
Subject: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [Sonu Tabitha](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2016 04:11:53 GMT

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Subject: Re: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2016 14:30:43 GMT

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On Friday, April 8, 2016 at 12:11:54 AM UTC-4, Meegle_Jade wrote:

> Is there any way to match the headers of two fits files?

This question could mean many different things.

But to make the FITS header in a file test2.fits the same as in file test1.fits

```
h = headfits('test1.fits')
```

```
modfits,'test2.fits',0,h
```

using routines from <http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/homepage.html>

Subject: Re: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2016 15:21:04 GMT

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On 4/8/16 8:30 AM, wlandsman wrote:

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I agree that this could mean many things. If by "match the headers of two fits files" you mean check to see the differences between two headers, then check out my routine MG_FITS_DIFF:

https://github.com/mgalloy/mglib/blob/master/src/fits/mg_fit_s_diff.pro

You can ignore specified keywords as well.

Mike

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Modern IDL: A Guide to IDL Programming (<http://modernidl.idldev.com>)

Subject: Re: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [Sonu Tabitha](#) on Mon, 11 Apr 2016 09:26:37 GMT

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On Friday, April 8, 2016 at 9:41:54 AM UTC+5:30, Meegle_Jade wrote:

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Does this change the BITPIX and NAXIS values?

Subject: Re: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Mon, 11 Apr 2016 13:06:05 GMT

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On Monday, April 11, 2016 at 5:26:41 AM UTC-4, Meegle_Jade wrote:

> On Friday, April 8, 2016 at 9:41:54 AM UTC+5:30, Meegle_Jade wrote:

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> Does this change the BITPIX and NAXIS values?

No. You would have to first do this yourself with CHECK_FITS,/UPDATE

Subject: Re: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [Sonu Tabitha](#) on Wed, 13 Apr 2016 03:31:35 GMT

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On Friday, April 8, 2016 at 9:41:54 AM UTC+5:30, Meegle_Jade wrote:

> Is there any way to match the headers of two fits files?

Infact I have to make the header of fits file 'exponential.fits'same as that of 'empirical.fits'. I gave the following code for that

```
im = readfits('empirical.fits',h)
hdr = 'exponential.fits'
check_FITS, im, hdr, /UPDATE
end
```

I saved it as FITSMATCH.pro. On executing I am getting the following error

Library file does not contain a procedure or function.

% Compiled module: FITSMATCH.

% Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'FITSMATCH'.

% Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

Subject: Re: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [Sonu Tabitha](#) on Wed, 13 Apr 2016 05:14:37 GMT

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On Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 9:01:37 AM UTC+5:30, Meegle_Jade wrote:

> On Friday, April 8, 2016 at 9:41:54 AM UTC+5:30, Meegle_Jade wrote:

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Or is there any way to do it with write_fits?

Subject: Re: How can I make the headers of two fits files same in IDL?

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Wed, 13 Apr 2016 13:21:44 GMT

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You need to add

pro fitsmatch

as the first line
