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Subject: Rounding errors and the New Graphics image routine  
Posted by [Gordon Farquharson](#) on Wed, 25 Sep 2013 19:42:59 GMT  
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% QHULL: Vector must have 350 elements: YIN
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Gordon

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Posted by [robseigel](#) on Thu, 28 Nov 2013 13:22:25 GMT  
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