
Subject: Re: outputting 2D arrays into a txt file
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On Feb 12, 7:00 pm, Kemal Ramic <krami...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello guys,  
> I am completely new to IDL. I have problems with outputting 2D arrays  
> into a txt file. What i have to do is run the procedure a 1000 times,  
> and the procedure is looking for a number of clumps hit in X-ray and  
> optical area, and it goes through different inclination and azimuthal  
> angle, and stores all the values into a 2D arrays, one for X-ray and  
> one for Optical region. Here is my code:  
>  
> function satellite,clumps,nasteps,nisteps,fname,fnameo  
>  
> azi=0.0  
> observer_azi=0.0  
> ii=0.0  
> observer_i=0.0  
>  
> lines_x=fltarr(nisteps+1,nasteps+1)  
> lines_o=fltarr(nisteps+1,nasteps+1)  
>  
> ; each row has same azi  
> for i=0L,nasteps-1 do lines_x[0,i+1]=(360.0/(nasteps-1))*i  
> for i=0L,nasteps-1 do lines_o[0,i+1]=(360.0/(nasteps-1))*i  
>  
> ; each column has same inclination from -90 to 90  
> for i=0L,nisteps-1 do lines_x[i+1,0]=(180.0/(nisteps-1))*i-90.0  
> for i=0L,nisteps-1 do lines_o[i+1,0]=(180.0/(nisteps-1))*i-90.0  
>  
> for j=1L,nisteps do begin  
>  
>     for i=1L,nasteps do begin  
>  
>         intersect_x=fltarr(2,50)  
>         intersect_o=fltarr(2,600)  
>  
>         print, 'Azimuth=', lines_x[0,i]  
>         print, 'Inclination=', lines_x[j,0]  
>  
>         line_sphere_test,clumps,lines_x[0,i],lines_x[j,  
> 0],intersect_x,intersect_o  
>         print, moment(intersect_x[0,*])  
>         print, moment(intersect_o[0,*])  
>  
>         lines_x[j,i]=(moment(intersect_x[0,*]))[0]  
>         lines_o[j,i]=(moment(intersect_o[0,*]))[0]
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>         print,'end of a step'
>
>     endfor
> endfor
>
> openw,1,fnamex
> openw,2,fnameo
> for j=0L,nasteps do begin
>
>     printf,1,lines_x[*,j]
>     printf,2,lines_o[*,j]
>
> endfor
> close,1
> close,2
>
> return, lines_o
>
> end
> and this is how i run the code 1000 times:pro run_satellite
>
> N = 1000
> root='datarun5_kemal'
> nasteps=3
> nisteps=3
>
> for i=0,N-1 do begin
>
>     fxray=root+strtrim(i,2)+'_xray.txt'
>     fopt=root+strtrim(i,2)+'_opt.txt'
>
>     clumps=clumps_generator(1000,0.5,2,30,0.02,1.5)
>
>     test=satellite(clumps,nasteps,nisteps,fxray,fopt)
>
> endfor
>
> return
> end
>
> The problem that occurs is the way tables(arrays) are formatted. First
> it doesnt output 1000 txt files for each, but it crams them up in a
> few, and then I cant figure out formatting at all. What i want is
> having them, in tables where i can later go through each column, and
> analyze data. Can somebody please help me?

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So, everything have will probably work just fine if you simply add some formatting to your data. IDL will accept both the ForTran and C-

style formats, personally I use the ForTran ones. If you're not familiar with them, here's a quick run down of the basics.

F = floating point (or double)

I = Integer (or long)

E = exponential notation (such as 4.22E+01)

X = white space

For the floats, you use the notation Fx.y where x = total number of characters (including + or - sign, and decimal point), and y = number of digits after the decimal point. So F5.3 would be a format of 4.221.

For the integers, you simply do Ix where x = number of characters (including + or - sign). So I3 would be a number like 888.

For exponential notation, you do Ex.y, where x=total number of characters (including +/- sign, decimal point, the big "E", another +/- sign for the exponent, and 2 more characters for the exponent). SO the format E10.4 would be 1.2345E+02.

For white space, you do nX, where n is the number of white spaces you want.

Suppose you have data within IDL of the form: x=1.03348475627687495d0, y=4L, z=-2.304E-03 and want to write them to (either a file or formatted print to the screen), you could do:

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printf,lun,x,y,z,f='(F5.3,1X,I1,1X,E10.3)'
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This is on the tip of the iceberg, have a look at:

http://physics.nyu.edu/grierlab/idl_html_help/files12.html#w p168597

-Russell
