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Subject: Re: Does CONVOL convolute

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Big Bird wrote:

>  
> Maybe I'm thinking something completely wrong here somewhere but if my  
> array is  
>  
> 1 0 0  
> 0 0 0 ...  
> 0 0 0  
> .  
> .  
>  
> and my convolution kernel is  
>  
> a b c  
> d e f  
> g h i  
>  
> then I would expect the convolution to be  
>  
> e f 0  
> h i 0 ...  
> 0 0 0  
> .  
> .  
>  
> At least for a symmetric kernel (I'd have to think about an  
> unsymmetric one). I expect that because the fourier transform of a  
> delta function is a constant (one) which is thus the multiplicative  
> neutral element. And the fourier transform of a convolution of  
> functions is the multiplication of the transforms of the functions  
> themselves.  
>  
> The longer I stare at the help, the more confused I get trying to  
> figure out whether the [0,0] element of the result should be zero, as  
> it seems to have a condition attached that reads (at least on my  
> screen with the font the help uses) "if t >= 1-1 and u >= 1-1" . And I  
> really don't think either of these "ones" could be 'lower-case ell'  
> even though they use an 'ell' in the sum but without apparent  
> motivation (or at least they don't seem to say what 'ell' \*is\*  
>  
> /edge\_truncate goes in the vague direction  
>  
> /edge\_truncate,center=0 gives me something I don't understand at all  
>

> /edge\_wrap does what it sounds like (which is not what I would  
 > consider useful  
 > for most mathematical applications)  
 >  
 > /edge\_wrap,center=0 comes closest to what I would have expected  
 >  
 > This is all rather mysterious to me - is the term "convolution" used  
 > differently in engineering than in math? Clearly I have to think about  
 > this some more ...

Maybe a bound mirror expansion combined with shrinking helps ?

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IDL> a = [[1,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0]]
IDL> b = [[10,11,12],[13,14,15],[16,17,18]]
IDL> print, boundmirrorshrink(convol(boundmirrorexpand(a),b))
      14      13      0      0
      11      10      0      0
       0       0      0      0
       0       0      0      0
```

not exactly what you want, but closer, isn't it ? :)

```
FUNCTION BoundMirrorExpand, A
; Expand the matrix using mirror boundary condition
;
; A = [ 1  2  3 11
;      4  5  6 12
;      7  8  9 13 ]
;
; B = BoundMirrorExpand(A) =
;   [ 5  4  5  6 12  6
;     2  1  2  3 11  3
;     5  4  5  6 12  6
;     8  7  8  9 13  9
;     5  4  5  6 12  6 ]

m = (size(A))[1]
n = (size(A))[2]
B = [A, A[0,*], A[0,*]]
B = [[B], [B[*],0]], [B[*],0]] ; B and A have same type
B(1:m,1:n) = A
B(0,0) = B(2,2) ; mirror corners
B(0,n+1) = B(2,n-1)
B(m+1,0) = B(m-1,2)
B(m+1,n+1) = B(m-1,n-1)
B(1:m,0) = B(1:m,2) ; mirror left and right boundary
B(1:m,n+1) = B(1:m,n-1)
B(0,1:n) = B(2,1:n) ; mirror top and bottom boundary
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B(m+1,1:n) = B(m-1,1:n)
RETURN, B
END
```

```
FUNCTION BoundMirrorShrink, A
; Shrink the matrix to remove the padded mirror boundaries
; for example
;
; A = [ 5 4 5 6 12 6
;      2 1 2 3 11 3
;      5 4 5 6 12 6
;      8 7 8 9 13 9
;      5 4 5 6 12 6 ]
;
; B = BoundMirrorShrink(A) =
; [ 1 2 3 11
;   4 5 6 12
;   7 8 9 13 ]

m = (size(A))[1]
n = (size(A))[2]
B = A(1:m-2,1:n-2)
RETURN, B
END
```

just my 2 ce^H^Hfunctions,  
Tom

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