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Subject: Re: Opening and read .dat file double format  
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On Friday, December 25, 2015 at 1:05:20 PM UTC, algha...@gmail.com wrote:  
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>>>> > > > > > On Friday, December 18, 2015 at 7:22:10 AM UTC-8, Craig Markwardt wrote:  
>>>> > > > > > > On Friday, December 18, 2015 at 7:26:07 AM UTC-5, algha...@gmail.com wrote:  
>>>> > > > > > > Hi everyone  
>>>> > > > > > >  
>>>> > > > > > > I have a .dat file double and is 5000 by 8039. I'm using the file in Matlab and I want to try to open it in IDL. So I know it is very basic question but I'm new in IDL and I want to start using it. After I open the file, I want to read like the value of (1,1)  
>>>> > > > > >  
>>>> > > > > > > What format is the data in? ASCII? Binary? Matlab format? It makes a difference.  
>>>> > > > >  
>>>> > > > > Thanks Craig  
>>>> > > > >  
>>>> > > > > My data is Binary double format and I used the following because I want to extract the image to see as I'm doing in Matlab  
>>>> > > > >  
>>>> > > > > template =  
BINARY\_TEMPLATE('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL\_PROJE  
CTS\20151021115853\_11\_SAR\_CPLX\_0\_pres\_8.dat')  
>>>> > > > > Result = READ\_BINARY('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL\_PROJECTS\  
20151021115853\_11\_SAR\_CPLX\_0\_pres\_8.dat', DATA\_DIMS = [4999, 8038])  
>>>> > > > > im = IMAGE(Result)  
>>>> > > > > end  
>>>> > > > >  
>>>> > > > > But I got an image meaning nothing to me only white and black image  
>>>> > > > >  
>>>> > > > > Am I doing the right way or there are other ways to see the image  
>>>> > > > >  
>>>> > > > > Thanks  
>>>> > > > >  
>>>> > > > > Difficult to tell.  
>>>> > > > > My suggestion would be to try:  
>>>> > > > > template =  
BINARY\_TEMPLATE('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL\_PROJE

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CTS\20151021115853_11_SAR_CPLX_0_pres_8.dat')
>>>> > > > Result = READ_BINARY('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL_PROJECTS\
20151021115853_11_SAR_CPLX_0_pres_8.dat', DATA_DIMS = [4999, 8038])
>>>> > > > mn = min(Result, max=mx)
>>>> > > > print, mn, mx
>>>> > > > im = IMAGE(Result)
>>>> > > > im.min_value = mn
>>>> > > > im.max_value = mx
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > Any better? If not, what does "print, mn, mx" show? If you're getting the same value,
then there must a problem with the import (read_binary()). (*)
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > Cheers,
>>>> > > > Helder
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>>>> > > > (*) - or the min/max values are not evenly distributed. Meaning that if one pixel is 0,
one is 1000 and the rest of your data is distributed between 500 and 501... then you won't see
much unless you set min_value and max_value at 500 and 501. You could also try to have a look
at the histogram distribution.
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > Hi
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>>>> > > > I got the same thing and the min vale is 0 and the max value is 255
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > any suggestions ?
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > I just noticed that you import using BINARY_TEMPLATE() and READ_BINARY(). I
never used these functions because I normally know how my template looks like and use readu
directly. I'll try to do some guess work: it seems to me as if you're missing something. With
binary_template you generate a structure for importing data that you call "template". This template
should be used in READ_BINARY() to import the data, but you don't use it.
>>>> > > > Why don't you try:
>>>> > > > Result = READ_BINARY('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL_PROJECTS\
20151021115853_11_SAR_CPLX_0_pres_8.dat', template=template, DATA_DIMS = [4999,
8038])
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > and see what happens.
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > If that doesn't work out. Do you know how the data is stored? If it's a simple array of
doubles, you could use something like:
>>>> > > >
>>>> > > > array = make_array(4999, 8038, /double, /nozero)
>>>> > > > filename = 'C:\....';your file name
>>>> > > > OPENR, importUnit, filename, /GET_LUN
>>>> > > > READU, importUnit, array
>>>> > > > CLOSE, importUnit
>>>> > > > FREE_LUN, importUnit
>>>> > > > im = IMAGE(array)

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>>>> > > cheers,
>>>> > > Helder
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>>>> > Thank you very much it's good know. I tried the OPENR way it's double.
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>>>> > On my MATLAB code I seprated real and imaginary such as the following
>>>> >
>>>> > array = array (1:2:end, :) + j * array (2:2:end, :);
>>>> >
>>>> > how can that be done in IDL so I can have imagenary and real values
>>>> >
>>>> > Thanks
>>>>
>>>> I don't know Matlab. But I guess (yes, it's a guess...) that those Matlab commands put every
odd position value in the real part and even position values in the imaginary part. If so, then I
would try with:
>>>> array = make_array(4999, 8038, /dcomplex, /nozero)
>>>> This is also a guess... but I suppose that imaginary data is written this way.
>>>> Try this and then display the image as:
>>>>
>>>> im_r = IMAGE(real_part(array))
>>>> im_i = IMAGE(imaginary(array))
>>>>
>>>> and you should see real and imaginary part displayed. Then you can play around and use
other useful commands for imaginary data: abs() and atan(). See the help for details:
>>>> http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/ABS.html
>>>> http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/ATAN.html with the phase keyword.
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>>>> Cheers,
>>>> Helder
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>>> Thanks Helder for the help
>>>
>>> I tried print,ABS(image(array)) and im_r = IMAGE(real_part(array)) and im_i =
IMAGE(imaginary(array)) to see images but I'm getting the following :
>>>
>>> % IMAGE: Unable to allocate memory: to make array.
>>>
>>> if the problem is the memory is not enough, how can I get a small subset of the image and
save it as a new file then I can see if it is working
>>>
>>> Thanks
>>
>> Hi,
>> I think that the command:
>> print,ABS(image(array))
>> makes no sense.

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>> What happens if you try this:
>> im_r = real_part(array)
>> im_i = imaginary(array)
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>> Everything ok? (it should not give an error unless you run out of memory)
>> If that is ok, then you can try to reduce the size of the images. Given that you have an odd
number of rows (8039), you're going to have to use congrid to reduce the size of the image:
>> smaller_im_r = congrid(im_r,5000/10.0,8039/10.0)
>> smaller_im_i = congrid(im_i,5000/10.0,8039/10.0)
>> then
>> olm_r = image(smaller_im_r)
>> olm_i = image(smaller_im_i)
>>
>> If you do get an error, you have to tell me *which* line generated the error.
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>> Cheers,
>> Helder
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> Thanks Helder for the help I finally got the image as follows
>
> array_VV = make_array(5000, 5359, /dcomplex, /nozero)
> filename_VV = ('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL_PROJECTS\20151021115
853_22_SAR_CPLX_0_pres_8.dat')
> OPENR, importUnit, filename_VV, /GET_LUN
> READU, importUnit, array_VV
> A_VV = ABS(array_VV)
> B_VV = A_VV^(0.7/2)
> images_VV = image(B_VV, TITLE='Intensity VV')
> CLOSE, importUnit
> FREE_LUN, importUnit
> end
>
> Know I have two things to solve. The first one is the gray image is a little bit dark so how can I
increase the intensity of it and make it more brighter
>
> The second is I want to open other .dat file dcomplex in the same page with the same number
of array so I can compare them. Can I just copy the previous thinf and pate it and change the file
path ? is that right as follow
>
> array_HH = make_array(5000, 5359, /dcomplex, /nozero)
> filename_HH = ('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL_PROJECTS\20151021115
853_11_SAR_CPLX_0_pres_8.dat')
> OPENR, importUnit, filename_HH, /GET_LUN
> READU, importUnit, array_HH
> A = ABS(array_HH)
> B = A^(0.7/2)
> image_HH = image(B, TITLE='Intensity HH')

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> CLOSE, importUnit
> FREE_LUN, importUnit
> array_VV = make_array(5000, 5359, /dcomplex, /nozero)
> filename_VV = ('C:\Users\asus\Desktop\Metasensing\IDL_PROJECTS\20151021115
853_22_SAR_CPLX_0_pres_8.dat')
> OPENR, importUnit, filename_VV, /GET_LUN
> READU, importUnit, array_VV
> A_VV = ABS(array_VV)
> B_VV = A_VV^(0.7/2)
> images_VV = image(B_VV, TITLE='Intensity VV')
> CLOSE, importUnit
> FREE_LUN, importUnit
> end
>
>
> Thanks you

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A couple of comments:

1) after opening and reading the file, you can close it right away:

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> OPENR, importUnit, filename_VV, /GET_LUN
> READU, importUnit, array_VV
> CLOSE, importUnit
> FREE_LUN, importUnit
> A_VV = ABS(array_VV)
> B_VV = A_VV^(0.7/2)
> images_VV = image(B_VV, TITLE='Intensity VV')

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2) regarding your question:

> Know I have two things to solve. The first one is the gray image is a little bit dark so how can I increase the intensity of it and make it more brighter

remember my answer:

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im.min_value = mn
im.max_value = mx

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check what im.max\_value is and try to make it lower. This defines the white level.

3) same page? Try to adapt this code:

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ww = window(dimensions=[1200,600])
im1 = image(/test, margin=0, layout=[2,1,1], current=ww)
im2 = image(/test, margin=0, layout=[2,1,2], current=ww)

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Check <http://www.exelisvis.com/docs/IMAGE.html> for details.

Keep in mind that every image is about 400 Mb. Are you using 64-bit version of IDL (type print, !version to find out)

Cheers,  
Helder

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