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Posted by [Krishnakumar M.A](#) on Thu, 02 Mar 2017 07:55:24 GMT

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Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 02 Mar 2017 08:47:16 GMT

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On Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 8:55:26 AM UTC+1, Krishnakumar M.A wrote:

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Hi,

I'm not sure about the details, but this looks pretty close to correct convoluting a step function with a gaussian:

```
x = findgen(101)/10.0-5.0
y = exp(-x*x/2.0)
ps = plot(x,y,'2r', yRange=[-0.05,1.05], name='Gaussian')
yStep = x
yStep[0:50] = 0.0
yStep[51:100] = 1.0
op = plot(x,yStep, '2g', overplot=ps, name='Step function')
yConv = convol(yStep,y, /edge_trunc, /center, /norm)
opc = plot(x,yConv, '2b', overplot=ps, name='convolution')
ll = legend(target=[ps,op,opc], position=[-3.5,0.85], vertical_alignment=0.5,
horizontal_alignment=0.5, /data, /auto_text_color)
```

cheers,
Helder
