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Subject: Re: OBJ\_NEW: Infinite or invalid (NaN) operands not allowed. IDL 7 vs 8 discrepancy?

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On Jun 7, 4:06 pm, mikrin <marinaldi2...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi,  
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> I've developed some IDL object graphics code to draw the continents  
> onto an orthographic projection of the earth. I'm using the file  
> IDL\_Default/resource/maps/continents.shp  
>  
> Specifically I've run into issues where the code I use (see below)  
> works fine on IDL 8.0 running on a Mac OS X Lion system.  
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> On IDL 7.1 running on 32bit Linux (kernel 3.0.0-19) it produces the  
> error,  
>  
> % OBJ\_NEW: Infinite or invalid (NaN) operands not allowed.  
>  
> The error happens on the line (see below for code snippet)  
> contPoly = obj\_new('IDLgrPolyline', xy, polylines=conn[1:],  
> \_extra=e)  
>  
> if the array xy contains 1 or more NaN values then I get the error.  
> xy is calculated by map\_proj\_forward (which converts lat/lon to xy for  
> a given map projection). In an orthographic projection parts of some  
> continents are behind the visible part of the globe and thus have  
> undefined xy. IDL 8.0 running on my Mac seems to NOT have a problem  
> with this but IDL 7.1 on Linux chokes on it.  
>  
> Is this an IDL 7.1 issue that was fixed on IDL 8.0 or is this a Mac/  
> Linux issue?  
>  
> (BTW, the code also fails on Windows XP running IDL 7.1)  
>  
> Mike  
>  
> The specific code is:  
>  
> pro drawContinentLines, MAP=map, oModel  
>  
> ; Use the low res continents data for now  
> contFileNames = filepath('continents.shp', subdir=['resource','maps/  
> shape'])  
> ; Create a shape object to hold the continent lines  
> conts = obj\_new('IDLffShape', contFileNames)  
>

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>  conts->getProperty, n_entities=nEntities
>  ; Loop through all continents
>  for s=0L, nEntities-1L do begin
>    cont = conts->getEntity(s)
>    conn = [0]
>    for p=0,cont.n_parts-1L do begin
>      startInd = (*cont.parts)[p]
>      endInd = p eq cont.n_parts-1 ? cont.n_vertices : (*cont.parts)[p
> +1]
>      conn = [conn, endInd-startInd, lindgen(endInd-startInd) +
> startInd]
>    endfor
>    xy = map_proj_forward(*cont.vertices, map_structure=map)
>    ; Create continent boundary object
>    contPoly = obj_new('IDLgrPolyline', xy, polylines=conn[1:*],
> _extra=e)
>    oModel->add, contPoly
>    conts->destroyEntity, cont
>  endfor
>
>  obj_destroy, conts
>
>  end

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In case anyone is interested I did receive a reply from IDL tech support and indeed this is a bug with idl 7.1. The bug as apparently been fixed with the release of IDL 8.0.

Mike

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