
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 gethboxwd,str,font
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; NAME:
; gethboxwd
; PURPOSE:
; Invoke TeX to calculate the widths of a given array of text.
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; RESULT = gethboxwd(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
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; 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: gethboxwd 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\twelveverm=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=gethboxwd(head,font)
for j=0,s(2)-1 do begin
c(j)=max(gethboxwd(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,'}}$$'
printf,1,'\endinsert\vfil\ject'
printf,1,'}'
printf,1,'\myfont'
printf,1,'\midinsert'
printf,1,'$$\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,lis
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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 written 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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