Subject: IDL not interpreting numbers correctly?
Posted by Ashley Berg on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 00:37:17 GMT
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Subject: Re: IDL not interpreting numbers correctly?
Posted by rogass on Wed, 31 Aug 2011 12:51:25 GMT
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Hi,
we have all the same problem :)

Maybe you can use this:

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function cr_c,a,b,type,prec=prec
 szt  = size(a,/type)+size(b,/type)
 small = (szt eq 10 or szt eq 14 or szt eq 18)? $
    (machar(/double)).eps : (machar()).eps
 prec = ~n_elements(prec)? $
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   make_array(1,type=size(small,/type),value=1) : $
   make_array(1,type=size(small,/type),value=prec)
 small *=  prec
 type = ~n_elements(type)? 'eq' : type
 case type of
 'eq' : return, (abs(a-b) lt small)[0]
 'ne' : return, (abs(a-b) gt small)[0]
 'lt' : return, ((b-a) gt small)[0]
 'le' : return, ((b-a) ge small)[0]
 'gt' : return, ((a-b) gt small)[0]
 'ge' : return, ((a-b) ge small)[0]
 endcase
end

IDL> help,(4.70*100.) eq 470.0
<Expression>    BYTE      =    0
IDL> help,cr_c(4.70*100.,470.0,'eq')
<Expression>    BYTE      =    0
IDL> help,cr_c(4.70*100.,470.0,'eq',prec=1000)
<Expression>    BYTE      =    1

Cheers

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