
Subject: Re: Yet again, The Sky is Falling!

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 08 Mar 2007 20:22:57 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

yp wrote:

> On Mar 8, 6:22 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

>> yp writes:

>>> Why is such discrepancy? In my problem the accuracy after 3rd decimal

>>> point is not so important, however, after seeing the results I lose

>>> confidence on IDL's capability on Real number arithmetic!

>>> May be I am missing something?

>> Well, maybe because I can't see it, but I'm immediately

>> suspicious of what is going on in OPERATION. If you

>> perform these two calls in the opposite order do you

>> get the same result? That is, do you know for a fact

>> that A, B, and F are not changing? (You have compared

>> them before and after?)

>>

>> If it was some other number, perhaps, but zero!? It seems

>> to me all computers can represent 0 accurately. :-)

>>

>> Cheers,

>>

>> David

>> --

>> David Fanning, Ph.D.

>> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

>> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>

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

>

>

> Thanks David, for your suggestion. I am pretty sure that none of the

> argunet values change before or after the "Operation". And yes, the

> discrepancy occurs both ways...

>

> Here is the section from my running script.

>

> ;-----

> PRO test_brdf

>

> wave = [412.5, 442.5, 490., 510., 560., 620., 660.] ;A (static)

> nwave = n_elements(wave) ;B (static)

> sza = 45.0D ;C (static)

> vza = 1.078D ;D (static)

> dphi = 0.0D ;E (static)

> chl = 0.03D ;F (static)

> null = 0.0D

>

```

> print,'BEFORE: ', wave, nwave, sza, vza, dphi, chl
> foq = (foq0 = (dblarr(nwave)))
>
> for i=0, n_elements(chl)-1 do begin
>   int_LUT, wave, nwave, 0.0D, 0.0D, 0.0D, chl[i], foq0 ;Case1
>   ; int_LUT, wave, nwave, null, null, null, chl[i], foq0 ;Case2
>   int_LUT, wave, nwave, sza[i], vza[i], dphi[i], chl[i], foq
>
>   print,'AFTER: ',wave, nwave, sza, vza, dphi, chl
>   help,BRDF
>
>   print,'BRDF: ',double(foq0[*]) / double(foq[*])

```

why are you using DOUBLE in the above line?

It seems all your numbers are exactly the same until you print the resultant foq0/foq. All the (internal to int_LUN I assume) f/Q numbers are the same.

Why not just do,

```
print,'BRDF: ',foq0/foq
```

?

--

Paul van Delst	Ride lots.
CIMSS @ NOAA/NCEP/EMC	Eddy Merckx
Ph: (301)763-8000 x7748	
Fax:(301)763-8545	
