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Subject: Re: ROT is ROTTEN (a solution)  
Posted by [Martin Downing](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2001 11:55:49 GMT  
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news:Pine.GSO.4.21.0111211537260.24363-100000@haydn.orchestra.cse.unsw.EDU.A  
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Subject: Re: ROT is ROTTEN (a solution)  
Posted by [Heike Koch-Beuttenmue](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2001 13:02:16 GMT  
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Though there are some differences between the rot of pwave and idl the  
same correction helps pwave to get the right result for rot (with  
interp):

```
uncorrected: print, total(e1)
              282.000
corrected:
print, total(e2)
              300.000
```

Best regards

Heike Koch-Beuttenmüller

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Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2001 15:19:56 GMT  
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Great job!

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 Posted by [thompson](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2001 17:34:44 GMT  
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 Posted by [Wayne Landsman](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2001 18:41:39 GMT  
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Posted by [Martin Downing](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2001 20:59:05 GMT  
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news:9tgojk\$g7t\$1@skates.gsfc.nasa.gov...

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Wayne,

Sure, if you are doing 90-degree rotations, call ROTATE. Whether there should be a wrapper to do it for you I don't know - I think you are better being aware of what is going on. This was an issue of general rotations which was just well illustrated by 90 degree examples.

Regarding the accuracy issue, I can not reproduce your result:  
IDL> print, !version

```
{ x86 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 5.5 Beta Jun 20 2001 32 64}
```

```
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```

```
IDL> print,total(rot(a,90)) - total(a)
```

```
0.000000
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Martin

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I find that when I add the /DOUBLE keyword to TOTAL()I reproduce your results,  
so it does seem like the new rot.pro does produce exact numerical results.

Alternatively,

```
{ sparc sunos unix 5.4.1 Jan 16 2001    64    64}  
IDL> a = dist(2048)  
IDL> print,array_equal( rotate(a,1), rot(a,-90) )  
1
```

(I had also forgotten that ROTATE() is positive counterclockwise and ROT() is positive clockwise.

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I could be wrong again ;-), but I think that the original ROT had no problems except at exact multiples of 90 degrees. It doesn't matter if a rotation angle of 23 degrees loses precision and becomes 23.00001 degrees, but it does matter if 90 degrees becomes 90.00001 degrees. At 90 degrees the new image exactly overlaps the old image, and there is no need to extrapolate, but at 90.000001 degrees there will be subpixels on the edge of the new image that do not overlay the old (and which will be flagged as missing data).

Wayne Landsman      landsman@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov

```
b= findgen(3,3)  
IDL>print,rot(b,90)  
  2.00000   5.00000   8.00000  
  1.00000   4.00000   7.00000  
  0.00000   3.00000   6.00000  
IDL> print,rot(b,90.0001)  
  2.00000   5.00000   7.00000  
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