
Subject: Re: Yet again, The Sky is Falling!
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 09:25:41 GMT
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Here's a simple example of a routine that returns different values if it is called by value or by reference.

```
pro pg,a,b
```

```
b=arg_present(a)
```

```
end
```

```
IDL> x=1
```

```
IDL> pg,x,b
```

```
IDL> print,b  
1
```

```
IDL> pg,x+0,b
```

```
IDL> print,b  
0
```

```
IDL> pg,x[0],b
```

```
IDL> print,b  
0
```

Ciao,
Paolo

David Fanning wrote:

> yp writes:

>

>> You can download the code from
www.research.plymouth.ac.uk/casix/temp/test_morel_LUT.pro

>>

>> You will also need the LUT (morel_fq.dat) to run the code.

>> www.research.plymouth.ac.uk/casix/temp/MOREL_FQ.DAT

>

> Well, I haven't tracked the actual culprit down yet, but
> the calculations in INT_LUT are doing *something* to the
> variables that are being passed in by reference. If I
> pass everything in by value, then there is no difference:

>

>

> IDL> int_LUT,412.5D, 1D, 0.0D, 0.0D,0.0D, 0.03D, result3

```
> IDL>  int_LUT,412.5D+0, 1D+0, nul+0, nul+0, nul+0, 0.03D+0, result4
> IDL>  print,'RESULT 3: ', result3[*]
> IDL>  print,'RESULT 4: ', result4[*]
>
> RESULT 3:  0.090100000  0.000000000  0.000000000
> 0.000000000  0.000000000  0.000000000  0.000000000
>
> RESULT 4:  0.090100000  0.000000000  0.000000000
> 0.000000000  0.000000000  0.000000000  0.000000000
>
> I suspect there is a calculation in there that sets one
> of the values very nearly to what you expect it to be,
> but not quite.
>
> Still weird, but more believable. :-)
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
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