
Subject: Re: fast convolving question

Posted by [Chris\[5\]](#) on Thu, 29 May 2008 09:41:59 GMT

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On May 28, 5:16 am, rog...@googlemail.com wrote:

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> Dear all,
>
> the following code is able to convolve 2 matrices (e.g. 100x100 with
> 100x100) very fast by using 3 different approaches.
> The first one is fft. The second one is based on pre-computing indices
> (only ~6 times slower than fft by the given size) and multiplying
> indexed vectors with 1 for-loop and the third one is without any loop
> (~100 times faster than fft by the given size).
>
> My aim i.e the task is to convolve always without the use of fft, so i
> made this script. Unfortunately something is going wrong with the
> third method and I can't find where the error is.
>
> Please, help me!
>
> Thanks and king regards
>
> Christian
>
> Here it is:
>
> Function convolve, a,b,method,loop=loop
>
> if method eq 'fft' then begin
>
>     s1=size(a)
>     s2=size(b)
>     nx1=s1[1]
>     ny1=s1[2]
>     nx2=s2[1]
>     ny2=s2[2]
>     aa=fltarr(nx1+nx2-1,ny1+ny2-1)
>     bb=fltarr(nx1+nx2-1,ny1+ny2-1)
>     aa[0,0]=a
>     bb[nx1-1,ny1-1]=b
>     conv=double(shift(fft(fft(aa,-1)*fft(bb,-1),
> 1)*n_elements(aa),nx2,ny2))
>     return, conv
> endif
>
> if method eq 'discrete' then begin
>
>
> kernel =    a
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> matrix =    b
>
> siz_k =    size(kernel,/dimensions)
> sx_k =    siz_k[0]
> sy_k =    siz_k[1]
> sk      =    sx_k*sy_k
>
> siz_m =    size(matrix,/dimensions)
> sx_m =    siz_m[0]
> sy_m =    siz_m[1]
> sm      =    sx_m*sy_m
>
> conv =    fltarr(sm,/nozero)
> mat      =    fltarr(sx_k+sx_m-1,sy_k+sy_m-1)
> ;padding matrix with zeros
> mat[((sx_k-1)/2):((sx_k-1)/2+sx_m-1),((sy_k-1)/2):((sy_k-1)/2+sy_m-1)]
> =    matrix
> ;compute indices
> indarray2 =    make_array(sx_m+sx_k-1,sy_m+sy_k-1,/index)
> indarray  =    transpose(indarray2)
> ind       =    reform(indarray[0:sx_m-1,0:sy_m-1],sm,/overwrite)
> indsmall  =    (indarray[0:sx_k-1,0:sy_k-1])(reverse(indarray2[0:sk-1]))
> kernel    =    reform(kernel,sk,1,/overwrite)
>
> ;convolve by multiplying vectors
> if keyword_set(loop) then $
>     for i=0,sm-1 do (conv)[i]=kernel##mat( indsmall+ind(i) ) $
>
>     else (conv)[(i=indarray2[0:sm-1])]=kernel##mat( indsmall+ind(i) )
>
> conv      =    reform(conv,sx_m,sy_m,/overwrite)
> return, conv
> endif
> end
>
> pro test_method_conv
>
> par      =    100
> a        =    dist(par)
> b        =    dist(par)
>
> t0=systime(1)
> c1=convolve(a,b,'fft')
> print,'Convolve with fft: ',systime(1)-t0,' seconds'
> Window,1,xsize=200,ysize=200,title='Convolve with fft' &
> TVSCL,congrid(c1,100,100)
>
> t0=systime(1)

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> c2=convolve(a,b,'discrete')
> print,'Convolve discrete without loop: ',systime(1)-t0,' seconds'
> Window,2,xsize=200,ysize=200,title='Convolve discrete without loop' &
> TVSCL,congrid(c2,100,100)
>
> t0=systime(1)
> c3=convolve(a,b,'discrete',/loop)
> print,'Convolve discrete with loop: ',systime(1)-t0,' seconds'
> Window,3,xsize=200,ysize=200,title='Convolve discrete with loop' &
> TVSCL,congrid(c3,100,100)
> end
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Hmm- why don't you just use the build in IDL function convol?
