
Subject: Re: Yet again, The Sky is Falling!
Posted by [yp](#) on Thu, 08 Mar 2007 19:18:25 GMT
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On Mar 8, 7:11 pm, "yp" <Yaswant.Prad...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Mar 8, 6:22 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
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>> 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!
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>>> 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?)
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>> If it was some other number, perhaps, but zero!? It seems
>> to me all computers can represent 0 accurately. :-)
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>> Cheers,
>
>> David
>> --
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>> 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.
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> PRO test_brdf
>
> wave = [412.5, 442.5, 490., 510., 560., 620., 660.] ;A (static)
> nwave = n_elements(wave) ;B (static)

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> 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[*])
> endfor
> END
> ;-----
>
> #1
> -----
> IDL> test_brdf
> BEFORE: 412.500 442.500 490.000 510.000
> 560.000 620.000 660.000
> 7 45.000000 1.0780000 0.00000000
> 0.030000000
>
> Loading f/Q table
>
> AFTER: 412.500 442.500 490.000 510.000
> 560.000 620.000 660.000
> 7 45.000000 1.0780000 0.00000000
> 0.030000000
>
> f/Q: 0.087899996 0.092399998 0.10349999
> 0.10879999 0.11449999 0.11319999 0.11339999
>
> BRDF: 1.0250284 1.0281385 1.0367150
> 1.0450368 1.0480349 1.0547704 1.0573193
> FOQ DOUBLE = Array[7]
> -----
>
> #2
> -----
> IDL> test_brdf

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>
> BEFORE:    412.500    442.500    490.000    510.000
> 560.000    620.000    660.000
>      7    45.000000    1.0780000    0.00000000
> 0.030000000
>
> Loading f/Q table
>
> AFTER:     412.500    442.500    490.000    510.000
> 560.000    620.000    660.000
>      7    45.000000    1.0780000    0.00000000
> 0.030000000
>
> f/Q:    0.087899996    0.092399998    0.10349999
> 0.10879999    0.11449999    0.11319999    0.11339999
>
> BRDF:    1.0247013    1.0279051    1.0365066
> 1.0447065    1.0477210    1.0543894    1.0569390
> FOQ      DOUBLE   = Array[7]
> -----
>
> In my previous example, "Operation" = int_LUT and it does not change
> any of the variables during execution or after. I don't suspect that
> anything wrong happening inside "int_LUT". For any one case and for
> same combination of the arguments:- if I run the code for several
> times, I get same and consistent result each time. But when I switch
> between passing the argument by value and by variable, I see the
> discrepancy. Weird!- Hide quoted text -
>
> - Show quoted text -

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... ooops! forgot to add the main culprit:

Case#1

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FOQ0 = 0.090099994    0.094999995    0.10729999
0.11370000    0.11999999    0.11940000    0.11990000

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Case#2

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FOQ0 = 0.090071241    0.094978428    0.10727842
0.11366406    0.11996405    0.11935687    0.11985687

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