
Subject: Re: smooth() bug in (at least) version 8.5.1

Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Wed, 07 Dec 2016 20:25:55 GMT

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On Friday, December 2, 2016 at 1:36:47 PM UTC-7, Helder wrote:

> 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.

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>>> 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:

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>> IDL> arr = indgen(512,511)

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>> IDL> sm1 = smooth(arr, [9,1], /edge_mirror)
>> 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
>
> Thanks! This saves the day... or something like that.
> :-)
> Cheers,
> Helder

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Hi all,

Yes, this bug has been in the SMOOTH function since IDL 8.1 when the EDGE_MIRROR and EDGE_WRAP keywords were added. It works fine for square arrays, but walks off the end of the array for non-square arrays.

It's now been fixed, and will be in IDL Next (not 8.6).

Cheers,
Chris
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