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Subject: IDL inverse matrix problem

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

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[0.0, 0.0, 4.9832916e13, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 4.9832916e13, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], $  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 9.7295220e13, 0.0, 0.0, 9.7295220e13, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], $  
[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 2.2853478e12, 2.2853478e12, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], $  
[7.3339770e12, 5.4254596e12, 0.0, 0.0, 2.2853478e12, 1.5044784e13, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
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0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], $  
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[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 8.7204194e13, 8.7204194e13, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], $  
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IDL> B = invert(A,/double)
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[0.0, 0.0, 0.0152, 0.0152, 0.0, 0.0,-0.0152, 0.0152, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,-0.0,-0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0], $
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best regards,

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Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2015 19:35:09 GMT

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>
> best regards,
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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

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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](http://www.idlcoyote.com/math_tips/sky_is_falling.html)

--Wayne

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BUT IDL returns warning message in matrix

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