
Subject: Re: TOTAL gives totally different result on identical array

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 08 Jul 2011 19:10:51 GMT

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On 7/8/11 12:48 PM, Liam Gumley wrote:

> If you just want to compute the total over all dimensions of an array,
> you could use it as a drop in replacement for TOTAL. However it would
> take a bit more work to support all the optional keywords accepted by
> TOTAL.

Certainly no drop in replacement for TOTAL, but a DLM implementation of the Kahan summation:

<http://michaelgalloy.com/2011/07/08/dlm-implementing-kahan-summation.html>

It doesn't implement the keywords of TOTAL, but it does support all numeric IDL types, i.e., in the manner of /PRESERVE_TYPE. It also shows how you can use C macros to implement an algorithm for multiple data types (ugly, but better than copying code).

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Modern IDL, A Guide to Learning IDL: <http://modernidl.idldev.com>

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