
Subject: Re: convolve mystery

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Helder writes:

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> On Wednesday, November 6, 2013 4:13:49 PM UTC+1, Mats Löfdahl wrote:
>> I found something surprising (to me) with the convolve() IDL function. There is something
strange about how it does its Fourier wrap-around of an image from one side of the array to the
other.
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>> Here is a simple example. First define a simple image where half is unity and half is zero:
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>> sz = 10
>>
>> im = [replicate(1., sz/2), replicate(0., sz/2)] # replicate(1., sz)
>>
>> print, 'Original:'
>>
>> print, im[*, sz/2], format = '(f5.2)'
>>
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>>
>> This gives the output:
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>> Original:
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 1.00
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>> 1.00
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 1.00
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>> 0.00
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>> 0.00
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>> 0.00
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>> 0.00
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>> 0.00
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>> Then define a point spread function and do the convolution:
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>> psf1 = [[1., 1., 1.], [1., 5., 1.], [1., 1., 1.]]
>>
>> psf1 = psf1/total(psf1)
>>
>> imc1 = convolve(im, psf1)
>>
>> print, 'With convolve:'
>>
>> print,imc1[* ,sz/2], format = '(f5.2)'
>>
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>>
>> The output I get is:
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>>
>> With convolve:
>>
>> 0.77
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 0.77
>>
>> 0.23
>>
>> -0.00
>>
>> 0.00
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>> -0.00
>>
>> -0.00
>>
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>> See how the wrap-around reduced the 1.00 in the first pixel to 0.75 but the last pixel does not
get the corresponding increase?
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>> Whereas if I do the equivalent operation explicitly with FFT, I do get the expected 0.23 in the
last pixel:
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>>
>> psf2 = fltarr(sz, sz)
>>
>> psf2[sz/2-1:sz/2+1, sz/2-1:sz/2+1] = psf1*sz*sz
>>
>> psf2 = shift(psf2, sz/2, sz/2)
>>
>> imc2 = float(fft(fft(im)*fft(psf2), /inv))
>>
>> print, 'With fft:'
>>
>> print,imc2[* ,sz/2], format = '(f5.2)'
>>
>>
>>
>> With fft:
>>
>> 0.77
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 1.00
>>
>> 0.77
>>
>> 0.23
>>
>> -0.00
>>
>> -0.00
>>

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>> -0.00
>>
>> 0.23
>>
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>> I've looked at the code in http://www.astro.washington.edu/docs/idl/cgi-bin/getpro/library21.html?CONVOLVE and as far as I can see (due to various options the code is not entirely straight forward to read), the fft convolution has no reason to do give any different result from what I do explicitly with fft.
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>> Does anybody know what is going on?
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> Dunno,
> but if you try this, you get what you expected:
>
> imc2 = CONVOL_FFT(im, psf1, /NO_PADDING)
> print,imc2[* ,sz/2], format = '(f5.2)'
> 0.77
> 1.00
> 1.00
> 1.00
> 0.77
> 0.23
> -0.00
> -0.00
> -0.00
> 0.23
>
> but of course you need at least IDL 8.1.
> With padding you get the "wrong" result.

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You get the result you expect if you use the IDL routine CONVOL (instead of the CONVOLVE you are using, and set the EDGE_WRAP keyword:

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psf1 = [[1., 1., 1.], [1., 5., 1.], [1., 1., 1.]]
psf1 = psf1/total(psf1)
imc1 = convol(im, psf1, /edge_wrap)
print, 'With convol:'
print,imc1[* ,sz/2], format = '(f5.2)'
END

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IDL> .go
% Compiled module: $MAIN$.
With convol:
0.77

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1.00
1.00
1.00
0.77
0.23
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.23

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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