
Subject: Re: using convol with 2D image and 1D kernel
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sat, 29 Nov 2003 19:07:56 GMT
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lunde@nrlssc.navy.mil (Bruce) writes:

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Why not check it out for yourself, by convolving each scan line of the original image one at a time, and seeing which output you get?

Experimentally yours,
Craig

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 29 Nov 2003 19:17:41 GMT
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Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: using convol with 2D image and 1D kernel

Posted by [Chris\[1\]](#) on Sat, 29 Nov 2003 22:23:17 GMT

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Just a little note - the easiest way to see what a filter is doing is to give it a single impulse point in a field of zeros, and look at the result. For example, for Bruce's question, just set all of the 'mandril's array to zero, and then set the central point to 1 (or 256, or whatever). then look at the output. The value in each cell after the filtering can be considered as the contribution that a specific cell makes at that distance to another, through the filter.

Cheers;

Chris

"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.1a329ebbb9da263a989760@news.frii.com...

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Posted by [lunde](#) on Sun, 30 Nov 2003 05:04:47 GMT

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Thanks for all of your insights and ideas. They helped me understand this problem, and other related problems.

Bruce
