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Subject: question about readf

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I am trying to get data out of MS-Excel and into IDL as a float array.

I laboriously save each Excel worksheet as a csv.

I then readf the CSV into a float array.

The problem is that there are some missing data values. for example  
,10.0,,,0.0,10

so a missing data value is given by two commas next to each other.  
readf assumes no data is there and all my formatting goes to pot. is  
there anyway of getting either excel to write csvs out with dummy  
values (-99.9 for example) or of getting IDL to read in a missing data  
point as a dummy value?

thanks in advance

russ

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