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Subject: Re: FFT wierdness in WAVE

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howie@skeefum.tamu.edu (Matt Howard) wrote:

>  
> Can anyone here enlighten me on why the plots produced with the  
> following commands are so different?  
>  
> Other vector lengths which produce this strange behavior are;  
>  
> 5788 5788+16 5788+48  
> 9848 9848-16 9848-32  
> and others  
>  
>> plot,abs(fft(findgen(8395),-1)) - works!  
>> plot,abs(fft(findgen(8396),-1)) - fails! Peaks where none should be.  
>  
> The contents of the vector do not matter. When the vector length is  
> 8396 you get a spike on top of the proper spectrum.  
>  
> Any ideas?  
>  
>

Now I'm certain that I missed a couple of lectures on FFT when I was studying at  
the university :-(

Try this :

```
;-----  
;weird_fft.pro start line  
;-----  
pro weird_fft  
tek_color  
out_old=0  
for k=0, 10 do begin  
if k eq 0 then plot_io ,abs(fft(findgen(8395),-1)), $  
xrange=[-1000, 10000], $  
color=1, /nodata  
ggg=strcompress(string(8395+k))  
xyouts, 0.2, 0.2, out_old, /norm, charsize=1.5, color=0  
xyouts, 0.2, 0.2, ggg, /norm, charsize=1.5, color=k+1  
oplot,abs(fft(findgen(8395+k),-1)), color=k+1  
out_old=ggg  
endfor  
return
```

```
end
;-----
;weird_fft.pro stop line
;-----
```

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