
Subject: Re: Reading fortran

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David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> writes:

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> Andres writes:  
>  
>> Hi all,  
>>  
>> does somebody knows how to read this (fortran way)  
>>  
>> do 210 j=1,ngr2  
>>      write(10) real(rhoc(j)),  
>>      2      real(psi1(j)),real(psi2(j)),real(psi3(j))  
>>      write(10) aimag(rhoc(j)),  
>>      2      aimag(psi1(j)),aimag(psi2(j)),aimag(psi3(j))  
>> 210  continue  
>>  
>> in IDL? I managed, but it takes forever for big "ngr2". This is what I  
>> do:  
>>  
>> rhoc=fltarr(ng3)  
>> psi1=fltarr(ng3) & psi2=fltarr(ng3) & psi3=fltarr(ng3)  
>>  
>> For i=0l,ng3-1l do begin  
>>   readu,lun,tmp1,tmp2,tmp3,tmp4  
>>   rhoc[i]=tmp1  
>>   psi1[i]=tmp2  
>>   psi2[i]=tmp3  
>>   psi3[i]=tmp4  
>> Endfor  
>>  
>> but this takes a long time... Anybody knows a fast way?  
>  
> Here is an article for you to read:  
>  
> http://www.dfanning.com/tips/ascii\_column\_data.html
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I don't think he's reading ascii data. I think he's reading a long list of floats?

If the problem is that the data is in Fortran order, shouldn't he be reading into a large array and then transposing?

how about (assuming ngr2 * 4 * sizeof(float) < memory available):

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pro read_fortran

;; The data is 4 columns x ngr rows, but Fortran is stored row major.
data = make_array( ngr2, 4, /float )
openr, lun, "your_file_name", /GET_LUN
readu, lun, data
col_row_data = transpose( data )

rhoc = col_row_data[ 0, * ]
psi1 = col_row_data[ 1, * ]
psi2 = col_row_data[ 2, * ]
psi3 = col_row_data[ 3, * ]

end
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Is this sort of what you're looking for? Completely untested of course.

Check out this fanning article for colum/row major information/headache.

http://www=dfanning.com/misc_tips/colrow_major.html

Hope this helps.

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