
Subject: Re: Real Number on PVWAVE

Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 17 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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> The result I get is:
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>
> Why????
```

Well, I suspect that DC_READ_FREE is reading the data as Floats, rather than as Doubles. I'm not familiar with the routine, but I'd guess it was written in the PV-Wave language and probably of the same quality as something like READ_IMAGE in IDL. :-)

Is there a DOUBLE keyword that you can set?

In any case, I put your data into a text file

named "test.txt" and read it perfectly like this:

```
OpenR, lun, 'test.txt', /Get_Lun
data = DblArr(10)
ReadF, lun, data
Free_Lun, lun
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Cheers,

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On Wed, 17 Nov 1999 09:48:29 -0700, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

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Dear Daniele,

It looks to me as though WAVE is interpreting your numbers as floats and then truncating them. Did you specify your variable as a double before reading? I suspect that if this is not specified, float is the expected default when a '.' is found in a number. I got the following to work:

```
wave> DELVAR,varArray  
make sure varArray doesn't already exist as a float from previous attempts!  
wave> varArray=DBLARR(1)
```

tell wave to expect doubles

```
wave> status=DC_READ_FREE('filename',varArray,/resize)
```

/resize will resize varArray to cope with amount of data present

```
wave> PRINT,varArray,Format="(D11.5)"
```

print it in whatever format seems appropriate

HTH

Yours,
Adrian
