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Using ddread.pro (http://www.astro.washington.edu/docs/idl/cgi-bin/getpro/libr ary42.html?DDREAD), you can read formatted (or unformatted) rows and columns of a data file. This will skip the text lines and read the numerical lines. There are other many options also.

Cheers

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