
Subject: Re: Reading Multiple .sav files with same variable names for graphing
Posted by [morganlsilverman](#) on Mon, 07 Jul 2014 15:11:09 GMT

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On Monday, July 7, 2014 10:47:01 AM UTC-4, David Fanning wrote:

> Morgan Silverman writes:

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>> I have 9 .sav files each containing a different days data but with the same set of variable names. I am trying to figure out a better method to read each of these files and save the variables to different named arrays or structures so that I can then plot several days of data in the same graph. The method i've been using right now involves a lot of coding (shown below for first 2 files). Is there a better way to do this so that I can then plot multiple arrays from

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> different .save files on the same graph? Thank you.

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> Typically, things like this are done in a loop. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Right, of course :-) I started creating a loop but ran into trouble when I wanted to rename the structure or variables each loop iteration. I tried doing something like the following but run into trouble creating the temp variable name to use for each new structure and then using it. How do I create a new named structure or array each loop?

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for i=0,0 do begin
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  flightnum = [5,10,14,4,8,11,2,6,7]
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  flight = flightnum(i)
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  restore, './DAQPadonia_AvgBackTraj_Flight'+strtrim(flight,2)+' .sav'
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temp = 'Flight'+strtrim(i,2)
temp = {Avg500Lat: fltarr(73), Avg500Lon: fltarr(73), Avg1000Lat: fltarr(73), Avg1000Lon:
fltarr(73), $
    Avg1500Lat: fltarr(73), Avg1500Lon: fltarr(73), Avg2000Lat: fltarr(73), Avg2000Lon: fltarr(73)}
Flight5.Avg500Lat = Avg500Lat
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