Subject: Re: Specify the degree of accuracy of a floating point number
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 22 Feb 2007 18:28:30 GMT
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Brian Larsen writes:

> Just to add more to the mix here:
>
> I use the solarsoft routine round_off.pro (I will put it inline as its
> short) to do this, seems to work well and its already written, which I
> always like.

To get this to work (I don't have the DATATYPE function), I changed
this case statement:

```
> case datatype(num) of
>    'BYT': x = byte(x)
>    'INT': x = fix(x)
>    'LON': x = long(x)
>    'DOU': x = double(x)
>    'FLO': x = float(x)
> endcase
```

To this:

```
case Size(num, /TName) of
  'BYTE': x = byte(x)
  'INT': x = fix(x)
  'LONG': x = long(x)
  'DOUBLE': x = double(x)
  'FLOAT': x = float(x)
endcase
```

A pretty harmless change, it seems to me. Then I tried the
program:

```
IDL> a = 432.49584738273845D
IDL> print, round_off(a, 0.0000001)
      2.9991178
```

Huh!? What did I do wrong?

Cheers,

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