
Subject: Re: shell code+ nearest point question

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> Hi
> I do have a single data file namely 'lonlat.dat' , which contains
> longitude,latitude and filename data, like:
> ( longitude    latitude    filename)
> 30.4000    42.2900 2002252.s04d1pfv50-sst.hdf
> 30.5300    42.3300 2002260.s04d1pfv50-sst.hdf
> and so on... I do have some hdf files which are named just like in
> column 3 of this lonlat.dat file.
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> What i want to do is to open every file listed in this 3rd column. and
> for this file, i want to find the closest /nearest point to my
> longitude and latitude (column1&2) and read the corresponding value of
> my desired variable(sst, sea surface temperature for this case.) I can
> read hdf data files like this :
>
> files=findfile('*.hdf',count=numfiles)
> for k=0,numfiles-1 do begin
>   file=hdf_sd_start(files(k))
>
>   indexa=hdf_sd_nametoindex(file,'lon')
>   indexb=hdf_sd_nametoindex(file,'lat')
>   indexc=hdf_sd_nametoindex(file,'sst')
>   varida=hdf_sd_select(file,indexa)
>   varidb=hdf_sd_select(file,indexb)
>   varidc=hdf_sd_select(file,indexc)
>
>   hdf_sd_getdata,varida,loni
>   hdf_sd_getdata,varidb,lati
>   hdf_sd_getdata,varidc,ssti
>   hdf_sd_endaccess,varida
>   hdf_sd_endaccess,varidb
>   hdf_sd_endaccess,varidc
>   hdf_sd_end,file
> endfor
>
> I could not read the 'lonlat.dat' file into idl as variables, so i
> wanted to write a short shell script to read in this 'lonlat.dat' file
> and run idl within this script. below is this script. it may be wrong,
> but here is what i do. i just could not figure out, how to read these
> variables into IDL. I have to read in the 3rd column and assign it as
> the filenames of the files to be opened and read. 1st and 2nd columns
> as the desired longitudes and latitudes.
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> while read line
> do
> lon=`echo $line |awk '{print $1}'`
> lat=`echo $line |awk '{print $2}'`
> filename=`echo $line |awk '{print $3}'`
>
> echo $lon $lat $filename
> idl <<EOF
> .r nearest.pro $filename $lon $lat
> exit
> EOF
> done <lonlat.dat
>
> So i should somehow read this $filename into idl and use it to read
> the files.
> And use the $lon and $lat to find the closest point to them within
> that hdf file and read the corresponding sst.
>
> My 2nd question is how to find the closest point to my lat and lon?
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> I hope it is clear. need help ,urgently

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Here is a useful routine for reading tabulated data from a text file:

http://www.astro.washington.edu/docs/idl/cgi-bin/getpro/library32.html?RD_TFILE

With lonlat.data containing the two lines of data you posted, you can do this:

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IDL> data=rd_tfile('lonlat.dat',/auto)
IDL> print,data
30.4000 42.2900 2002252.s04d1pfv50-sst.hdf
30.5300 42.3300 2002260.s04d1pfv50-sst.hdf
IDL> help,data
DATA      STRING   = Array[3, 2]

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The longitudes and latitudes are then available as `float(data[0:1,*])` and the file names as `data[2,*]`.