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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 18:03:05 GMT
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Posted by [Sam](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 20:01:39 GMT
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Humm. Yes, I see what you mean. I think you might be out of luck without a loop here, since the **next** calculation depends on the **previous**. I don't see how it can be done without a loop.

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Subject: Re: Approximate convolution - for loop problem
Posted by [Wout De Nolf](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 09:31:01 GMT
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On Sun, 21 Dec 2008 09:32:40 -0800 (PST), samuel.leach@gmail.com wrote:

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c=0.5
n=n_elements(a)

a=reform([reform(rebin([a,0],n+1,n-1,/sample),n*n-1),a[0]],n ,n)
i=REBIN(LINDGEN(n), n, n)
j=REBIN(TRANPOSE(LINDGEN(n)), n, n)
a*= i ge j

c=rebin(c^reverse(indgen(n)),n,n,/sample)
a=reverse(total(a*c,1))
print,a

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 Posted by [Sam](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 22:19:39 GMT
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It seems more memory demanding and I can not allocate the memory for it.

Well, thank you for the suggestions. Best Regards, Sam.

On Dec 22, 10:31 am, Wox <s...@nomail.com> wrote:

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 Posted by [andrews32940](#) on Tue, 23 Dec 2008 19:46:11 GMT
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This doesn't get rid of the FOR loop but it should be faster with minimal memory overhead:

```

a = [1.,2.,3.,4.]
Print, 'Start a = ', a
na = N_Elements(a)
const1 = 0.5
coef = Make_Array(na, /DOUBLE, VALUE=const1)
coef[0] = 1.0D ; First index is a special case
scale = Reverse(Product(coef, /CUMULATIVE))
for ii = na-1L, 0L, -1L DO a[ii] = Total(a[0:ii]*scale[na-1-
ii:na-1])
Print, 'End a = ', a

```

```

Start a =    1.00000    2.00000    3.00000    4.00000
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Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 02:27:07 GMT

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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
```

-Jeremy.
