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Subject: randomn problem

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Hi all,

I was playing around with randomn and noticed some weird behavior:

```
IDL> print, stddev(randomn(seed, 1e7))
```

I consistently get back numbers around ~0.992. I've tried it on a different computer, and the result was not exactly the same, but similar. If I change 1e7 to 1e8, the problem gets worse, and I get ~0.853. I've tried the syntax with floats, integers, and longs, and I still get the same answer. Does anyone know what could be going on?

-Andy

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