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Subject: Re: IDL 5.5, 2D FFT indexing confusion.  
Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Tue, 19 Jul 2005 20:49:34 GMT  
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"Pitufa" <c.c.calderon@gmail.com> wrote in message  
news:1121772201.952005.96070@g43g2000cwa.googlegroups.com...

> Hi,

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> I have been trying to generate an real even function in fourier space  
> that I can INVERSE FFT in order to get a function which has no  
> imaginary part. I have no problems when the function is a vector, but I  
> get an imaginary part when it is a two dimensional array.

...

Hello Pitufa,

I shrunk the size of the array and took a look.

I think your nyquist rows and columns should all be positive (i.e. don't  
flip the signs).

(by nyquist rows/columns i mean the npix/2+1 column and the npix/2+1 row)

Here is a npix=6 example that i fixed

```
f = [ $  
[0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00],$  
[0.00, 1.00, 0.80, 0.60, -0.80, -1.00],$  
[0.00, 0.80, 1.00, 0.92, -1.00, -0.80],$  
[0.00, 0.60, 0.92, 1.00, 0.92, 0.60],$  
[0.00, -0.80, -1.00, 0.92, 1.00, 0.80],$  
[0.00, -1.00, -0.80, 0.60, 0.80, 1.00] $  
]
```

Cheers,

bob

PS

Note that if your "npix" is odd, you have both a positive and negative  
nyquist points  
and they are both complex.