
Subject: Re: Conversion floating point to byte or integer
Posted by [Maarten\[1\]](#) on Thu, 11 Oct 2007 08:05:06 GMT
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On Oct 10, 11:32 pm, go cats <beardown...@gmail.com> wrote:

- > Hello Gurus,
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- > I've been trying to write a code to correct imagery data. Original
- > imagery data format is byte format.
- > Steps for the processing includes reading the original data,
- > subtracting dark current, and multiplying calibration coefficients and
- > saving the results. The two values; dark current and calibration
- > coefficients are given by arrays with floating point format.
- > The code seems to work without any problem. But in the resulting
- > image saved in binary format , numbers higher than 255 store only
- > remnants of what is subtracted from 256. The reason I want to convert
- > to byte is to save some disk space. In the image saved as floating
- > point format pixel values look ok.
- > Could you give some advice what part of program I have to look at? and
- > what causes this problem?

Why bother with dark-current correction and calibration, if you are destructing the data afterwards by scaling to byte again? I'd suggest to save as floating point in a format that supports internal compression (hdf4/hdf5), and play with the compression settings. You'll still end up with the minimal data set on disk, but you won't introduce artefacts.

Maarten
