
Subject: Re: Problem with plot: "Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow"

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> OK, but surely you can work around it. How about converting your UINT
> data to FLOAT before plotting it?
>

I doesn't work. I think the problem is the big amount of points with tha
same abscissa.

IDL Version 5.2 (Win32 x86). Research Systems, Inc.

For basic information, enter "IDLInfo" at the IDL> prompt.

```
IDL> z=[uintarr(1789),115+uintarr(46762-1789),uintarr(300)]
```

```
IDL> plot, z, z
```

```
% Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow
```

```
IDL> plot, float(z), float(z)
```

```
% Program caused arithmetic error: Floating underflow
```

The IDL helpdesk has sent me an hint. In practice, you can disable warnings
and
re-enable them just after that call.

< slightly OT>

BTW, about IDL5.2 upgrading: Of course, I think it is a good idea to upgrade
a program when new

releases are available, but: (1) these are not free; (2) I feel comfortable
with my 5.2, why changing?

Is progress function of my needs, or the inverse? I have everything I need
with 5.2;

if,working on a subsequent version, I release my codes to other scientists
, there's the risk that all my colleagues
are forced to upgrade their version too...

<more OT>

Why s/w should be changed so oftenly, if there's nothing that wears down? My
Lancia Fulvia Coupe is 35 years old, still works...well, sometimes I push
her in her back, it is a
"patch"..:-)

</OT>

Alessandro
