## GROMACS - Bug #872

**Precedence error in gmx_mindist.c leads to omitted output in atm-pair (-o) file for g_mindist**

01/30/2012 11:06 PM - Matthew Zwier

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**extra info:**
- Difficulty: uncategorized

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**Description**

Line 390 of gmx_mindist.c is responsible for only printing out atom pairs of minimum/maximum distance when a valid distance has been found:

```c
if ( bMin?min1:max1 != -1 )
    if (atm)
        fprintf(atm,"%12e %12d %12d\n",
            output_env_conv_time(oenv,t),1+(bMin ? min1 : max1),
            ...
```

but the "!=" operator binds more tightly than the ternary conditional ":=", so the resulting test evaluates as:

```c
if ( (bMin?min1:max1) != -1 )
```

which fails whenever the atom from the first group of minimum/maximum distance to the second group is the first atom in the topology (with index 0). Explicit parentheses around the bMin conditional correct this problem:

```c
if ( (bMin?min1:max1) != -1 )
```

A (tested) patch against the latest gromacs-release-4.5-patches is attached.

### Associated revisions

**Revision dcb9b355 - 01/31/2012 06:20 AM - Mark Abraham**

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Patch contributed by Matthew Zwier to fix the incorrect use of precedence of ?: and != operators.

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### History

**#1 - 01/31/2012 06:23 AM - Mark Abraham**

Thanks. Patch submitted to gerrit. [https://gerrit.gromacs.org/#/c/449/](https://gerrit.gromacs.org/#/c/449/)
#2 - 02/01/2012 02:41 PM - Mark Abraham

- Status changed from New to Closed
- Assignee changed from David van der Spoel to Mark Abraham

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