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Posted by [Dete van Eeden](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2015 08:18:12 GMT

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Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2015 08:37:34 GMT

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Posted by [Dete van Eeden](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2015 08:49:01 GMT

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On Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 10:37:37 AM UTC+2, Fabien wrote:

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Subject: Re: convol  
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2015 09:05:16 GMT  
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On 10/04/2015 10:49 AM, Dete van Eeden wrote:

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Posted by [Dete van Eeden](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2015 09:15:13 GMT  
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On Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 11:05:19 AM UTC+2, Fabien wrote:

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Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2015 09:23:00 GMT

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I am sorry you think I am an idiot. I probably am since I can't solve your problem...

All the best,

Fabien

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Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Sun, 04 Oct 2015 10:44:11 GMT

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(THIS is definitively not the way to get an answer anywhere on the net that I know of. But anyway, here it goes.)

The issue here is that you don't describe why CONVOL doesn't work like you expect. Given that CONVOL is extremely well documented, including the CENTER keyword, it is hard to know what your problem is.

[http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/CONVOL.html#C\\_854643309\\_676409](http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/CONVOL.html#C_854643309_676409)

You should describe what you did and why that isn't what you expected if you want answers.

A couple of (documented) gotchas are that

1) the CENTER keyword is set by default, and

2) CONVOL does not reverse the kernel unless /REVERSE is set, and thus by default calculates correlation rather than convolution in the mathematical sense.

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Subject: Re: convol

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Mon, 05 Oct 2015 11:37:02 GMT

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Now, now. Don't take it personally. Fabien did provide good advice with the last link (the comic did make me laugh...mostly because I've been in that position myself, pressing buttons in blind panic mode. But I digress....)

Getting back to your question, the documentation for CONVOL is pretty thorough:

<http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/CONVOL.html>

When you say you are "not sure how the center option works? how and where do I define it?" the doc in the above link should help.

To quote from the intro:

"The CENTER keyword controls the alignment of the kernel with the array and the ordering of the kernel elements. If CENTER is explicitly set to 0, convolution is performed in the strict mathematical sense; otherwise, the kernel is centered over each data point."

Now I go back to button pressing... :o)

cheers,

paulv

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