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Subject: Writing and reading multipage TeX tables in IDL.

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I'm finding the following routines to be pretty useful. They should work for you if your running unix and have a similar version of TeX.

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function getbboxwd,str,font
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; NAME:
; getbboxwd
; PURPOSE:
; Invoke TeX to calculate the widths of a given array of text.
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; RESULT = getbboxwd(strarr)
; INPUTS:
; str: string array of TeX format lines.
; font: a standard TeX font.
; OUTPUTS:
; Floating point array of widths in points.
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s=size(str)
get_lun,unit
openw,unit,'qwert1001.tex'
printf,unit,'\\font\\myfont=' + font
for i=0,s(1)-1 do printf,unit,'\\myfont \\setbox1=\\hbox{' + str(i) + '} \\showthe\\wd1'
printf,unit,'\\end'
close,unit
openw,unit,'qwert1000'
for i=0,s(1)-1 do printf,unit,' '
close,unit
;wait,5
spawn,'/usr/local/bin/tex qwert1001 < qwert1000',result
c=fltarr(s(1))
for i=1,s(1) do begin
b=strpos(result(3*i-1),'pt')
;print,b
d=strpos(result(3*i-1), '>')
c(i-1)=float(strmid(result(3*i-1),d+2,b-1))
endfor
spawn,'rm qwert100*'
;spawn,'rm scr.*'
close,unit
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free_lun,unit
return,c
end
pro wtextab,outfile,data,font=font,head=head,title=title,nrow=nrow,ow
;+
; NAME:
; wtextab
; PURPOSE:
; Write out a 2-D array as an 'ApJ' style tex table.
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; wtextab,'myfile',myarray(rows,columns)
; INPUTS:
; filename without '.tex' extension.
; 2-D array addressed first by row then by column.
; OPTIONAL:
; font= a standard tex font.
; head= a string array of column headers.
; title= a string
; nrow= integer number of rows per page.
; OUTPUTS:
; Four TeX files: eg myfile.tex containing the data.
;   myfile_head.tex containing the table format.
;   myfile_mid.tex if the table is multipaged.
;   myfile_tail.tex to close the table.
; BUGS:
; This is a big cluge that works by running TeX from inside IDL to
; determine the size of table entries so that column widths will
; be uniform from page to page. It expects TeX to behave the way
; it does right here and now..... There is no scaling of paper size,
; you have to do that by hand.
; DISCLAIMER:
; This is an alpha test release of a poor program. If you modify
; this program please do not include horror stories of how badly it
; was written.
; OTHER PROGRAMS:
; function: getbboxwd runs TeX.
; procedure: rtextab reads TeX tables produced by this program.
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s=size(data)
if n_elements(font) eq 0 then font='cmr9'
if n_elements(title) eq 0 then title='Table'
if n_elements(nrow) eq 0 then nrow=50
openw,1,outfile+'_head.tex'
printf,1,'magnification = \magstep1'
printf,1,'hsize=7truein \hoffset=-0.125truein'
printf,1,'vsize=9.3truein \voffset=-0.75truecm'

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printf,1,'parindent=20pt'
printf,1,'font\myfont='+font
printf,1,'font\ninerm=cmr9'
printf,1,'font\twelverm=cmr12'
printf,1,'font\tenrm=cmr10'
printf,1,'font\twelvebf=cmbx12'
if n_elements(head) eq 0 then begin
head=strarr(s(2))
for j=0,s(2)-1 do head(j)=column '+strtrim(string(j+1),2)
endif
printf,1,'nopagenumbers'
printf,1,'{\myfont'
printf,1,'midinsert'
printf,1,'$$\vbox{\offinterlineskip'
printf,1,'halign{\# \cr'
printf,1,'multispan{'+string(s(2)+1)+'}\hfil '+title+' \hfil \cr'
printf,1,'noalign{\vskip3pt}'
printf,1,'noalign{\hrule}'
printf,1,'noalign{\vskip1pt}'
printf,1,'noalign{\hrule}'
printf,1,'noalign{\vskip3pt}'
c=fltarr(s(2))
n=intarr(s(2))
wide=n
d=getboxwd(head,font)
for j=0,s(2)-1 do begin
c(j)=max(getboxwd(string(data(*,j)),font),pos)
n(j)=pos
if c(j) gt d(j) then wide(j)=1
endfor

a='&
for j=0,s(2)-1 do a=a+head(j)+'\hskip'+strtrim(string(max([c(j),d(j)])-d(j)),2 )+'pt \hfil &
a=a+'\cr'
printf,1,a
printf,1,'noalign{\vskip3pt}'
printf,1,'noalign{\hrule}'
printf,1,'noalign{\vskip3pt}'
close,1
openw,1,outfile+'_tail.tex'
printf,1,'noalign{\hrule}'
printf,1,'}$$'
printf,1,'endinsert'
printf,1,'}'
printf,1,'end'
close,1
if s(1) gt nrow then begin
openw,1,outfile+'_mid.tex'

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printf,1,'\\noalign{\\hrule}'
printf,1,'}$$'
printf,1,'\\endinsert\\vfil\\eject'
printf,1,'}'
printf,1,'{\\myfont'
printf,1,'\\midinsert'
printf,1,'$$\\vbox{\\offinterlineskip'
printf,1,'\\halign{\\# \\cr'
printf,1,'\\multispan{' + string(s(2)+1) + '}\\hfil ' + title + ' cont. \\hfil \\cr'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\vskip3pt}'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\hrule}'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\vskip1pt}'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\hrule}'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\vskip3pt}'
a='&
for j=0,s(2)-1 do  a=a+head(j)+'\\hskip'+strtrim(string(max([c(j),d(j)])-d(j)),2 )+'pt \\hfil &
a=a+'\\cr'
printf,1,a
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\vskip3pt}'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\hrule}'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\vskip3pt}'
close,1
endif
openw,1,outfile+'.tex'
printf,1,'\\input '+outfile+'_head.tex'
for k=0,s(1)/nrow do begin
for i=k*nrow,min([(k+1)*nrow-1,s(1)-1]) do begin
a='&
for j=0,s(2)-1 do begin
a=a+' ' +string(data(i,j))+ ' \\hfil &
endfor
a=a+' \\cr'
printf,1,a
;printf,1,'\\noalign{\\vskip3pt} \\noalign{\\hrule} \\noalign{\\vskip1pt}'
printf,1,'\\noalign{\\vskip3pt}'
endfor
if k ne s(1)/nrow then printf,1,'\\input '+outfile+'_mid.tex'
endfor
printf,1,'\\input '+outfile+'_tail.tex'
close,1
end


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pro rtextab,infile,llist
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; NAME:
; rtextab
; PURPOSE:
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; Read a tex table written by wtextab into a 2-D strarr.
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; rtextab,'myfile',result
; INPUTS:
; myfile is the name of a TeX table writen by wtextab without
; .tex extension.
; OUTPUTS:
; result is a 2-D string array of the table entries.
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openr, 1, strtrim(infile,2)+'.tex'
nrows=0
i=0
while (not eof(1)) do begin
  a="

  readf,1,a
  next=0
  while strpos(a,'\cr',next) ne -1 do begin
    next=strpos(a,'\cr',next)
    next=next+1
    nrows=nrows+1
  endwhile
  endwhile
  print,nrows
  close,1
  b=strarr(nrows+1)
  openr, 1, strtrim(infile,2)+'.tex'
  rownum=0
  readf,1,a
  while (not eof(1)) do begin
    a="

    readf,1,a
    now=0
    while strpos(a,'\cr',now) ne -1 do begin
      next=strpos(a,'\cr',now)
      b(rownum)=b(rownum)+strmid(a,now,next-now)
      rownum=rownum+1
      now=next+3
    endwhile
    b(rownum)=b(rownum)+strmid(a,now,strlen(a)-now)
  endwhile
  cmax=0

  for i=0,nrows-1 do begin
    now=0

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rmax=0
while strpos(b(i), '&', now) ne -1 do begin
  next=strpos(b(i), '&', now)
  rmax=rmax+1
  now=next+1
endwhile
if rmax gt cmax then cmax=rmax
endfor
print,cmax
c=strarr(nrows,cmax)
for i=0,nrows-1 do begin
  now=0
  rmax=0
  j=0
  while strpos(b(i), '&', now) ne -1 do begin
    next=strpos(b(i), '&', now)
    c(i,j)=strmid(b(i),now,next-now)
    now=next+1
    j=j+1
  endwhile
  if rmax gt cmax then cmax=rmax
endfor
for i=0,nrows-1 do for j=0,cmax-1 do if strpos(c(i,j), '\hfil') ne -1 then
  c(i,j)=strtrim(strmid(c(i,j),0,strpos(c(i,j), '\hfil')),2)
llist=c(*,1:cmax-1)
close,1
end

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