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Subject: how to find number of lines in an ASCII file?

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Hi,

I have an ASCII text file that contains data in a nice tabular form,

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0 28660 1827.1 72.7705 -158.8828 3388.0 22.3846 10.8545
1 28661 1827.7 72.7701 -158.8752 3391.0 21.1213 10.6029
2 28662 1828.3 72.7698 -158.8677 3394.0 19.8743 10.3546
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I want to read them all and save into an array: `data[8, numberOfLines]`. But I don't know `numberOfLines` in the file before hand. What is the most efficient way to find that out?

On UNIX, I can pass number of lines information back from `wc` command. Of course the same code won't work a on Mac. Please help.

many thanks

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