

Subject: Bug in IDL {alpha OSF unix 4.0.1} SMOOTH()

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I think I just stumbled over a strange bug in IDL's SMOOTH function (if this is not a bug, then there is a bug in my brain, and I'd be quite happy to have someone debug it, thank you).

For some reason, the smoothing introduces non-zero values in the result array along one column, and I cannot understand why..

I don't have the time to figure out exactly what kind of input is *necessary* to provoke the error, but at least I managed to isolate one case (they're not *that* hard to find, I've got many of them) in a program (thank heaven for emacs' macros..)

Haven't tested on any other platforms, it would be nice if someone could check. The problem is that during the smoothing, quite a lot of pixels in column 14 are set to 2.12873741e-09 for some reason or another....

The program included below should demonstrate it quite clearly.

Cheers,

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PRO bug


```
window,0  
!P.multi = [0,4,1]
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```
smooth = 7  
kernel = replicate(1.smooth.smooth)
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```
smooth = smooth(float(diffmap),smooth,/edge_truncate) gt 0  
conv = convol(float(diffmap).kernel,/edges_truncate.center=smooth/2) GT 0
```

```

tv scl, rebin(diffmap, 45, 286, /sample), 0, 0
tv scl, rebin(smoot, 45, 286, /sample), 50, 0
tv scl, rebin(conv, 45, 286, /sample), 100, 0
tv scl, rebin(smoot-conv, 45, 286, /sample), 150, 0
stop
END

```