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Subject: Re: Problem to read some data.  
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On Oct 23, 4:59 am, Dav\_Poreh <d.po...@gmail.com> wrote:

> Folks  
> I want to read some data with \*.dat format with unknown number of  
> columns and rows. I tried to read with\*DDREAD.pro\* but it does not  
> work. Data for each file is like this:  
>  
> 260.559844971 4.000000000 0.390625000 0.460937500 .....  
> 260.559844971 4.000000000 0.382812500 0.318359375.....  
> 260.559844971 4.000000000 0.414062500 0.439453125 .....  
> .....  
> .....  
> .....  
> Actually I don't know the number of rows and columns (but definitely  
> number of rows is less than columns). Does anyone have experience to  
> how read this kind of files?  
> Any help highly will be appreciated.  
> Cheers

Try something like

```
a=read_ascii('file.dat')
sz=size(a,(0),/dim)
ncols=sz[0]
nrows=sz[1]
```

ddread is not a built-in routine, so when you mention it you should say where it is from. Also, "\*.dat format" means nothing.

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