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Subject: Re: CHECK\_MATH and exp()  
Posted by [jeyadev](#) on Fri, 30 Aug 2002 19:36:21 GMT  
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In article <3D6CDC8E.DB526253@saicmodis.com>,  
James Kuyper <kuyper@saicmodis.com> wrote:

Thanks for your reply .....

> Surendar Jeyadev wrote:

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>> Could someone please explain this:

> ...

>> WAVE> y = exp(-9.4^2)

>> % Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow

>> % Program caused arithmetic error: Floating illegal operand

>

> I only get the first message, not the second.

The beginning of the differences .....

> Since the exp() call occurred before the last interactive prompt, it

> doesn't count. Instead, try the following:

>

> IDL> y = exp(-9.4^2) & print,check\_math(-1)

> % Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow

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And I get

WAVE> y = exp(-9.4^2) & print,check\_math(-1)

% Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow

% Program caused arithmetic error: Floating illegal operand

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>> I am running PV-WAVE CL Version 6.01 (sun4 solaris sparc)

>> on a Sun Ultra 10 under Solaris 8.

Obviously, it is something to do with ....

> I am running idl 5.4 on an SGI machine running IRIX,

.... PV-Wave. Not sure if it is to do with the Sun version,  
though.

thanks, anyway,

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