
Subject: BVLS (NNLS) without loops?

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Hi IDLers,

I am currently using BVLS (<http://www-astro.physics.ox.ac.uk/~mxc/idl/bvls.pro>) for spectral unmixing. It works great, but, on one pixel at a time. I want to implement for many pixels without having to loop. Example below:

```
IDL> help, a
A          FLOAT    = Array[85, 3]
IDL> help, b
B          FLOAT    = Array[85]
IDL> help, bnd
BND        FLOAT    = Array[2, 3]
IDL> print, bnd
  0.000000    1.00000
  0.000000    1.00000
  0.000000    1.00000
```

bvls, A, B, BND, X_BVLS

```
IDL> help, x_bvls
X_BVLS      FLOAT    = Array[3]
```

in my example A is a vector of "endmembers" (85 spectral bands and 3 fractions), B is a pixel (vector of 85 bands), BND are bounds (don't go negative nor >1) and the X_BVLS are the estimated fractions returned for that pixel.

Now as you could imagine I have many many pixels (n) (my B is really a 2D array of [85, n]) and i've written a function which loops through n, but it gets very slow for large n.

Any ideas?

Thanks
