
Subject: Re: Approximate convolution - for loop problem

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 02:27:07 GMT

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On Dec 21, 3:01 pm, Sam <samuel.le...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi David, unfortunately shift() does not do the business for me, as
> these two examples below show. So I'm still a bit stumped here.

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> ; Array operation I'm trying to execute.

> a=[1.,2.,3.,4.]

> for ii=1,3 do a[ii] += 0.5*a[ii-1]

> print,a

> 1.00000 2.50000 4.25000 6.12500

>

> ; Attempt to perform this operation with shift()

> a=[1.,2.,3.,4.]

> a += 0.5*shift(a,-1)

> print,a

> 2.00000 3.50000 5.00000 4.50000

>

> On Dec 21, 7:03 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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>> samuel.le...@gmail.com writes:

>>> 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:

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>>> 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)

>

>> Cheers,

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>> David

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>> --
>> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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>> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/
>> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
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How about this:

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a = [1.,2.,3.,4.]
n = n_elements(a)
c = 0.5^reverse(indgen(n))
new_a = total(a*c, /cumulative) / c
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-Jeremy.
