
Subject: Re: Approximate convolution - for loop problem
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samuel.leach@gmail.com writes:

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> Hello everyone, I'm trying to execute a 1-d convolution of an array,  
> signal.  
>  
> Using an analytic approximation, obtaining the convolved bolometer  
> signal, bolo_signal, at time step ii, is given by the following:  
>  
> nsamp=n_elements(signal)  
> const1 = exp(-tsamp/taubolo)  
> const2 = 1.-const1  
>  
>  
> bolo_signal = const2*signal  
> for ii= 1L,nsamp-1L do begin  
>   bolo_signal[ii] += const1*bolo_signal[ii-1]  
> endfor  
>  
> where tsamp and taubolo are scalars. Is there any way to avoid the for  
> loop in this case? The hope is to speed up the execution.
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I think this gives you the same results:

```
bolo_signal += const1 * shift(bolo_signal,-1)
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Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
