Subject: Re: IMSL coming to IDL
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 18 Sep 2006 16:16:53 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> To come up with $995 the new routines have to either be
> better (whatever this means) or there has be be something
> there that you don't have now and really, really need.

Just in case anyone was made uneasy about my fictitious
conversation with an IDL salesperson concerning the
IMSL addition, here are the facts as I now understand them.

IMSL adds approximately 75 new mathematical routines to
the language, and of those that overlap with existing IDL
math routines, many have additional parameters and keywords
that allow you fine-tune your mathematical analysis in way
that is not currently possible.

As I said before, the IMSL addition may well be worth the
money. As with any new piece of software, you have to weigh
your needs with how much time and energy (and money) it takes
you to do without it.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")