
Subject: Re: Reading ASCII Data Files in IDL
Posted by [maurya](#) on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 05:23:20 GMT
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On 9 Sep, 08:34, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Sep 8, 9:39 pm, "b.a" <u4565...@anu.edu.au> wrote:
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>> Hi,
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>> In my IDL program, I read some data from an ASCII file. I want to skip
>> the first few lines of strings and start from the numerical data
>> underneath the header. the number of lines in the header differs each
>> time so I can't use "header = STRARR()".
>
>> Does anyone have any solution? By the way, I have seen
>'http://www.dfanning.com/tips/ascii_column_data.html'but the headers
>> of my files have different lines.
>
>> Thank you.
>
> Maybe readcol in the astronomy user's library would be useful?
>
> -Jeremy.

Hi,

Using ddread.pro (
<http://www.astro.washington.edu/docs/idl/cgi-bin/getpro/library42.html?DDREAD>),
you can read formatted (or unformatted) rows and columns of a data
file. This will skip the text lines and read the numerical lines.
There are other many options also.

Cheers

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