
Subject: Re: extracting numbers
Posted by [Klaus Scipal](#) on Thu, 23 Mar 2006 07:43:08 GMT
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Try following

```
tmp=strsplit(string,['='],/extract)
number=float(tmp[1])
```

cheers, Klaus

<kl_tah@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:1143089539.095096.210300@u72g2000cww.googlegroups.com.. .
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Posted by [Ken Mankoff](#) on Thu, 23 Mar 2006 14:34:16 GMT
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```
IDL> print, stregex(string, "[0-9.\-]+", /subexpr, /extract)
```

works in the example above. More generally, removing all letters
would be this:

```
IDL> print, stregex(string, "[^a-zA-Z]+", /subexpr, /extract)
```

But you get the = and the trailing "/".

```
IDL> print, stregex(string, "[^\s=a-zA-ZV]+", /subexpr, /extract)
```

removes all spaces, equals, letters, and / characters...

-k.

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Posted by [Norbert Hahn](#) on Thu, 23 Mar 2006 16:06:49 GMT

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Depending on the positions in the string you may as well `_read_` from a string using the procedure `reads`:

```
buffer = "AAAA = -23.445 /BBBBB"
reads, buffer, z, format='(6x,f8.3)'
help, z
Z          FLOAT    =    -23.4450
```

HTH
Norbert
