
Subject: envi_get_data

Posted by [yychongzi](#) on Mon, 21 Jan 2008 19:42:16 GMT

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Hi, I am writing a program to calcualte a new image from an old one.
But I always get error about the envi_get_data.

The message reads:

% Variable is undefined: POS.

% Execution halted at: ENVI_GET_DATA

I got the same message even when I did not put 'pos=pos' in the
envi_get_data statement.

Thanks a lot. Here is the code:

```
pro cal
envi, /restore_base_save_files
envi_init, /batch_mode
envi_open_file, 'E:\image1999', r_fid=fid
if (fid eq -1) then return
envi_file_query, fid, ns=ns, nl=nl, nb=nb, pos=pos, dims=dims
image=fltarr(nb,nl,ns)
image2=fltarr(nb,nl,ns)
image = envi_get_data (fid=fid,dims=dims, pos =pos)
For i=0, nb-1 Do Begin
  For j=0,nl-1 Do Begin
    For k=0,ns-1 Do Begin
      image2[i,j,k]=image[i,j,k]* 0.8 + 100
    Endfor
  Endfor
Endfor
ENVI_WRITE_ENVI_FILE,image2,data_type=2,nb=nb,nl=nl,ns=ns, out_name='E:
\test.img'
END
```

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by lbusett@yahoo.it on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 14:03:21 GMT

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Hi,

I don't know if it will solve all your problems, but I believe that
you should replace the instruction:

```
> image2=fltarr((nb,nl,ns)
```

with:

```
image2 = fltarr (nb, ns, nl)
```

because ENVI_GET_DATA returns an array in samples by lines order (see the help). (Obviously, if you have a square image nothing will change)

You can also remove the instruction

```
> image=fltarr((nb,nl,ns)
```

since the "image" variable is overwritten by the "envi_get_data" instruction.

Hope this helps,

Lorenzo

On 23 Gen, 22:57, yychon...@gmail.com wrote:

```
> Thank you Jean. I did correct the error you pointed out, and I found
> something weird for the output image. I used a 2bands input file and
> the output image seems twist and even does not have the correct
> boundary shape, and the data was wrong.
>
> Then I tested it with a one band input image, when I tried to multiply
> the input image by a constant to get a new image(my output) it did not
> work (it did not get the image that supposed to). If I just add the
> input image with a small number, it works fine. But if I add the image
> with a large number, like 35000(the min. data on the input image is
> -32768), then it went wrong again.
>
> I thought it might be due to the format of the image, then I changed
> fltarr to dblarr, it still won't give the right output image.
>
> Many thanks.
>
> Now my code looks like this:
>
> pro cal
>   envi, /restore_base_save_files
>   envi_init, /batch_mode
>   envi_open_file,'F:\testinput.img',r_fid=fid
>   if (fid eq -1) then return
>   envi_file_query, fid, ns=ns, nl=nl, nb=nb, data_type=data_type
>   map_info = envi_get_map_info(fid = fid)
>   dims = [-1L, 0, ns - 1, 0, nl - 1]
>   pos=lindgen(nb)
>   image=fltarr((nb,nl,ns)
```

```

> image2=fltarr((nb,nl,ns)
> For i=0, nb-1 Do Begin
>     image = envi_get_data (fid=fid,dims=dims,pos=i)
>     image2[i,*,*]=image
> Endfor
> ENVI_WRITE_ENVI_FILE,image2,data_type=data_type,nb=nb,nl=nl, ns=ns,map_info
> = map_info, $
> out_name='F:\testoutput.img'
> END
>
> On Jan 21, 3:00 pm, Jean H <jghas...@DELTHIS.ucalgary.ANDTHIS.ca>
> wrote:
>
>>> envi_file_query, fid, ns=ns, nl=nl, nb=nb, pos=pos ,dims=dims
>
>> ... in the help file, there is no POS keyword in this function... so
>> later on, when you try to use it, pos is undefined.
>
>> Jean

```

Subject: Re: envi_get_data
 Posted by peter.eddy@shaw.ca on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:18:12 GMT
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Hi,
 Typical ENVI format files are "usually" band sequential:
 Array=fltarr(ns, nl, nb) as its quickest to display.
 You can obtain the interleave within the ENVI_FILE_QUERY with the
 keyword Interleave=interleave where bsq=0, bil=1 and bip=2 - or by
 looking at the header. Next I would check the datatype of your input
 file. In your code you read in the file, query the datatype create a
 new float array then write the file with the datatype of your input.
 What if your input was byte or integer? Since your output is float
 you could hardcode the data_type=4 (or 5 for double).

For example you could do the following:

```

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    interleave=interleave, dims=dims
;Could have an "if" statement to check and set the interleave
map_info = envi_get_map_info(fid = fid)
;dims = [-1L, 0, ns - 1, 0, nl - 1] **you can get the dimensions from

```

```

the query above
pos=lindgen(nb)
image=fltarr(ns, nl, nb) ; storage array for multi band processing
(loop over bands)
;image2=fltarr((nb,nl,ns) ** not required
For i=0, nb-1 Do Begin
    ;read band and convert to float
    inBand = Float(envi_get_data (fid=fid,dims=dims,pos=i)) ;read the
2d array
    image[*,*,i]=inBand* 0.8 + 100 ;do processing and store in
array
Endfor
ENVI_WRITE_ENVI_FILE,image,data_type=4,nb=nb,nl=nl,ns=ns,map _info=
map_info, $
out_name='F:\testoutput.img'
END

```

With this method you may run into memory problems, as you are reading by entire bands and storing the whole image. When the image gets larger you will have to look into ENVI's tiling routines.

Hopefully this gets you started,

Pete

Subject: Re: envi_get_data
 Posted by [yychongzi](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 21:25:37 GMT
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Thank you Lorenzo and Pete.

Pete, you are right on the datatype. My input file is integer, it has to be changed. Now the program runs just fine :)

By the way, I have another question:
 I used ENVI to do layer stacking, sometimes I got a big .ige file and a small .img file, sometimes, more often, I got a big .img file with a small .rrd file. I dont know why and the difference.

Thank you guys again.

On Jan 25, 10:18 am, Pete <peter.e...@shaw.ca> wrote:

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> Hopefully this gets you started,
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> Pete

```

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2008 21:49:56 GMT

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yychongzi@gmail.com wrote:

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> Thank you guys again.

From Envi Help file:

ERDAS IMAGINE 8.x image files larger than 2 GB use a raster spill file to store the data from large data sets. That is, images larger than 2 GB are defined by two files: header information is stored in the .img file, and the image data is stored in a second file with the same root name using an .ige extension.

Now, the .rrd is an overview of your data..
Jean

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [Robert Moss, PhD](#) on Mon, 14 Sep 2009 18:59:02 GMT

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On Sep 14, 11:07 am, woods1 <merria...@yahoo.fr> wrote:

> Hi,
> I have a problem. I want to display an image and I do this:
>
> imag = make_array(ns, nl) ; with ns=21815 and nl=10636
>
> imag = envi_get_data(fid=fid, dims=dims, pos=pos)
>
> but I become an error message "' Unable to allocate memory: to make
> array."
>
> can somebody help me?
>
> thanks in advance
>
> Woods

First, do not preallocate the image array; i.e. remove the MAKE_ARRAY line. That might solve your problem right there. If you still get the

error you should probably use the DIMS keyword to read only a subset.

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [woods1](#) on Tue, 15 Sep 2009 07:12:54 GMT

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On 14 Sep., 20:59, Robert <robert.m...@gmail.com> wrote:

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thank you, thank you!

thanks of your help!

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 29 Sep 2009 13:18:12 GMT

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woods1 writes:

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>

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Probably not. How many bytes, do you suppose,
are in that image?

Cheers,

David

--

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Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [Chris Jengo](#) on Tue, 29 Sep 2009 14:40:05 GMT

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Display where? If you want an ENVI display, take a look at
ENVI_DISPLAY_BANDS. Displaying in your own draw widget will take some
special effort.

Chris

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [woods1](#) on Wed, 30 Sep 2009 08:02:45 GMT

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On 29 Sep., 16:40, Chris Jengo <cje...@gmail.com> wrote:

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my ambition.

I want to reurns a spatial image data from file.

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [woods1](#) on Wed, 30 Sep 2009 08:09:44 GMT

On 30 Sep., 10:02, woods1 <merria...@yahoo.fr> wrote:

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Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [woods1](#) on Wed, 30 Sep 2009 08:25:08 GMT

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On 29 Sep., 15:18, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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I don't no how many bytes are in the image. The dimension of image is 36800x57600

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [wita](#) on Wed, 30 Sep 2009 09:39:09 GMT

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woods1 wrote:

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Hi,

Using `ENVI_Get_Data()` on such large images is really a bad idea. Trying to read the whole image will take more then 2Gb of memory (in case of 8bit data) and you will have trouble to fit it in memory on any 32 bit operating system.

What you should do instead is use ENVI's tiling mechanism to read your image in chunks and loop over the number of tiles. Then resample each tile to be able to display it (or do whatever processing you want) and stitch the results together. So in pseudo code it should look like this:

```
tile_ID = ENVI_Init_Tile(File_ID, NUM_TILES=num_tiles,
INTERLEAVE=1, ....)
FOR i=0L, num_tiles-1 DO BEGIN
    data = ENVI_Get_Tile(tile_ID)
    <processing data goes here>
ENDFOR
ENVI_Tile_Done, tile_ID
```

Setting `INTERLEAVE=1` ensures that you read your file line by line. It may be more efficient to use `INTERLEAVE=0` but then you need to write some logic that handles the size of the tile that `ENVI_Get_Tile` returns, which depends on you memory settings.

Hope this helps.

Allard

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [woods1](#) on Wed, 30 Sep 2009 14:14:49 GMT

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On 30 Sep., 11:39, Allard de Wit <allard.de...@wur.nl> wrote:

> woods1 wrote:

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> Allard

My question is, what are the processing data here, when i will display
an image?

thank you

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 30 Sep 2009 14:34:28 GMT

woods1 writes:

> I don't no how many bytes are in the image. The dimension of image is
> 36800x57600

Multiplying those two numbers together might give you a ballpark figure. My guess is you would then have to multiply that result by 2 or 4 to come up with the actual number. But something in the range of 2-8 Gigabytes would be my best guess.

That seems a little, uh, largish to put into a single IDL variable. I'm guessing you don't have one of those nifty machines with a 64-bit operating system and 100 GBytes of RAM, probably. :-(

And where do you intend to display it? Have you rented out the giant screen on Times Square? Have you given any thought to the resolution of your display? What do you suppose you would actually see if you **could** display this image?

I know you are complaining about all the **processing** that has to occur. But maybe it would be a good idea to start with more **thinking** about the problem.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: `envi_get_data`

Posted by [woods1](#) on Thu, 01 Oct 2009 16:48:12 GMT

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On 29 Sep., 15:05, woods1 <merria...@yahoo.fr> wrote:

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Thank you an all.

I have to reduce an image with `envi_get_data(dims = dims, fid=file ID
[, INTERP={0 | 1 | 2 | 3}], POS=long integer [, XFACTOR=integer] [,
YFACTOR=integer])`

Subject: Re: `envi_get_data`

Posted by [Andrew Rodger](#) on Fri, 02 Oct 2009 13:29:53 GMT

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On Oct 2, 12:48 am, woods1 <merria...@yahoo.fr> wrote:

> On 29 Sep., 15:05, woods1 <merria...@yahoo.fr> wrote:

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> `YFACTOR=integer])`

I am not sure if it applies but I think there is also an IDL object called `IDLgrImage` that handles displays for large imagery (assuming you are not wanting to display it all at once) and I think it only loads as much of the image as required and thus reduces the memory requirements. May also handle zoom type stuff as well.

Subject: Re: `envi_get_data`

Posted by lefsky@gmail.com on Mon, 12 Nov 2012 04:22:13 GMT

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On Sunday, November 11, 2012 7:54:38 PM UTC-7, lef...@gmail.com wrote:

- > I am trying to extract a spatial subset of a compressed file from within an envi program. envi_get_data returns an array of the appropriate size and data type, but the values within the array aren't meaningful. Extracting the same data from within the ENVI gui results in correct data.
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- >
- >
- > Is this a problem that arises from compression or should I be looking elsewhere for a solution?

To clarify, the compressed file is an envi file

Subject: Re: envi_get_data

Posted by lefsky@gmail.com on Mon, 12 Nov 2012 22:02:30 GMT

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I have solved the problem, sort of. What I did is translate the code to the new envi API and it worked right away.
