
Subject: wrong results...

Posted by [elias](#) on Mon, 02 May 2005 13:49:00 GMT

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Hi,

The following problem probably has something to do with definitions of floating, integer etc, but I don't really know to solve it (although i am sure the solution will be simple in the end...).

I have a data file that, amongst others, contains some longitude columns. The longitude data is defined from -180 to 180 deg in this data file. For some consistency with some other analysis I did before, I want to convert it to 0-->360 deg.

So simply, I ask when it reads a longitude <0 to do: lon=360+lon

However, I am getting in the new data file created, values of longitude more than 600 sometimes.... I am not sure why this happens

Below I post this simple code.

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PRO restruct, fil, output

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;reads data file of moon l-shell
;crossings and restructures its data
;so that:
;Cassini and Moon longitude>0
;(Cassini-Moon) longitude>0
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filetemplate=ASCII_Template(fil)
data=Read_ASCII(fil,Template=filetemplate)
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crossings=n_elements(data.field1)
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openw, lunit, /get_lun, output
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for i=0L,crossings-1 do begin
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    if data.field3[i] lt 0 then begin
        data.field3[i]=360+data.field3[i]
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    endif
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if data.field6[i] lt 0 then begin
    data.field6[i]=360+data.field6[i]

endif

dlon=data.field6[i]-data.field3[i]

if dlon lt 0 then begin
    data.field3[i]=360+data.field3[i]

endif

thisformat='(f14, 7f14)'
printf, lunit, data.field1[i], data.field2[i],$
    data.field3[i], data.field4[i],$
    data.field5[i], data.field6[i],$
    data.field7[i], dlon, format=thisformat

endfor

free_lun, lunit

end
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Subject: Re: wrong results...

Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Tue, 03 May 2005 22:56:45 GMT

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On Tue, 3 May 2005, yp wrote:

> Kenneth Bowman wrote:

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>> lon = (lon + 360.0) MOD 360.0

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> Thats brilliant!

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>> By the way, the reverse transformation is

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>> lon = lon - (LONG(lon)/180)\*360.0

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> This is great too; but how to parse the last element? Using the

> above transformation, 180.0 becomes -180.0 at both ends. This does

> transform the coordinate exactly for all elements except +180.0.

> Of course, zonally 180 = -180 from a geographic perspective.

The IDL astronomy library has a CIRRRANGE procedure (circle range) that forces things to 0->360. It is pretty easy to modify it to a RANGE CIR procedure that does the -180 to 180 range. Works for radians too via a keyword. Check it out, it might be a good starting place.

-k.

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