Subject: Re: About INTERPOLATE function. Posted by wlandsman on Thu, 30 Jul 2015 03:55:37 GMT

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I think this a case of the location values being interpreted as floating point, and you are on a knife-edge when next to an NaN value

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if a = [0,!values.f_nan,2,3]
```

then one expects interpolate(a,0) = 0 and interpolate(a,2) = 2

because the zeroth element has value of 0 and the second element has a value of 2.

But one also expects interpolate(a,0.0000000001)=NaN and interpolate(a,1.9999999999(=NaN

because any type of interpolation/calculation involving an NaN value -- no matter how tiny -- should give NaN as an answer. If the location values are interpreted as floating point then inputing a 0 could mean a value very slightly smaller or larger. Thus IDL gives

```
IDL> print,interpolate(a,0),interpolate(a,2)
NaN 2.00000
```

though evidently with the /grid keyword the rounding works differently

My advice is -- don't use INTERPOLATE() when you have NaN values.

On Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 9:21:04 PM UTC-4, Dae-Kyu Shin wrote:

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> Example 1.
> a = findgen(4)
> a[1] = !values.f_nan
> print, a
     0.000000
                     NaN
                             2.00000
                                         3.00000
 print, interpolate(a, [0, 1, 2, 3])
        NaN
                   NaN
                           2.00000
                                       3.00000
> Example 2.
> a = transpose(a)
> print, interpolate(a, 0, [0, 1, 2, 3], /grid)
     0.000000
>
        NaN
>
      2.00000
      3.00000
```

- > different result~!!
- > is this right output?