
Subject: Re: smooth() bug in (at least) version 8.5.1
Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Fri, 02 Dec 2016 20:36:44 GMT
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On Friday, December 2, 2016 at 7:38:03 PM UTC+1, Jeff B wrote:

> On Friday, December 2, 2016 at 8:03:27 AM UTC-6, Helder wrote:

>> Hi,

>> I came across this bug and it's a "heavy" one, meaning that IDL crashes and you're thrown back out.

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>> The crashing commands are (try at own risk!):

>> sm = smooth(indgen(512,511), 9, /edge_mirror)

>> sm = smooth(indgen(512,510), 9, /edge_mirror)

>>

>> And just to be pedantic, I've tested a few other cases and these did NOT result in a crash:

>> sm = smooth(indgen(512,512), 9, /edge_mirror)

>> sm = smooth(indgen(511,511), 9, /edge_mirror)

>>

>> It appears that smooth (stopped?) being able to smooth rectangular arrays.

>>

>> By running the above from the command line I get the following error (for a couple of seconds on the command line terminal):

>> % Array has a corrupted descriptor: <no name>

>> % Execution halted at: \$Main\$

>>

>> And my IDL version.

>> IDL> !version

>> {

>> "ARCH": "x86_64",

>> "OS": "Win32",

>> "OS_FAMILY": "Windows",

>> "OS_NAME": "Microsoft Windows",

>> "RELEASE": "8.5.1",

>> "BUILD_DATE": "Nov 14 2015",

>> "MEMORY_BITS": 64,

>> "FILE_OFFSET_BITS": 64

>> }

>>

>> I others are brave enough, could you let me know if it crashes on other versions of IDL? Edge_mirror and _wrap have been added only in 8.1.

>>

>> Cheers,

>> Helder

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> It failed for me too. However, I was able to work around it by doing the following:

>

> IDL> arr = indgen(512,511)

> IDL> sm1 = smooth(arr, [9,1], /edge_mirror)

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> IDL> sm2 = smooth(sm1, [1,9], /edge_mirror)
>
> Interestingly, this only failed for me when using integer types. For example, when using floats it
worked fine:
>
> IDL> arrFloat = float(arr)
> IDL> smFloat = smooth(arrFloat, 9, /edge_mirror)
>
> and to show that I get the same answer as above (at least in this case) by smoothing along
each dimension in separate commands:
>
> IDL> smFloat1 = smooth(arrFloat, [9,1], /edge_mirror)
> IDL> smFloat2 = smooth(smFloat1, [1,9], /edge_mirror)
> IDL> print, moment(smFloat2 - smFloat)
>    0.00000    0.00000      NaN      NaN
>
> IDL> !version
> {
>   "ARCH": "x86_64",
>   "OS": "darwin",
>   "OS_FAMILY": "unix",
>   "OS_NAME": "Mac OS X",
>   "RELEASE": "8.5",
>   "BUILD_DATE": "Jul 7 2015",
>   "MEMORY_BITS": 64,
>   "FILE_OFFSET_BITS": 64
> }
>
> -Jeff
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Thanks! This saves the day... or something like that.

:-)

Cheers,

Helder
