

## GROMACS - Bug #1592

### Manual of trjconv is unclear about precision.

09/07/2014 09:42 AM - David van der Spoel

<b>Status:</b> Rejected	
<b>Priority:</b> Low	
<b>Assignee:</b> David van der Spoel	
<b>Category:</b> analysis tools	
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Affected version - extra info:</b>	<b>Difficulty:</b> uncategorized
<b>Affected version:</b> 5.0.1	

#### Description

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#### History

##### #1 - 09/09/2014 04:02 PM - Norbert Jeszenoi

- File trjconv\_precision.tar.gz added

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The input and output files can be found in the attached zip file (trjconv\_precision.tar.gz). GMX commands are in the commands.txt text file (also in the zip file), the latest Gromacs version (5.0.1) was used.

According to the manual, trjconv uses ndec = 3 by default, however when .pdb were created from .xtc the last decimal of the coordinate digits are not zero (as they should be). When .gro files were written as output with ndec > 3 the last decimals are also not zeros.

The .xtc was converted from .trr with default settings (ndec = 3).

##### #2 - 10/01/2014 04:24 PM - Mark Abraham

- Target version deleted (5.0.2)

##### #3 - 06/22/2015 06:13 AM - Erik Lindahl

- Status changed from New to Rejected

The commands in the example all use the -center option, which will cause the system to be translated after the coordinates have been read from the xtc file. Without that option the output files will have zeros in positions beyond the 4th decimal.

#### Files

trjconv_precision.tar.gz	11.3 MB	09/09/2014	Norbert Jeszenoi
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