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Posted by [amin farhang](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2015 17:56:33 GMT

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best regards,

Subject: Re: IDL inverse matrix problem
 Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2015 19:35:09 GMT
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Scale your matrix, use double precision and LAPACK, eg:

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m=double(max(abs(a)))
inverse=la_invert(a/m)/m

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regards,
Lajos

Subject: Re: IDL inverse matrix problem
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2015 19:37:14 GMT

You want to specify your matrix as double precision and then you will get the expected answer. It is **not** enough to use the /DOUBLE keyword to INVERT(). See, for example,

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

--Wayne

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> best regards,
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