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Subject: Complex numbers

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hi,

I have a numerical equation

$a = (-0.2)^{-2.2}$ .

IDL gives me an error message "Program caused arithmetic error:  
Floating illegal operand"

But MATLAB gives the output, which is complex number. I am not sure  
how to solve this in IDL. Can anybody help me on this please?

Thanks,  
Cinci

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