On Feb 27, 5:07 pm, Spon II <christoph.b...@gmail.com> wrote:
> I'll try that again :-\
>
> Hi Paula,
>
> try
> IDL> Help, 1e40
>
> Your multiplier is too large to be represented as a float, so you have
> to use double precision.
> What happens if you replace it with 1d40? You may still be getting
> overflow, but you'll have a lot more room to play.
>
> I find you can't read the following article often
enough:http://www.dfanning.com/math_tips/sky_is_falling.html
>
> All the best,
> Chris

many thanks Chris!

multiplying by 1d40 still gets me into the infinite loop, but it may
well be that i still have some 'e' to change to 'd' in other places of
the routine... and i'll go through a good read of 'sky is falling'
right now :)

p.