

[SciPy.org \(https://scipy.org/\)](https://scipy.org/)
[Docs \(https://docs.scipy.org/\)](https://docs.scipy.org/)

[SciPy v0.19.1 Reference Guide \(../index.html\)](#)
[Signal processing \(scipy.signal \) \(../signal.html\)](#)

[index \(../genindex.html\)](#)
[modules \(../py-modindex.html\)](#)
[next \(scipy.signal.correlate2d.html\)](#)

[previous \(scipy.signal.fftconvolve.html\)](#)

scipy.signal.convolve2d

[scipy.signal.](#)
convolve2d (*in1*, *in2*, *mode*='full', *boundary*='fill', *fillvalue*=0) [\[source\]](#)
[\(http://github.com/scipy/scipy/blob/v0.19.1/scipy/signal/signaltools.py#L957-L1050\)](http://github.com/scipy/scipy/blob/v0.19.1/scipy/signal/signaltools.py#L957-L1050)

Convolve two 2-dimensional arrays.

Convolve *in1* and *in2* with output size determined by *mode*, and boundary conditions determined by *boundary* and *fillvalue*.

Parameters: *in1* : *array_like*

First input.

in2 : *array_like*

Second input. Should have the same number of dimensions as *in1*. If operating in 'valid' mode, either *in1* or *in2* must be at least as large as the other in every dimension.

mode : *str* {'full', 'valid', 'same'}, *optional*

A string indicating the size of the output:

full

The output is the full discrete linear convolution of the inputs. (Default)

valid

The output consists only of those elements that do not rely on the zero-padding.

same

The output is the same size as *in1*, centered with respect to the 'full' output.

boundary : *str* {'fill', 'wrap', 'symm'}, *optional*

A flag indicating how to handle boundaries:

fill

pad input arrays with fillvalue. (default)

wrap

circular boundary conditions.

symm

symmetrical boundary conditions.

fillvalue : *scalar*, *optional*

Value to fill pad input arrays with. Default is 0.

Returns: **out** : *ndarray*
A 2-dimensional array containing a subset of the discrete linear convolution of *in1* with *in2*.

Examples

Compute the gradient of an image by 2D convolution with a complex Scharr operator. (Horizontal operator is real, vertical is imaginary.) Use symmetric boundary condition to avoid creating edges at the image boundaries.

```
>>> from scipy import signal
>>> from scipy import misc
>>> ascent = misc.ascent()
>>> scharr = np.array([[ -3-3j, 0-10j,  +3 -3j],
...                   [-10+0j, 0+ 0j, +10 +0j],
...                   [ -3+3j, 0+10j,  +3 +3j]]) # Gx + j*Gy
>>> grad = signal.convolve2d(ascent, scharr, boundary='symm', mode='same')

>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> fig, (ax_orig, ax_mag, ax_ang) = plt.subplots(3, 1, figsize=(6, 15))
>>> ax_orig.imshow(ascent, cmap='gray')
>>> ax_orig.set_title('Original')
>>> ax_orig.set_axis_off()
>>> ax_mag.imshow(np.absolute(grad), cmap='gray')
>>> ax_mag.set_title('Gradient magnitude')
>>> ax_mag.set_axis_off()
>>> ax_ang.imshow(np.angle(grad), cmap='hsv') # hsv is cyclic, like angles
>>> ax_ang.set_title('Gradient orientation')
>>> ax_ang.set_axis_off()
>>> fig.show()
```

(Source code ([../generated/scipy-signal-convolve2d-1.py](#)))

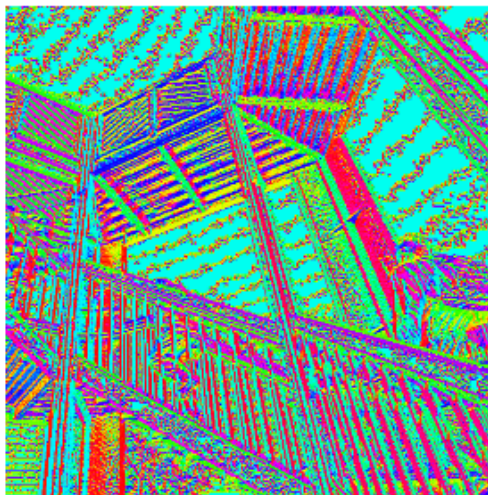
Original



Gradient magnitude



Gradient orientation



Previous topic

[scipy.signal.fftconvolve \(scipy.signal.fftconvolve.html\)](#)

Next topic

[scipy.signal.correlate2d \(scipy.signal.correlate2d.html\)](#)

