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Subject: Re: IDL ROT function

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 28 May 2002 18:53:52 GMT

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Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Tue, 28 May 2002 19:14:00 GMT

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Well, thanks for noticing that....in haste I lost my mind and made a  
square of a rectangle!....so still your math is good!!

-Alok

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ROT is a purely mathematical function. It doesn't know anything about screen parameters. It would make sense, though, if there were a way to pass in asymmetric scale parameters as a keyword. Unfortunately, the current implementation doesn't have this feature (or at least not in v5.4). It wouldn't be hard, though, to add it in. The source code is available at \$IDL\_DIR/lib/rot.pro, and shouldn't be hard to modify. You could probably even get RSI to implement your changes in future releases.

William Thompson

P.S. My, my! It's been many years since I ran into a graphics device that had non-square pixels. That takes me back!

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