
Subject: plotting free form ascii data

Posted by [patrick](#) on Mon, 02 Jul 2001 21:11:03 GMT

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Greetings-

I'm attempting to write a gui script to plot free form ascii data.
I've utilized the `ascii_template` and `read_ascii` functions but the
program hangs after hitting finished on the `ascii_template` gui and
returns an error:

```
% READ_ASCII: File name must be a string.  
% Execution halted at: READ_ASCII      792  
/auto/soft/idl/idl_5.4/lib/read_ascii.pro  
%          PLOTINTERACTIVE_READ  31  
/home/swifs/training/idlinterm/interplot2.pro  
%          XMANAGER_EVLOOP_STANDARD 478  
/auto/soft/idl/idl_5.4/lib/xmanager.pro  
%          XMANAGER      708  
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%          PLOTINTERACTIVE  209  
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%          $MAIN$
```

I'm using a variable name `xdata`, very simple and yes, a string. What
gives?

Also, I'm curious as to the best way to pass this to the `PLOT`
function?

Any suggestions welcome,

Patrick

Subject: sec : U Re: plotting free form ascii data

Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2001 04:34:28 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Patrick writes:

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- > Also the "Numerical Recipes" implementation of some Daubechies wavelet coefficients has long been available as the intrinsic function WTN.

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> --Wayne Landsman landsman@mpb.gsfc.nasa.gov

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Subject: Re: plotting free form ascii data
Posted by [Raphael Kudela](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2001 18:22:37 GMT
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Dr. Fanning-

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Cheers,

Patrick

David Fanning wrote:

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>> sorry for the brevity on the last post. What I have currently is:

```

>> pro plotinteractive_doplot, pstate
>> plot, (*pstate).profile_data, LINESTYLE = (*pstate).linestyle
>> end
>>
>> pro plotinteractive_read, event
>> widget_control, event.top, GET_UVALUE = pstate
>> ; read in the data for the 1-D plot from a free-form ascii
>> ; matrix.
>>
>> profile_data = read_ascii(test,
>> template=ascii_template(test,BROWSE_LINES=4241), $
>> DATA_START=13)
>>
>> ; call the wavelet toolkit:
>> plotinteractive_wvtoolkit, pstate
>>
>> end
>>
>> ;pro plotinteractive_draw, event
>>
>> ;widget_control, event.top, GET_UVALUE = pstate
>> ; check for motion events.
>> ;if (event.type eq 2) then begin
>>     ; convert the coordinates from device to data
>>     ; datac = convert_coord(event.x, event.y, /DEVICE, /TO_DATA)
>>     ; statusstr = strtrim(datac[0], 2) + ',' + strtrim(datac[1],2)
>>     ; widget_control, (*pstate).status, SET_VALUE = statusstr
>> ;endif
>>
>> ;end
>>
>>
>> pro plotinteractive_quit, event
>> widget_control, event.top, GET_UVALUE = pstate
>> ; kill the widget.
>> ptr_free, pstate
>> widget_control, event.top, /DESTROY
>>
>> end
>>
>> pro plotinteractive_wvtoolkit, event
>> ;widget_control, event.top, GET_UVALUE = pState
>> WV_APPLET, ARRAY=profile_data, GROUP_LEADER=winID
>>
>> ; call the do routine to replot.
>> plotinteractive_doplot, pstate
>>
>> end

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> READ_ASCII didn't like the filename. I can well
> believe this, since in the example:
>
>> profile_data = read_ascii(test, $
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>>          DATA_START=13)
>
> the variable "test" is nowhere defined in this
> procedure. This should be the name of a data file,
> for example:
>
> test = 'mydata.dat'
>
> I'd be saving up for a good book on widget
> programming, too. I'm not sure the example
> you are following is going to get you too far. :-)
>
> Cheers,
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> David
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Subject: Re: plotting free form ascii data
Posted by [david\[2\]](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2001 18:57:50 GMT
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Raphael Kudela (aka Patrick) writes:

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> defined independently?

Well, I don't know how you defined your data file fields,
but suppose you had two columns of data and you named
the fields "pressure", and "temperature". Then the structure
that is returned from READ_ASCII has fields with these
two names:

```
IDL> Help, data, /Structure
** Structure <14248a0>, 2 tags, length=800, data length=800, refs=1:
  TEMPERATURE  FLOAT  Array[100]
  PRESSURE     FLOAT  Array[100]
```

You could plot the data like this:

```
IDL> Plot, data.temperature, data.pressure
```

Unfortunately, you won't know what name the data
fields were given, since you are allowing the user
to change them every time the data is read (a really
bad idea, IMHO). So you will have to resort to assuming
structure positions, like this:

```
IDL> Plot, data.(0), data.(1)
```

If it were me, I wouldn't be reading the data with
READ_ASCII. Or, at the very least, I wouldn't be
allowing the user to change the template every time.

But I think you really need a good IDL programming book. As of this week, there are at least two good ones. I'd search Amazon under "IDL Programming". Be sure NOT to order any that have to do with the "Interface Definition Language". You are looking for "Interactive Data Language".

Cheers,

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Humm. Maybe we ought to review that book and course material. You would think a plot would have been covered somewhere. :-(

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Subject: Re: sec : U Re: plotting free form ascii data
Posted by [Marcus O'Brien](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2001 10:15:08 GMT
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Just had a go with WV_DENOISE in idl5.4, gives a license error, RSI must have fixed it :(

Marc