## Subject: How to use large (>10^38) numbers
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I've got a piece of code where I need to make a calculation where one
part is a certain float variable (on the order of 10^28) squared. IDL
likes to call this "inf". Apparently no data type I can find (float
included) is willing to recognize a number greater than about 3e38 as
a finite number. I can think of a number of unwieldy workarounds to do
this calculation, but is there a way to store numbers this large (up
to ~10^60) in an array?