
Subject: How to add several *.fit files (matrices) into one output *.fit file?

Posted by [Griffons](#) on Thu, 06 Nov 2008 15:20:10 GMT

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Hello Everyone,

Anyone would know how to add several *.fit files (matrices) into one output *.fit file using IDL?

Thank you.

Griffons

Subject: Re: How to add several *.fit files (matrices) into one output *.fit file?

Posted by [Christopher Thom](#) on Thu, 06 Nov 2008 17:53:10 GMT

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Quoth Wox:

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> On Thu, 6 Nov 2008 09:14:30 -0800 (PST), Griffons
> <griffons76@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> I downloaded readfits, writefits and the other files required.
>> I am not sure what to do next. I compiled and ran readfits and
>> writefits, but then what to do?
>
> files=['test1.fits','test2.fits',...] ; use e.g. file_search for this
> sum = READFITS( files[0], /NOSCALE)
> for i=1,n_elements(files)-1 do $
>   sum += READFITS( files[i], /NOSCALE)
> writefits, 'sum_filename', sum
>
> Both readfits and writefits depend on some other procedures from the
> ASTRO library. Make sure you compiled them too.
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And a minor point to add...be clear that you really want to specify the /NOSCALE option. If the fits images have BSCALE and BZERO set in the header, then you may want them scaled appropriately before summing...

cheers
chris

Subject: Re: How to add several *.fit files (matrices) into one output *.fit file?

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Thu, 06 Nov 2008 19:50:42 GMT

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"Griffons" <griffons76@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:dd8c46c9-8ac9-435f-8822-b549d7ba118a@d10g2000pra.google groups.com...

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...  
> IDL> files=['S_08189493.fit','S_08189494.fit','S_08189495.fit',  
> 'S_08189496.fit'];  
> IDL> sum = READFITS( files[0], /NOSCALE)  
> READFITS: ERROR - Unable to locate file S_08189493.fit
```

well, if you don't know where your files are, how is
IDL supposed to know?

This means that the file is not in your current directory.
Include the full path for the file, and it should work.

Cheers,
bob

Subject: Re: How to add several *.fit files (matrices) into one output *.fit file?
Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Thu, 06 Nov 2008 21:40:08 GMT
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"Paolo" <pgrigis@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:0c8e6af6-73c6-43a7-9c20-304c73d763fb@l33g2000pri.google groups.com...

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> such that when I need to move the files somewhere else  
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Subject: Re: How to add several *.fit files (matrices) into one output *.fit file?
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Fri, 07 Nov 2008 13:44:44 GMT
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or u set an env var pointing to the data dir or it's base dir. Sometimes that is then easier to adjust in different environments.

cheers
Reimar

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