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Subject: Re: difficulty using "linterp" command - need help making loop to exclude a value yet average others

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On 8/12/11 4:26 PM, Emily Anne Moravec wrote:

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> We are writing a program for our supervisor to take 8 spectra which
> are each a matrix of 16384 by 2. The part of the program we have
> already splits the matrices into single matrices. Which is the code
> below:
>
> fitfilename1 = '/Users/quasargroup/NGC3783/NGC3783 new data/X1dsum
> files/lbgu19010_x1dsum.fits'
> data1 = mrdfits(fitfilename1,1,hdr)
> w1 = data1.wavelength
> w1a=w1(*, 0)
> w1b=w1(*, 1)
> f1= data1.flux
> f1a=f1(*, 0)
> f1b=f1(*, 1)
> .... etc. through 8
>
> Then we must get a new graph with a span of wavelengths and
> interpolated flux values.
> Here is the wavelength grid for the eventual interpolation:
>
> wgrid=findgen(58400)*.01+1227 ; from 1227.00 to 1811.00
> help, /str, wgrid
>
> Here is where we are trying to interpolate:
>
> linterp, w1a, f1a, wgrid, fint1a
> linterp, w1b, f2b, wgrid, fint1b
> linterp, w2a, f2a, wgrid, fint2a
>
> ..... etc through 8
> But we get this error.
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> % Compiled module: INTERPOLATEDSIXTEEN.
> MRDFITS: Binary table. 12 columns by 2 rows.
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> Parameter 3 (New X Vector or Scalar) of routine LINTERP is
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> undefined.  
> Valid dimensions are: scalar 1  
> Valid types are: byte int\*2 int\*4 real\*4 real\*8 Unsigned(i\*2)  
> Unsigned(i\*4) int\*8 Unsigned(i\*8)  
>  
> Do we need to do something to our wgrid or to the interpolate command  
> to get it to work?  
>  
> Also, in each of our 8 data sets, there is an increment of wavelength  
> values where the value of the flux is 0, which will make the average  
> of all 8 messed up. Do you have any ideas how to write a loop that  
> goes through all of the wgrid values and averages the values of the  
> interpolated flux values, but skips the flux values that are 0 and  
> continues to the next? Is there a skip command? Would a where command  
> work the best?  
>  
> Here is what I started with :  
> for i=1227.00, (1227.00+58400\*.01), 0.01 do ???

It seems to be complaining that wgrid is undefined. Can you show us the code a little more specifically? From what you've said, I wouldn't expect it to be undefined, so I suspect that there's something more subtle happening within your code.

-Jeremy.

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