
Subject: Re: Combination

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 21:02:27 GMT

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fgg writes:

```
> I should probably know this by now... what's going on below?
>
> IDL> c = factorial(21)/(factorial(3)*factorial(21-3))
> IDL> print, c
>      1330.0000
> IDL> myvec = dblarr(c)
> IDL> help, myvec
> MYVEC      DOUBLE   = Array[1329]
>
> I'd like myvec to have 1330 elements... not 1329.
```

I would guess yet another instance of the "Sky is Falling." :-)

http://www.idlcoyote.com/math_tips/sky_is_falling.html

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [Carsten Lechte](#) on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 21:12:33 GMT

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fgg wrote:

```
> IDL> c = factorial(21)/(factorial(3)*factorial(21-3))
> IDL> print, c
>      1330.0000
```

WYSINWYG (what you see is NOT what you get):

```
IDL> print, c, format='(D50)'
      1329.9999999999995453
IDL> print, LONG(c)
      1329
```

HTH, chl

Subject: Re: Combination

Posted by [fgg](#) on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 21:40:14 GMT

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Hi David,

I guess so. I love the melodrama in the opening paragraph, btw :) ... just hope I didn't sound like that.

round(c) it is!

Thanks again.

Subject: Re: Combination

Posted by [fgg](#) on Mon, 28 Feb 2011 21:43:33 GMT

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Got it... thanks, Carsten.
