Subject: Extracting info from the ASCII file with IDL
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Hi,
I have a ASCII text file whose entries look like this

111	AA	25	XX
111	AB	-5	XX
222	AC	25	XX
222	AD	20	XX
222	AE	21	XX
333	AF	88	XX
444	AG	21	XX
444	AH	90	XX

and so on.....
In this file the first column represents a unique number refering to
an experiment. Any particular experiment
was repeated a random number of times, such as experiment 111 was
repeated twice, experiment 222 was
repeated 3 times, experiment 333 was done only once. I need to know
how many unique experiments were done.
To clarify it further, in above example 4 experiments (111, 222, 333
and 444) were done. I need to know this in a file which has 1300 rows.
Please help.