
Subject: Convolution

Posted by [Kay Bente](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2001 12:22:18 GMT

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Hi

I have to convolute a 256x256x128 Floating Point array with a 3D Gaussian Kernel of ~ 30x30x30, this lasts round about 45Minutes. So my question is, if there is any way how i can speed this up. I tried to separate this in

correct (cause the procedure hangs up after a few loops)

I know that the Convolution of two functions is a Multiplication in Fourier Space, but how can I do this with discrete arrays, do I have to enlarge my kernel to the size of the array i want to smooth? If so, the creation of the kernel with the dimensions of my array nearly lasts as long as the normal convolution :-)

So i would be very happy about any hints!!

This is how I tried it

```
FUNCTION Gauss3D, mat, n, s
```

```
;n = Size Of Array
```

```
;s = Sigma
```

```
;Gauss Kernel is completely circularly symmetric operator
```

```
;=> Convol in each dimension with a 1D Kernel
```

```
;Create Kernel
```

```
a = DindGen(n)-(n/2)
```

```
print,a
```

```
kernel = Exp(-(Temporary(a))^2/(2.*s^2))/(Sqrt(2.*PI)*s)
```

```
tstart=SysTime(1)
```

```
s=Size(mat,/Dimensions)
```

```
mat2=FltArr(s(0),s(1),s(2))
```

```
;Convol in X,Y
```

```
FOR i=0, s(2) DO BEGIN
```

```
  buffer=mat(*,*,i)
```

```
  buffer1=Convol(buffer,kernel,Total(kernel))
```

```
  buffer1=Convol(buffer1,Rotate(kernel,1),Total(kernel))
```

```
  mat2(*,*,i)=Temporary(buffer1)
```

```
ENDFOR
```

```
;Convol in Z
```

```
FOR i=0, s(1) DO BEGIN
  buffer=mat2(*,i,*)
  buffer1=Convol(buffer,kernel>Total(kernel))
  mat2(*,i,*)=Temporary(buffer)
ENDFOR
Return, mat2
END
```

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Subject: Re: convolution
Posted by [Chris\[1\]](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 2003 16:17:33 GMT
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Hi Larry;

Someday I'm going to get IDL installed on the same machine I write mail from, but till then....

W/r to your problem, formally one of the forward fft's should be conjugated; and when you plot the results, plot the absolute values, or explicitly the real and complex parts, and see if that helps.

Chris

"Larry Morgan" <lkm8@ukc.ac.uk> wrote in message
news:b61e00\$kh1\$1@athena.ukc.ac.uk...

> Hi,
> I am at a loss to explain the output from the program below and although
> it's not strictly an idl problem I was wondering if anyone could help me.
> I want to convolve the two functions in the left half of the plot window
> together. When I multiply their fourier transforms together and inverse
> transform the result back I get what appears in the right hand window.
This
> is not at all what I expected although from everything I've read there is
> nothing wrong with the method I have used.
> Can anyone help me?
> cheers
> Larry
>
> Pro convolve
>
> xxx=((DINDGEN(20000))*0.01)
>

```
>
beamlong=(0.960944*exp(-((xxx-100.)^2)/(2*(10.6337^2))))+(0.0390565*exp(-((x
xx-100.)^2)/(2*(33.2939^2))))
>
> loz_850=0.00060018403/(4.0*(((xxx-100.)/27.269890)^2.0)+1.0)
>
> loz_850=loz_850/max(loz_850)
>
> !p.multi=[0,2,1,0,0]
> plot,xxx,loz_850,linestyle=1
> oplot,xxx,beamlong
> imconv_850=fft(fft(loz_850)*fft(beamlong),/inverse)
>
> plot,xxx,imconv_850
> !p.multi=0
> end
>
```

Subject: Re: convolution

Posted by [d.poreh](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 08:15:51 GMT

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On Apr 24, 9:17 pm, sarah <sarahwiddeco...@yahoo.com> wrote:

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did you try fft?or fftw?
Cheers

Subject: Re: convolution

Posted by [Vince Hradil](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 13:29:20 GMT

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What _exactly_ have you tried? What was the result? i.e. explain "I cannot get it to work.". Code snippets always help.

Subject: Re: convolution

Posted by [sarah\[1\]](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 01:56:27 GMT

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Sorry it has taken me so long to reply. (I have been sick). I have tried writing my own convolution function and using CONVOL. It is a very short code, here it is:

```
pro conv1
```

```
Openr, lun, 'model.dat', /Get_Lun
```

```
Point_Lun, lun, 0
```

```
ReadF, lun, adim, bdim, num_columns
```

```
array = fltarr(2, 1024)
```

```
readf,lun,array
```

```
a = array(0,*)
```

```
b = array(1,*)
```

```
Free_Lun, lun
```

```
Openr, lun, 'data.dat', /Get_Lun
```

```
Point_Lun, lun, 1
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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f= const*( EXP(-1.0*(x - mu)^2/(2*sigma^2)))
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end
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Sarah

Subject: Re: convolution
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 02:31:34 GMT
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Subject: Re: convolution

Posted by [sarah\[1\]](#) on Mon, 19 May 2008 22:32:26 GMT

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On May 12, 9:31 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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```

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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
readf,lun,spec
```

```
a = spec(0,*)
```

```
b = spec(1,*)
Free_Lun, lun
window,2,xsize=500,ysize=500,retain=2
plot,a,b,yrange=[0,1],xrange=[4265,4200]
```

```
openr,lun,'aataunorm.dat',/get_lun
Point_Lun, lun, 1
ReadF, lun, cdim, ddim, num_columns
data = fltarr(2, 1024)
readf,lun,data
c = data(0,*)
d = data(1,*)
window,4,xsize=500,ysize=500,retain=2
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print,data
```

```
fconv=convol(b,d,/edge_truncate)
;define convoution function
print,fconv
```

```
openw,1,'data.dat'
printf,1,a,fconv
```

```
fconv2=fconv/92.4259
window,6,xsize=500,ysize=500,retain=2
plot,a,fconv2,yrange=[0,1],xrange=[4265,4200]
close,1
```

```
end
```

Subject: Re: convolution
Posted by [Chris\[5\]](#) on Tue, 20 May 2008 10:49:48 GMT
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```

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```

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```

;convolve a and b with ker

```
aconvol=convol(a,ker,/edge_truncate)
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```

hope this helps

chris

Subject: Re: convolution

Posted by [Chris\[5\]](#) on Tue, 20 May 2008 11:31:08 GMT

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> chris

```

woops, sorry. I made a typo in defining ker. Replace

```

sigma=31. ; whatever you want- make it odd though
ker=findgen(ker)-(ker-1)/2.

```

with this:

```

sigma=30 ; width of gaussian, even or odd

```

```
n=8*sigma+1. ;gaussian goes to +/- 4 sigma
ker=findgen(n)-(n-1)/2.
```

The rest should work. By the way, if you want to check what happened to your spectrum afterwards, try this

```
plot,a
oplot,aconvol,linestyle=2
```
