
Subject: Re: Getting mean from HDF SD files - stack in envi or read into IDL array?
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On Jul 5, 10:46 am, kathryn.davi...@gmail.com wrote:

> On Jul 5, 4:33 pm, bulrushmo...@gmail.com wrote:

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>> On Jul 4, 8:41 am, kathryn.davi...@gmail.com wrote:

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>>> Hi

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>>> I am extremely new to IDL (2 weeks!) and have previously only used
>>> envi on a small scale.

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>>> I want to read one SD dataset from from a each of a huge number of
>>> MODIS files and having looked at IDL and envi batch routines can't
>>> decide which is the best way. Bear in mind my limited knowledge and a
>>> very short timeframe.... Should I write an envi batch programme and
>>> create a big (3000bands +) envi file or should I put straight into the
>>> an IDL array. I need to get a mean value (one image or array) and
>>> even if it is easier in envi batch mode, would the routine
>>> ENVI_SUM_DATA_DOIT with the Mean option deal with the missing
>>> values???

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>>> Looking at IDL I have managed to open HDF file from command line, read
>>> in appropriate data set to an array but how then could I build 3D
>>> array from absolutely loads of 2D arrays.

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>>> Big questions I know - I am desperate to do this in a short time.

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>>> Any help on any aspect much appreciated.

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>> Tell me more about how many bands you have in HDF file and how many
>> bands you want to read into IDL?- Hide quoted text -

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> Well I am going to be using around 3-4000 MODIS HDF files but I only
> want one band (the first) from each i.e. the Land Surface
> Temperature. Since my last post I have thought about creating a huge
> multiband file in ENVI and then exporting as a variable to IDL (if the
> ENVI_SUM_DOIT doesn't work for the mean, as it may not deal with

> missing values very well, I need them to not be counted as opposed to
> counting as zero). However that means extracting the SD dataset from
> all of the HDF files, converting them to ENVI standard files to build
> multi-band image. I hope the data values are not corrupted by being
> converted to ENVI standard. Also I could create an image stack in
> iIMAGE or mess about with iDataManager in some way but they do not
> seem to like reading ENVI standard files and keep asking me to fill in
> binary information - will the data values still be OK?

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> Thanks

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The simplest way to do it:

I am assuming you have IDL and ENVI, initiate batch mode by doing the following

1. define the file directory
2. read them into IDL using `envi_open_data_file`
3. get their mean by
4. print them into a txt file

Try this code

Pro Mean_HDF

```
envi, /restore_base_save_files  
envi_batch_init, log_file='batch.txt'
```

; Open the file directory and search for HDF files to read, then
select the directory manually

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files=file_search(dialog_pickfile(/dir),'*.HDF', count=numFiles);  
or you can use files=file_search('D:\MODIS\*.hdf', count=numFiles)
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; loop for the whole data set in the directory  
FOR K = 0, numFiles-1 do begin  
    ; get the file name only without file directory for final  
output filename  
    fname = file_basename(files[K])  
    ;select input file directory to subset  
    hdf_bands = 1 ; determines the HDF dataset bands to read
```

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;start looping through opening bands from HDF  
for i = 0, hdf_bands -1 do begin  
    envi_open_data_file, files[K], r_fid=fid, /hdf_sd,  
hdfsd_dataset=i, hdfsd_interleave=0
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;query new file for ns, nl, dims;
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        envi_file_query, fid, dims=dims, bnames=bnames, ns=ns,  
nl=nl, nb=nb  
        pos=0  
  
        ;get the mean of the data  
        result = MEAN(fid)  
    endfor  
    ;if you want to export the results in screen do as  
    print, results  
    ;if you want to export them into a txt file  
  
    OpenW, Lun, 'D:\test.txt', /get_lun  
    str= fname  
    printf,lun,str  
endFOR
```

End
