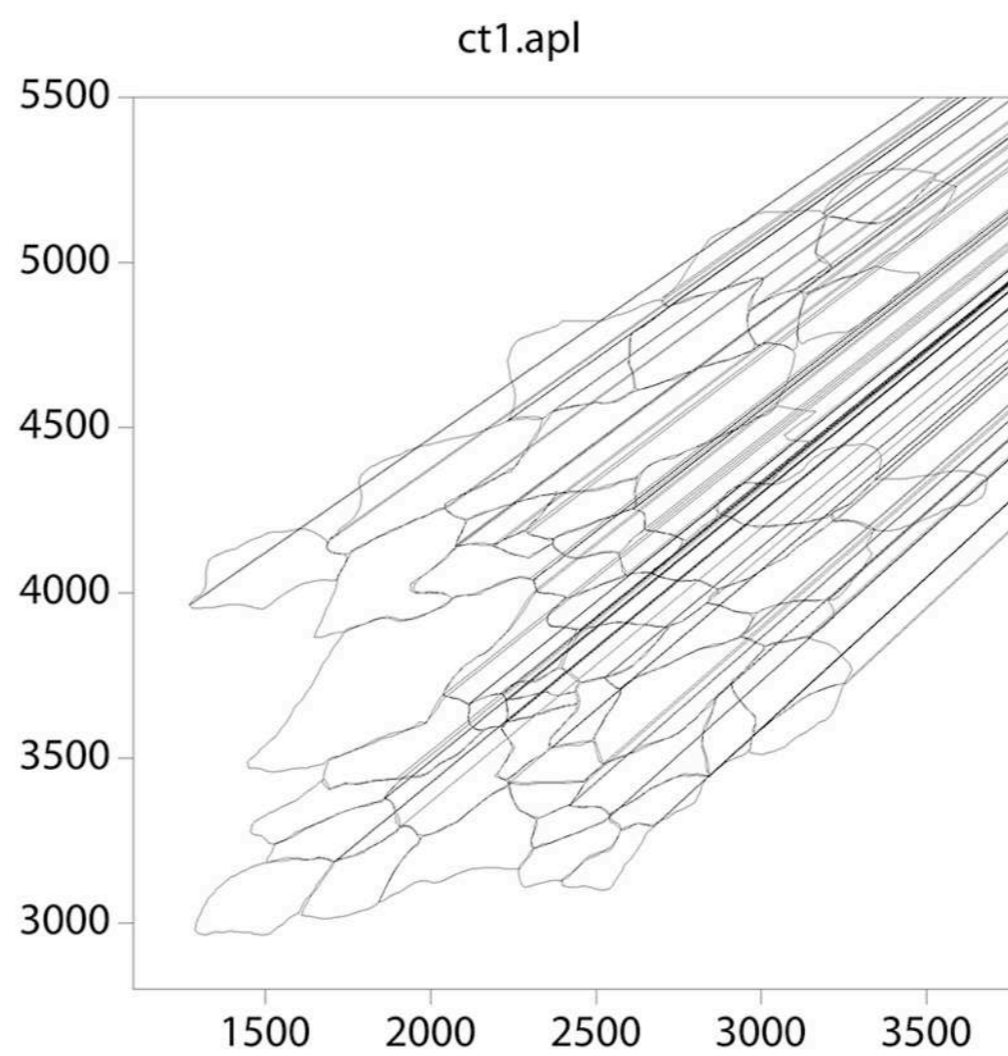
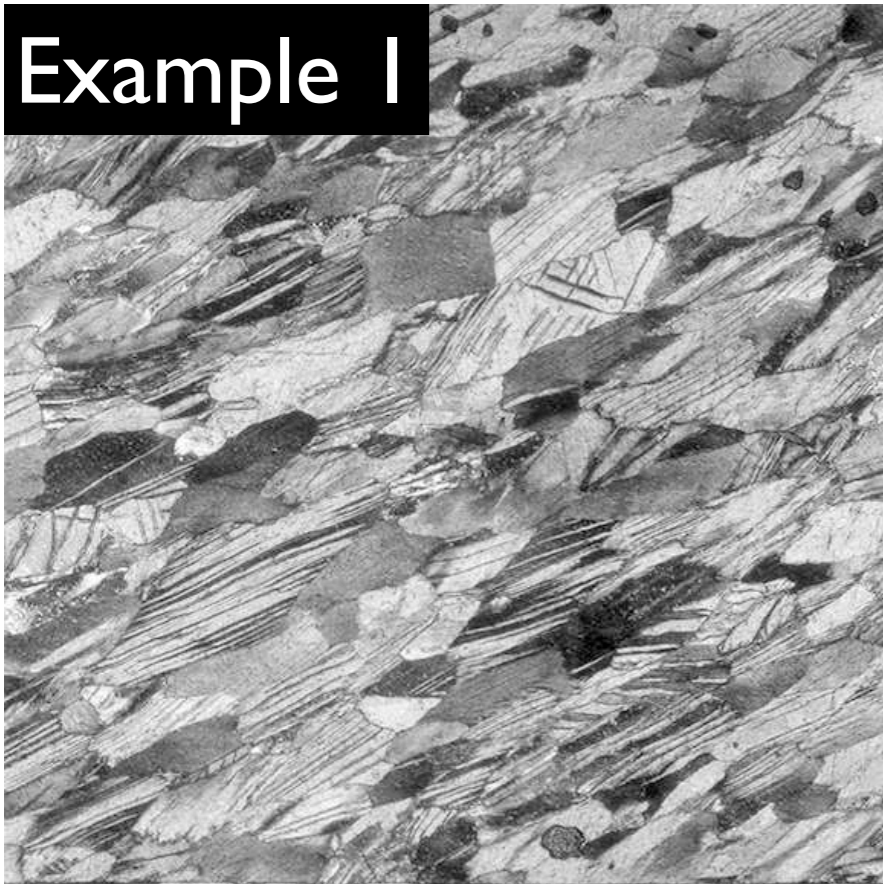
(a) Polygonal chain with 7 integer coordinates (X,Y) defined on digitizing grid;

(b) X and Y coordinates plotted against integrated path length,  $s$ ;

(c) smoothing spline functions,  $x(s)$  and  $y(s)$ , fitted to discrete values of X and Y; smoothing error = 1; blue dots denote new (continuous) coordinates picked at regular intervals along  $s$ ;

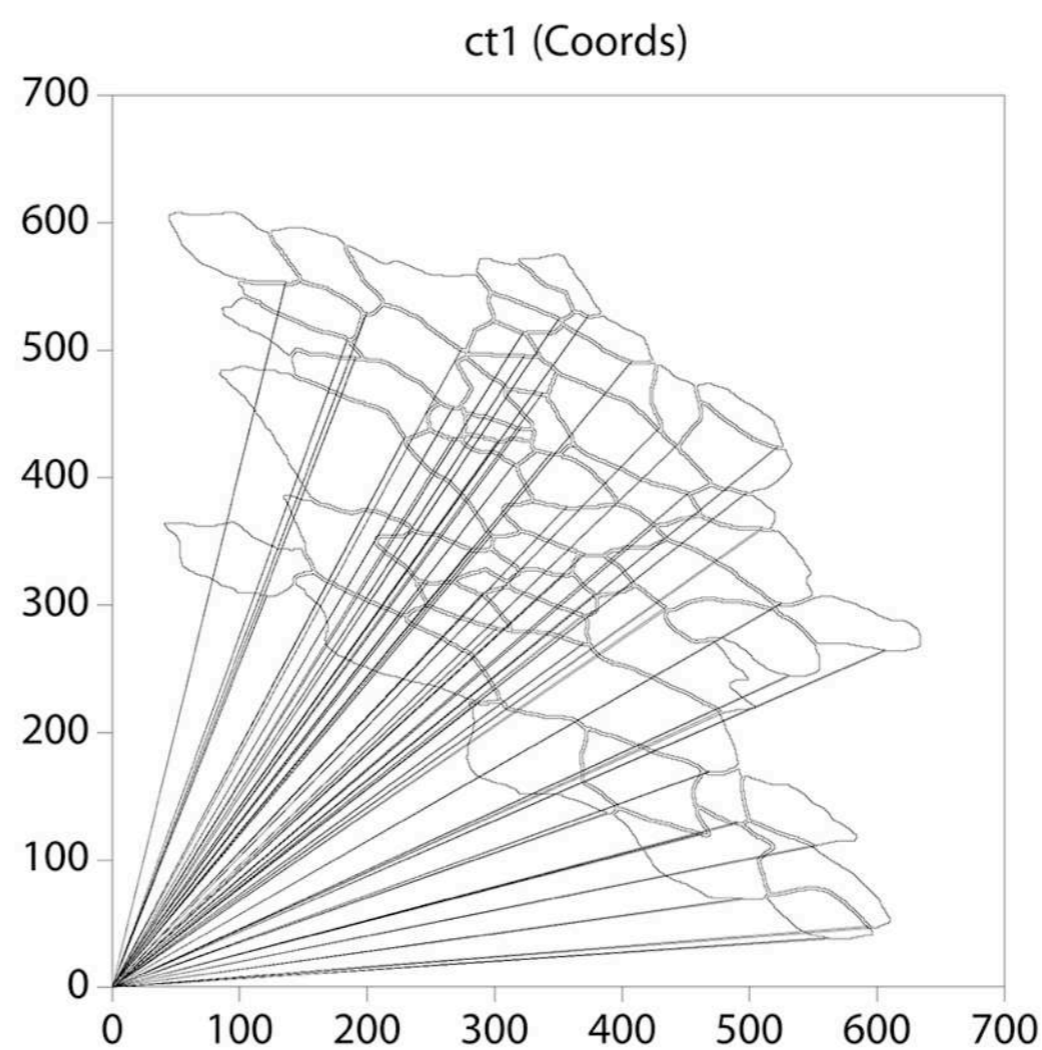
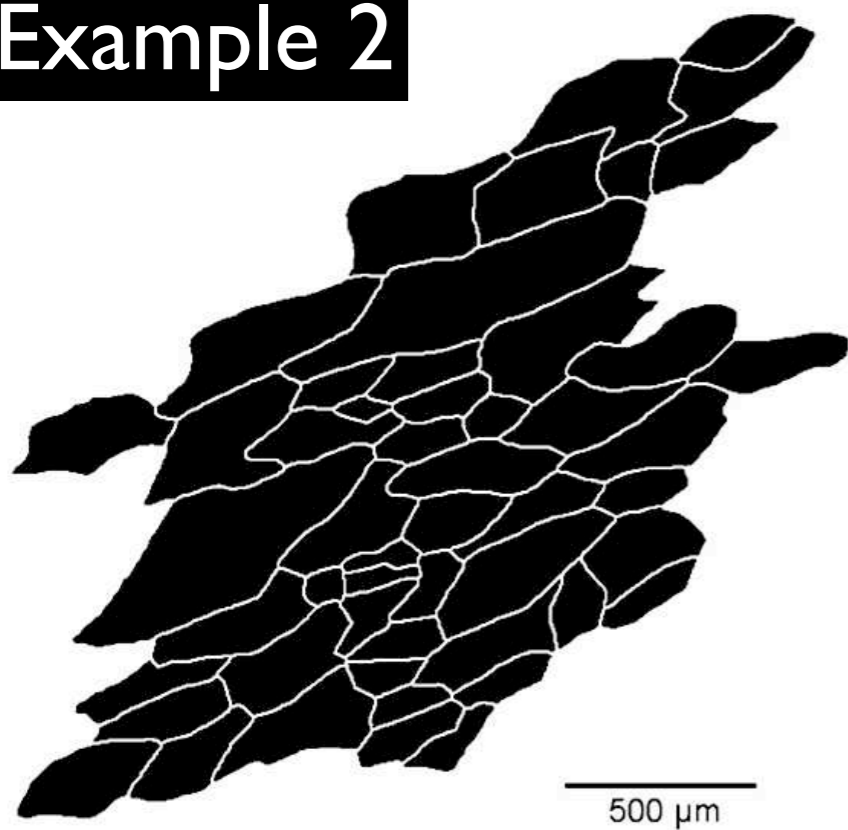
(d) new coordinates are plotted in x-y plane; integer coordinates of (a) are superposed for comparison.

## Example 1



9999	9999
3189	5153
3198	5168
3207	5180
3216	5192
3228	5204
3240	5216
....	....
3280	5126
3258	5129
3240	5132
3222	5137
3201	5138
3186	5147
9999	9999
9999	9999
3114	4925
3126	4937
3141	4946
....	....

## Example 2



0	0
562	38
580	38
580	39
585	39
585	40
589	40
...	... etc.
548	42
548	41
553	41
553	40
558	40
558	39
562	39
0	0
596	47
601	47
601	48
...	... etc.

### Software Box 8.1

Input files for SCASMO.

Example 1: Grayscale image, plot of digitized contours, including separator coordinates (9999,9999); total number of points = 3185, magnification: 1.047  $\mu\text{m}$  / pixel.

Example 2: segmented bitmap, plot of boundary coordinates, including separator coordinates (0,0); total number of points = 9540, magnification: 3.6842  $\mu\text{m}$  / pixel.

Text on gray background: source files for plot = input file for SCASMO.



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\*\*\* scasmo (full version)\*\* 2010-10-25, rh  
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converts digitized files to formatted input files  
plus optional: scaling, smoothing, closing of outlines  
plus optional: reduction of number of coordinate points  
maximum number of points per particle = 4000  
particles with less than 3 points are discarded  
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input file:

for each particle: X,Y	integer x-y coordinates
	...etc.
	XE,YE
	end coordinate (XE=YE)

output file:

line 1:	bti	title
line 2:	n	total number of points
for each particle: x,y		floating x-y coordinates
	...	...etc.
	xe,ye	end coordinates

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name of input file:

**1** ▶ ct1Coords.txt

magnification (mm/inch/etc. per pixel):

**2** ▶ 3.6842

end coordinates of input file (one number):

**3** ▶ 0

end coordinate of output file (one number):

**4** ▶ 9999

want to reduce number of digitized points ?

1=yes, 0=no

**5** ▶ 1

resolution (resampling between points):

(1)fine (2)medium (3)coarse (4>manual

**6** ▶ 4

indicate min.dist (same units as outlines):

**7** ▶ 20

distmin = 20.000000

want completed outlines ? (1=yes, 0=no):

**8** ▶ 1

want smoothing ? 1=yes,0=no :

**9** ▶ 1

smoothing error (in pixel units):

**10** ▶ 1

want inverted axes? 0=no; 1=x-axis; 2=y-axis; 3=both :

**11** ▶ 2

want spacing... 1=regular, 0=as digitized :

**12** ▶ 1

name of output file ? [ct1Coords.txt.scm] (return=default):

**13** ▶

type header (maximum length = 132 characters):

**14** ▶

ct1 SXM Coords 1 px smooth

## Software Box 8.2

Dialog with program SCASMO; answers are numbered and highlighted, see text for explanation.

```

ct1 1 px smooth
  3185
3322.2859    5367.9067
3329.9636    5382.5005
3339.9858    5395.5610
3350.3250    5408.0444
3362.5251    5421.1118

.....

3435.6853    5334.0098
3416.6008    5338.5054
3393.9631    5342.9556
3375.1279    5346.1025
3355.2957    5349.2959
3333.4331    5354.2905
3322.5149    5363.1323
3322.2859    5367.9067
9999.0000    9999.0000
3246.3596    5128.7568
3255.3682    5141.4678

.....

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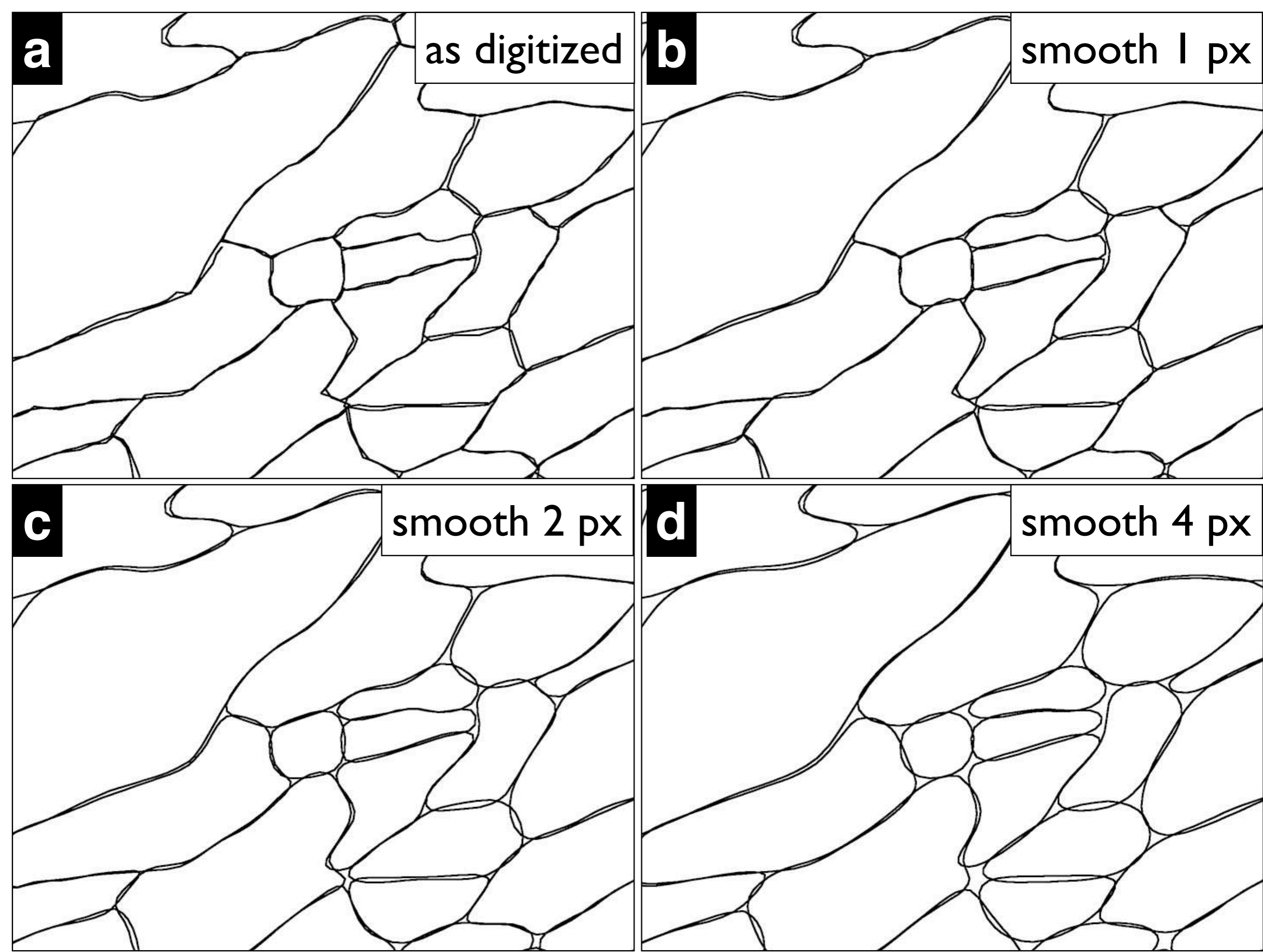
ct1 SXM Coords 1 px smoo
  1894
2071.7583    -142.64511
2101.1436    -140.12206
2129.5110    -140.71396
2155.8850    -144.78642
2176.1084    -152.86475

.....

1913.2555    -233.74568
1929.3328    -215.58563
1949.5594    -197.32109
1971.2324    -180.48318
1994.3207    -166.30144
2018.8632    -155.35596
2044.5809    -147.70366
2071.7583    -142.64511
9999.0000     9999.0000
2199.2988    -181.43900
2220.1973    -180.86613

.....

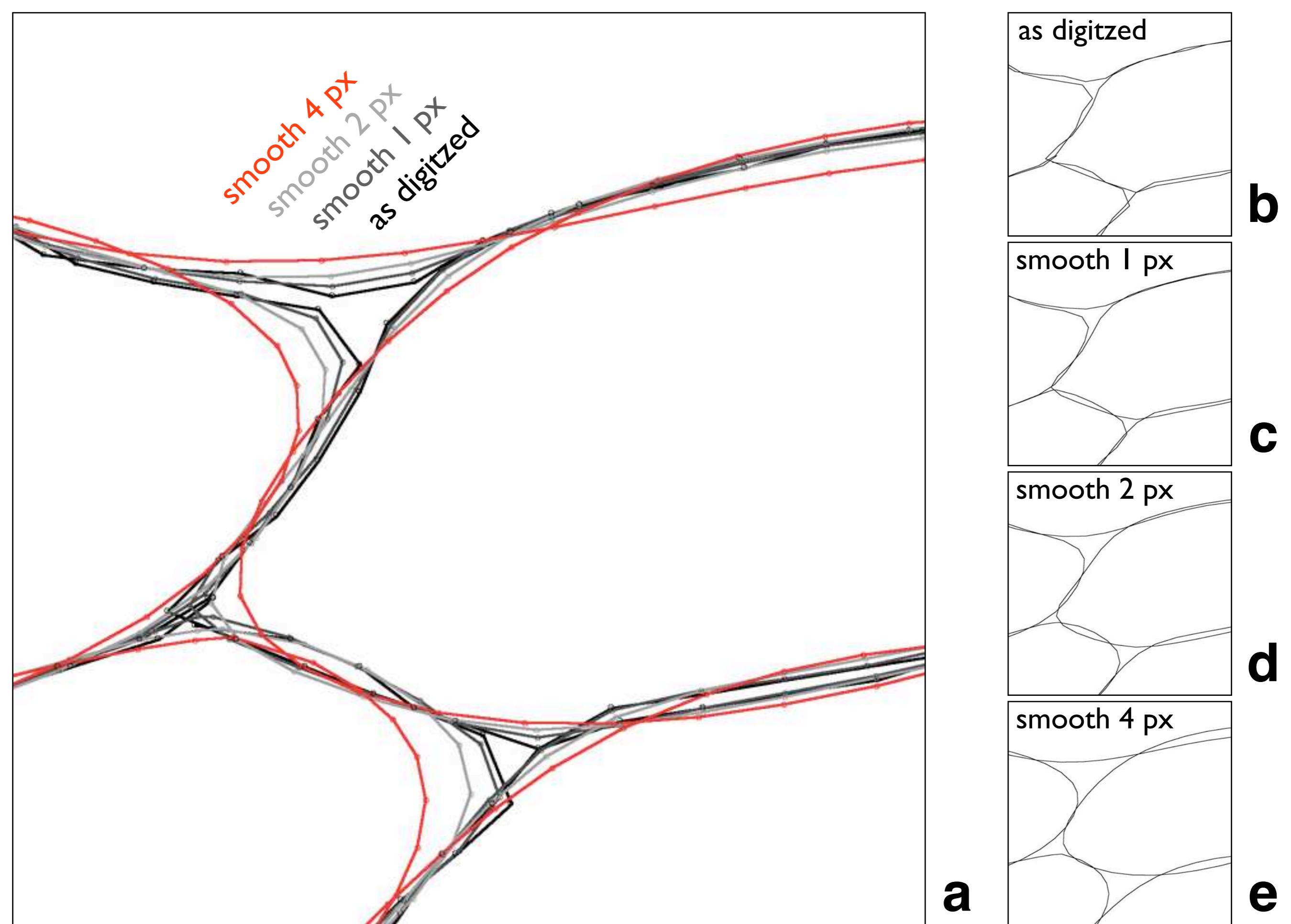
```



**Figure 8.15**

Effect of smoothing outlines.

- (a) Outlines as digitized;
- (b) outlines closed and smoothed with a smoothing error of 1 pixel;
- (c) same as (b) with a smoothing error of 2 pixels;
- (d) same as (b) with a smoothing error of 4 pixels.



**Figure 8.16**

Shape distortion through smoothing.

(a) Superposed plots of differently smoothed outlines;

(b) to (e) separate views of outlines shown in (a);

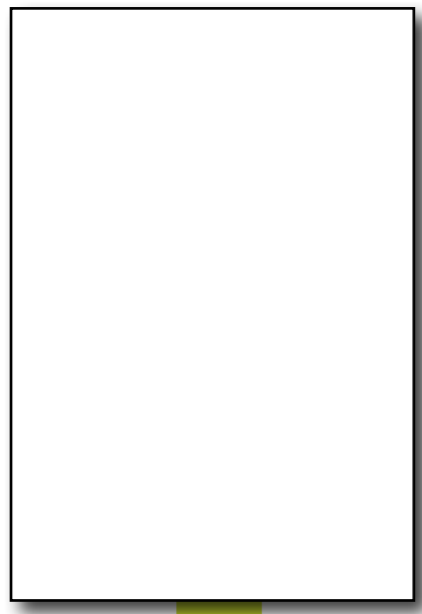
(b) outlines as digitized;

(c) smoothed with a smoothing error of 1 pixel;

(d) smoothed with a smoothing error of 2 pixels;

(e) smoothed with a smoothing error of 4 pixels.

digitized  
input file



SCASMO

standardized  
input file



FABRIC:  
PAROR  
SURFOR  
iSHAPES

standardized  
output files



graphics  
software

ASCII text file

ASCII text files

**Figure 8.17**

Flow chart for the FABRIC package.

The programs are written in Fortran; the format for all input and output files is ASCII text.