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Subject: Re: Infinity matrix determinant

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Dear Amin,

Try to divide every element of the matrix by a big factor like  
factor = 1e12. Then you can calculate the determinant of a new matrix and use the properties  
known from linear algebra to restore the determinant of the original one.

IDL code:

```
factor = 1d12  
matrix = matrix/factor  
det = determ(matrix,/double)  
det = det * factor^2000d ; here 2000d is the size of the matrix
```

Cheers, Sergey

> Dear all,

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> I have a big matrix (2000x2000) which every elements of my matrix is of the order of 1.0e12  
and i want to compute its inverse. since the data are too big, IDL could not determine the matrix  
determinant (even with determ(A,/double) command) and return Inf. Is there a way to compute its  
inverse and determinant?

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> Cheers,

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