Subject: Re: what is the most convenient way to read an image generated by ENVI in IDL

Posted by Peter Scarth on Wed, 23 Oct 2002 14:42:35 GMT

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Ooops, your absolutely correct.
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To read in the entire file using ENVI_GET_DATA you need to create an array of the correct size & type & read it in band by band:

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; Make an array to hold the data
imgdata=make_array(ns,nl,nb,type=data_type,/nozero)
: Read it in band by band
for pos=0,nb-1 do imgdata[*,*,pos] = ENVI_GET_DATA(fid=fid, dims=dims,
pos=pos)
I'll dig out the other code anyway & send it across.
Cheers.
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"Julia" <julia65201@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:ap3tie\$678\$1@dipsy.missouri.edu...

> Hi, Peter,

Peter

- > I think writing an image file is not difficult. But reading a file has some
- > problem:
- > If we use ENVI function: ENVI GET DATA, from my experience, it can only read
- > one band out each time.
- > If we use:
- > imgdata = ENVI_GET_DATA(fid=fid, dims=dims, pos=indgen(nb))
- > Though the image has several bands, it can only read the first band into
- > imgdata.

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- > So if you have some code to read the header written in IDL, could you
- > send to my email address:
- > julia65201@yahoo.com.

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> Thanks,

> Julia

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- > "Peter Scarth" <p.scarth@xmg.net> wrote in message
- > news:ap32uu\$vtk\$1@bunyip.cc.uq.edu.au...
- >> Hi Julia.

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>> Assuming that you have ENVI on the system, you can use something like
the
>> following (pseudocode?) to read an ENVI image, and write the processed
>> results back to an ENVI format file. Check the ENVI help for more info
on
>> the batch functions. If you don't have ENVI you will have to write some
> code
>> to read the header. I have a kludgy solution I can send if you want.
>> Peter
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>> (Change xmg to gmx to reply!)
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>> PRO envi_batch_processing_demo
>> COMPILE_OPT strictarr
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>> ; Restore the ENVI save files and initialise
>> ENVI, /restore base save files
>> ENVI BATCH INIT
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>> ; Open, guery and read the entire image into an array
>> ; Change dims and/or the pos variables to read in a subset
>> ENVI_OPEN_FILE, 'test.img', r_fid=fid
>> ENVI_FILE_QUERY, fid, ns=ns, nl=nl,nb=nb,$
          interleave=interleave,data type=data type,offset=offset
>>
>> dims = [-1, 0, ns-1, 0, nl-1]
>> imgdata = ENVI GET DATA(fid=fid, dims=dims, pos=indgen(nb))
>>
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>> ; Processing goes here to produce processed data
>> :
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>> ; Write the output into a file...
>> ; A simpler way might be to use the
>> : WRITE ENVI FILE procedure available at
>> : http://www.rsinc.com/services/output.cfm?tip_id=2787
>> fname = 'processed.img'
>> OPENW, unit, fname, /get lun
>> WRITEU, unit, processed data
>> FREE LUN, unit
>> : Create an ENVI header for convenience
>> ; Change ns, nl, nb, data_type, interleave and offset below
   : if your processed data differs from the input in type or size!
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>>
>> ENVI SETUP HEAD, fname=fname, ns=ns, nl=nl, nb=nb, $
              interleave=interleave, data type=data type,$
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offset=offset, /write
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>> ENVI_BATCH_EXIT
>> END
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>> "Julia" <julia65201@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:ap2fi4$3og$1@dipsy.missouri.edu...
>>> Hi, there,
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>>> After some operations in ENVI, I output the resulting image using the
>> format
>>> '.img'. It's an multispectral image.
>>> The '.hdr' head file is like this:
>>> ENVI
>>> description = {
>>> image [Fri Oct 18 11:01:10 2002]}
>>> samples = 116
>>> lines = 261
>>> bands = 4
>>> header offset = 0
>>> file type = ENVI Standard
>>> data type = 4
>>> interleave = bsq
>>> sensor type = Unknown
>>> byte order = 0
>>>
>>> My question is: how can I read this file using IDL functions?
>>> Now I am doing this using the following:
>>> imgdata = READ_BINARY('test.img', DATA_TYPE = 4, DATA_DIMS = [116,
261,
>>> 4]).
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>>> But I need to specify the data type and dimensions of the image. How
can
> l
>>> read it more generally that I need to specify nothing? Is there other
>>> functions in IDL?
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>>> Any suggestion will be appreciated.
>>>
>>> Regards,
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>>> Julia
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