
Subject: Re: fractional powers of negative numbers?
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Actually, I guess i answered my own question:

```
IDL> print,(-5.)^1.51  
-1.#IND0  
% Program caused arithmetic error: Floating illegal operand
```

I thought the previous syntax was unambiguous, but...
