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Subject: Re: read data from several files

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HD15532 1Lam Dra 5086 4174 474 745 12.79 52.74 M0III 3.84 2.16

HD14573 1Omi UMa 4993 3962 571 686 348.90 42.30 G5III 3.36 2.07

there are appx 300 lines just like this in each file. from each file i want IDL to read data from one star subtract column 11 from 10 plot value, go to next file find same star name, subtract col 11 from 10 plot...the plot will be subtracted value (y-axis) vs night1, night 2, etc. for four nights right now and have the symbol connected by line for each star. i know that this will make my graph look very crowded, but i just want to see if there are any variances between the nights from and the significant differences will be immediately visible on this plot. I will need to think further about how i might want to store pixal locations for stars varying differently by a factor of app .2 on successive nights.

i have gotten a couple replies that i am anxious to try.

thanks to this group i have some direction on how to approach this problem.

i hope to continue to learn and hopefully contribute to this group in the future.

Thanks,

Dennis Lamenti

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> "dennis" <[am\\_indian@nospam.hotmail.com](mailto:am_indian@nospam.hotmail.com)> wrote in message news:<[KPicnZQlhpleoVmiXTWc-g@speakeasy.net](mailto:KPicnZQlhpleoVmiXTWc-g@speakeasy.net)>...

>> Hi,

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>> New to using IDL and I am plotting and comparing magnitudes of stars over

>> several days.

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>> For each image there is a photometry file created with data for stars located.

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>> Can anyone suggest how to have IDL read from several files and extract only

>> data necessary and then plot this data that it extracts?

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>> For examply, in four seperate files (text files) each file has 8 columns  
and  
>> 300 lines. In the first file, the star is in the 67th line and the  
>> magnitudes are in the 6th and 7th column (the columns will always be the  
>> same). In the next file the star (same star) is in the 169th line...the  
star  
>> could be in any line, but I want to match up the magnitudes of 6th and  
7th  
>> columns (columns for that data are always in 6th and 7th column). I want  
to  
>> have IDL grab only data for that star in each of the four files, do some  
>> calculation with it and plot it and then go to another star and doing  
the  
>> same thing. The star location in the file is random, but the columns of  
that  
>> info remain the same.  
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>> I assume that I will have to search for string match for the star names  
in  
>> each file and then do 'readcol', but that is all I know.  
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>> Any help would be appreciated.  
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>> Thanks,  
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>> Dennis Lamenti  
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> Hi Dennis,  
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> unfortunately i did not understand with what kind of information you  
> can identify the star. Is it only the 6th and 7th column that remain  
> the same? Are there more pieces of information? What kind of  
> information about the star do you have before opening the files?  
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> Thomas

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