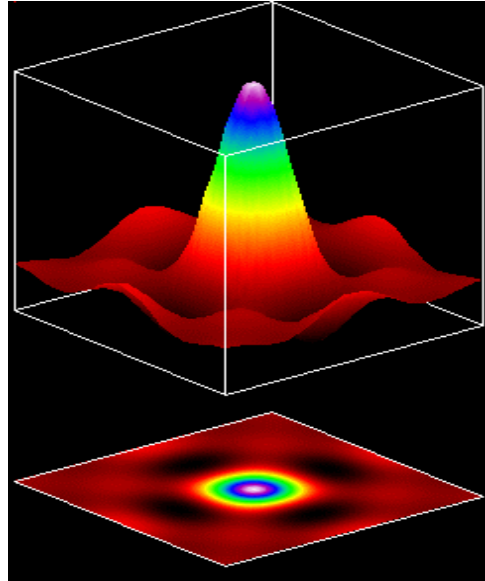


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# ProVIEW User's Manual



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***MSHELL***, an image and signal processing language.  
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# Overview

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## What Is ProVIEW ?

ProVIEW is an interactive command line and menu driven Image and Signal Processing Environment which runs as a **32 or 64** bit application under Microsoft Windows NT, 2000, or XP. ProVIEW provides powerful scientific image and signal processing and visualization capability by affording you:

- Algebraic and matrix operations using mathematically intuitive syntax.
- Support of relational operators and flow control through the built-in MSHELL image processing language interpreter.
- Floating point image processing computations for high accuracy which support both real and complex number operations.
- Over 300 operators: FFT, convolution, edge detection....
- Geometric operations: re-size and rotate images using unequal horizontal and vertical scaling.
- The ability to call your own functions as stand alone executables, or Dynamic Link Library (DLL).
- The ability to access SQL database engines via ODBC.
- Flexible display of multiple images, plots, and scripts.
- Contrast processing, linear stretching, intensity range remapping.
- Pseudo Color Lookup Tables for each Image with as many colors as the hardware permits.

- Interactive 2D, 3D, and Contour Plots.
- Multiple image format support: ASCII, 8 bits/pix, floating point, in addition to key standard formats, such as TIFF, BMP, FITS, PGM, PPM, PDS, ...
- Optimum use of the dynamic range of your display hardware by providing optional automatic adjustment of pixel values prior to display.
- Support of text attributes that are attached to an image, these attributes can be used to store an image header or to store processing instructions to be applied to the image..

Expert or novice, independent of your experience, ProVIEW allows you to manipulate images and signals in a simple manner, releasing you from the constant tracking of image attributes such as image dimensionality.

ProVIEW permits you to process a large volume of images in a fully automatic fashion, e.g. large scale reduction, calibration and analysis of satellite based digital images.

IF you work with NASA's Planetary Data System data, ProVIEW enhances your productivity by providing the following additional capabilities:

- Using the **SatVIEW** module, the ability to:
  - ⇒ Read ephemeris information following NASA's **SPICE** kernel format,
  - ⇒ Compute an extensive set of viewing geometry related values, such as phase angle, incidence angle, and
  - ⇒ Compute the projection of any pixel on the planet surface or the celestial sphere.
- The ability to have a **virtual image variable** which can be as large as your collective disk space! You can then read and write to selective regions of interest in a very flexible manner.
- The ability to perform simple automatic projections of satellite images into the planet surface or the celestial sphere.

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## Who Should Use ProVIEW?

ProVIEW has been developed by and for professionals working in the areas of image and signal processing who desire to concentrate on algorithmic development rather than on low level programming.

ProVIEW can significantly reduce the time required for the development and implementation of image and signal processing algorithms without sacrificing computational performance. A single statement in ProVIEW's interpreter language, MSHELL, can be equivalent to a large number of statements in other languages, such as C or FORTRAN.

Based on the understanding that both image processing and multi-dimensional signal processing share the same mathematical foundations, MSHELL was developed from the onset as an image and signal processing language. With MSHELL at its core, **ProVIEW is an Image and Signal Processing Environment** that is powerful, compact, and simple to use. This makes ProVIEW an excellent tool for work in many diverse application areas, such as:

- Calibration and Reduction of Satellite Imagery, (coherent as well as non-coherent image data),
- Visualization of Multi-Spectral Image Data,
- Modeling of Electro-Optical Imaging Systems,

To effectively use ProVIEW a working knowledge of Linear Algebra, Image Processing, and Computer Programming is recommended. A listing of textbooks which can provide such a working knowledge is given in below.

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# Installation

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## System Requirements

The system requirements to use ProVIEW are:

- A PENTIUM III (or better) PC machine running Microsoft Windows NT, 2000, or XP.
- A hard drive with at least 10 Megabytes of available disk space.
- A minimum of 16 Mbytes of RAM. (The more memory available the larger the images that ProVIEW can handle).
- CDROM drive, or internet connection
- A Microsoft Windows supported High Resolution Video Graphics Adapter Card. The image resolution and the number of brightness levels (gray levels) that can be achieved in the display depend on the video graphics card and monitor used.
- A parallel port to install the ProVIEW electronic key.

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## Installing ProVIEW

ProVIEW must be installed on a hard disk in your computer that has at least 10 Mbytes of free space available.

To Install ProVIEW:

- While the computer is off, attached the ProVIEW electronic key to the parallel port of your computer. This device will not interfere with your printer in any way and is needed in order to access the full functionality and capabilities of the ProVIEW environment..

- Run the autoinstall program .
- Follow the instructions on the screen.

Once the installation is completed you will find a ProVIEW icon on your start menu option.

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## Technical Support

For Technical Support with ProVIEW please contact:

Applied Coherent Technology Corporation (ACT)

Phone: (703) 742-0294

Fax: (703) 742-0358

Between 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM EST, or

internet: <http://www.actgate.com>

# Starting ProVIEW

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## Start Procedure

ProVIEW can be started by double clicking on the ProVIEW icon



located under startup|ACT. Once ProVIEW is loaded in memory the ProVIEW prompt [ready]:

will appear in the Command Line Window indicating that the command line interpreter is ready to receive input.

To test if ProVIEW was properly installed you can run the script file '**mdemo.msh**'. This is done by typing the following line after the ProVIEW prompt,

```
[ready]: include "mdemo"
```

followed by **Enter** or **Return**.

This shell script can also be ran by choosing the **Demo** option below the **Help** menu

The '**mdemo.msh**' script file tests many of ProVIEW's capabilities, such as image display, graphic display, multiple windows, script file and user defined function execution.

For a quick test of **ProVIEW**, select the **Help|Demo** option from the menubar.

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## Communicating with the Interpreter

You can communicate commands to MSHELL, ProVIEW's built in command line interpreter, in several different ways:

- a. Through the Graphical User Interface - When a menu option is selected under the graphical user interface it generates a corresponding command line string which is passed to the MSHELL interpreter for execution

- b. Through the keyboard - With the Command Line Window active you can interact directly with the interpreter by following the MSHELL language syntax
- c. Through a ProVIEW script file - ProVIEW script files are user generated text files consisting of sequences of MSHELL statements and can be invoked through either the Graphical User Interface or the keyboard as described above. Note, that since a script file is just a collection or sequence of MSHELL language statements, it is also referred to as a MSHELL script file.

## Image Quality

The spatial resolution in pixels and the number of gray levels and/or pseudo colors that your system has while running ProVIEW is determined by the display driver loaded in the Microsoft Windows environment and the graphics adapter hardware installed in your computer. ProVIEW has been tested with the following graphic adapter cards:

<b>Graphics Card</b>	<b>Spatial Resolution (columns X rows)</b>	<b>Number of Gray Levels or Colors</b>
Number 9	1280 X 1024	16,777,216 (24 bits)
ATI Graphics Ultra Pro	1024 X 768	65,536 (16 bits)
	800 X 600	16,777,216 (24 bits)
	640 X 480	16,777,216 (24 bits)
Diamond Viper 2Mb	1024 X 768	65,536 (16 bits)
Diamond Stealth 64 2Mb	800 X 600	16,777,216 (24 bits)
	640 X 480	16,777,216 (24 bits)
VGA (generic)	640 X 480	16 ( 4 bits)
8514	1024 X 768	256 ( 8 bits)

When at least 65,536 gray levels or pseudo colors are used it is possible to display gray scale images together with pseudo color images.

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## Useful Tips

Specific information on how to navigate throughout the ProVIEW environment can be found in the Graphical User Interface section. However, to help you get off to a quick start we provide you with some useful tips and observations:

*STOP ICON,* 

- When a script file or function is executing, the word **running** appears in the lower right portion of the screen.
- To stop ProVIEW from executing an instruction, click on the **STOP** icon, located on the tool bar, or press the **ESC** key
- While in the Command Line Window any recently invoked command can be re-invoked by using the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow keys on the keyboard.
- To exit ProVIEW select the **File|Exit** menu option.



In addition, Figure 1 provides examples of some of the different types of ProVIEW Windows: Command Line, Image, Script, and Plot. A description of each of the different ProVIEW windows follows.

## Command Shell Window

It is in this window that you can interact directly with MSHELL, ProVIEW's command line interpreter. Commands typed in this window are executed by the MSHELL interpreter. It is from within this window that script files are normally invoked, see "**ProVIEW Script Files (.msf,.msh,.vsh)**" on page 49. Also, any text output is normally sent to this window. Note that in ProVIEW most of the menu item or icon selections are converted directly to commands in the "**MSHELL Interpreter Language**", see page 35.

## Image Window

*Prior to enabling the display of an image the user can control many attributes that will affect how the image is to be displayed; see section xx for details.*

An image window provides a visual representation of a two dimensional array of numbers. In ProVIEW there are several different ways to enable an image window for the display of an existing array variable:

- from the Command Shell Window using the **View** command, see **Appendix B**,
- from the menu by selecting the **File|Open Image** option.

Once the image is open, you can exercise a good deal of control over how it is displayed. Additionally, you can use the scroll bars that are part of the image window to slide the image horizontally or vertically, or use the cursor to travel over the image. Notice that as you move the cursor over the image, it's row position, column position, and corresponding pixel value are tracked in the status bar at the bottom left of ProVIEW's Main Window.

## Script File Window

In a Script File Window you can create, edit, or display a text file of MSHELL commands. The easy to use built in editor supports the standard Cut, Paste, Search, and Replace operations found in most windows applications.

### ***Executing a Script File From the Graphical User Interface***

To execute the script file located in a Script File Window:

1. Make the Script File Window the active window, then

RUN ICON,



2. Select **File|Run** from the menu or click on the **Run** tool bar icon.

To execute a portion of the script file in a Script File Window:

1. Make the Script File Window the active window, then
2. Highlight the desired portion of the text using the mouse by moving the cursor to the point where you want to start and while pressing the left mouse button, move the cursor to highlight the selected area and then release the left mouse button, then
3. Select **File|Run** from the menu or click on the **Run** tool bar icon.

## Plot Windows

The major types of plot windows in ProVIEW include 2D, 3D, Contour, and Histogram. These plots can be generated:

- From the GUI, see "**Image|Plot Roi**" on page 26,
- From the Command Line Window using the **PLOT**, **PLOT3D**, **COUNTOUR**, and **HIST** commands, see **Appendix A** (Listing of internal Functions), or

Once a plot is generated its display can be changed through the **Plot|Settings** menu option, see page 31.

To facilitate the handling of generated plots you will find that all plot windows are numbered so that they may be updated or deleted from the command line.

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## Menu Commands

### File


This menu allows you to control the input and output of images and script files, printer output, script execution, and to end the ProVIEW work session.

 **File|New Script**

Use this option to open a text window in which to create a new script file.

 **File|Open Script**

Use this option to open an existing script file. Note that multiple script files can be open simultaneously!

 **File|Save Script**

Use this menu to save the script file in the active window.

## **File|Save Script As**

Use this menu to save the script file in the active window to a new disk file.

## **File|Choose Font**

Allows the user to modify the font used within the script file windows.

## **File|Open Image**

Use this option to open an image data file stored in any of the supported formats. The resulting Dialog Box, shown below, allows you to assign the image file format and the directory location of the file to be retrieved.

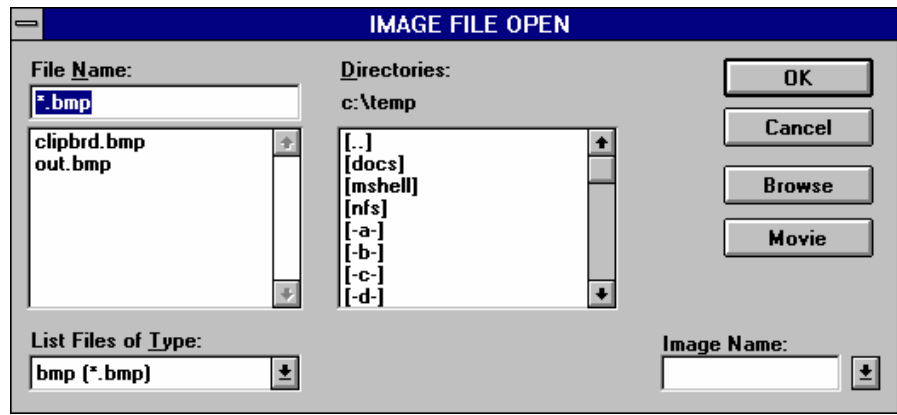


Figure 2 - File|Open Image Dialog Box

### **File|Open Image - Browse Button**

Select this option to keep the **File|Image Open** window active after selecting an image file. This allows the selection of another image file for display without having to open the Image File I/O window again.

### **File|Open Image - Movie**

Select this option to display the images with the specified file format contained in the selected directory in a movie-like manner.

### **File|Open Image - File Formats**

The following image file formats are supported:

- **ascii** format (\*.asc) is used for images whose data is stored in ASCII. A sample ASCII image data file will look like,

```
3    3    0
-1   0    1
-2   0    2
```

-1      0      1

where the first row contains the number of rows, the number of columns, and the real-complex flag (0 = real, 1 = complex). This is followed by the image data stored in ASCII row by row starting from the top. Note that the delimiter is the space character. This format is used for both the reading and writing of image data.

- **bmp** format (\*.**bmp**) is the Windows Device Independent Bitmap Format and is used both for the reading and writing of images.
- **char** format (\*.**chr**) is used for images stored using 1 byte/pixel data prefixed by a simple 9 byte header, i.e. 4 bytes specifying the number of rows, 4 bytes specifying the number of columns, and 1 byte specifying a real or complex array. This format is used both for reading and writing of data.
- **flex** format (\*.\*) provides you significant flexibility in the reading of data prefixed by an image header. When you select this format an input dialog box, depicted below, opens allowing you to specify the dimensions of the input image and the header size. The (flex) format is only used for reading data.

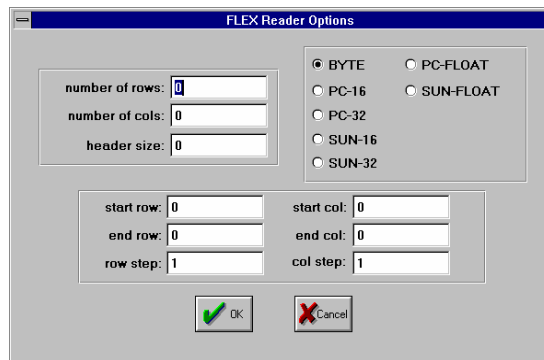


Figure 3 - Flex Dialog Box

- **clemen\_pds** format (\*.\*) is the implementation of the PDS (Planetary Data System) Format adopted by the Clementine mission. When an image in this format is opened the ascii text header is attached to the image. This header can be viewed from the image window using the “**ImageHeader**” option, see page 24. This format is used only for the reading of data.
- **float** format (\*.**flt**) is one in which the data is stored in floating point using 4 bytes/pixel. Similar to the **char**

format above, a 9 byte header is used. This format is used both for reading and writing of images.

- **tiff** format (\*.tif) can be used for both the reading and writing of data, but please note that **not all TIFF modes are supported**.
- **fits** format (\*.fit) stands for the flexible interchange transfer system; this is a format designed for the flexible transmission of varying image data sets along with any extraneous required data such as history logs or any other text info. This format can be read as well as written by ProVIEW.
- **jpeg** format (\*.jpg) is a image format primarily known for its extreme ability of storing an image in a highly compressed state. This format does however have one disadvantage; it is a lossy format meaning that when written it loses all of the data in order to get its compression. This format can be read, but not written.
- **pds** format (\*.pds) stands for the planetary data system; whereby, this format involves the Huffman First Difference algorithm with no compression. This format can be read but not written. Ongoing work is being done at this time for the incorporation of a pds writer within ProVIEW.
- **NetCDF** – ProVIEW supports NetCDF format via the following built in functions, ncvarattval, ncwrite, ncwriteatt, ncread, ncnew, ncinqvar, ncaddvar, ncinq...

### **File|Open Image - File Name**

This option allows you to browse over a list of already defined variables or type in the variable name to be used for the requested image I/O operation.

### ***File|Save Image***

This option, using a Dialog Box similar to that of the **File|Open Image** option discussed earlier, saves an open image to disk in any of the supported formats.

### ***File|Save Clipboard Bitmap***

This option lets you save the contents of the clipboard to disk, in **bmp** format, while specifying the output file name.

### ***File|Printer Setup***

Use this option to change the printer configuration, e.g. orientation, paper size, output quality, etc.

### **File|Print**

Sends the contents of the active window, be it an image, a plot, or a script file to the selected printer. Note that ProVIEW does not require any special printer drivers as utilizes the Windows printer drivers that you have already installed.

### **File|Print Screen**

Sends an image of the ProVIEW screen to the printer

### **File|RunScript**

Use this menu option to execute the script file in the active window or just the highlighted portion of the script file in the active window. This very powerful feature simplifies the interactive development of **SCRIPT** files.

### **File|Exit**

Terminates execution of the current ProVIEW session.

## **Edit**

This menu allows the user to select from any of the following options:

**Undo** , **Cut** , **Copy** , **Paste** , **Delete**, and **Clear All**.

Although these options are primarily for the editing of script files, the **Copy** and **Paste** options can be used with Images.

### **Edit|Edit System Variables**

This command runs the “sysedit.msh” script file which allows one to change all of the system variables(M\_~~~), which are described later in the internal functions section.

## **Search**

This menu allows the user to select from any of the following options:

**Find** , **Replace** , and **Next** .

All these options are primarily related to the editing of script files.

## **Image**

### **Image|Display**

This menu option provides you with a means, using the Dialog Box of Figure 4, to select which of the open Image Variables to display.

### **Image|Header**

This option enables or disables the display of any text associated with the image in the active window; Note that the Header Window is fully contained in the Image Window

### **Image|Text**

This option enables you to make annotations to the image in the active window in a nondestructive manner; the actual image data is not modified.

### **Image|Profile**

This menu options allows you to extract a profile of intensity values between any two points in the image with the input focus. The extracted values are then automatically plotted in a new plot window.

To select a new profile from the active image:

- 1 Select the **Image|Profile** menu,
- 2 Take the cursor back to the image and place it at the desired starting point,
- 3 Press the left mouse button and drag the mouse to the desired end point, and
- 4 Release the left mouse button.

While the extraction of the profile of intensity values is in progress the length of the line (in pixels or user defined units) between the two selected points is shown in the status bar at the bottom of ProVIEW's main window.

### **Image|Set ROI**

The Graphical User Interface in ProVIEW allows you to define a rectangular region of interest interactively using the mouse. Note that all array variables have an implicit region of interest defined.. This menu option allows you to define such a rectangular region of interest in the image with the input focus in the following manner:

1. Select the **Image|Set Roi** menu option.
2. Take the cursor back to the image and place it at the desired starting point of the rectangular window.
3. Press the left mouse button and drag the mouse to the desired end point.
4. Release the left mouse button.

### **Image|Statistics**

Using the **Image|Statistics** menu option the you can compute basic statistics over the active region of interest (ROI) of the active image.

As illustrated in Figure 6, the statistics-window provides for the selected ROI:

- An image of the ROI,

- A normalized sum of the ROI's columns,
- A normalized sum of the ROI's rows,
- A Histogram of the image of the ROI,
- The dimensions of the ROI,
- The Minimum, Maximum, Mean, and Standard Deviation of the pixel values within the ROI, and
- The row and column Centroid of the ROI expressed in pixel coordinates of the original image.

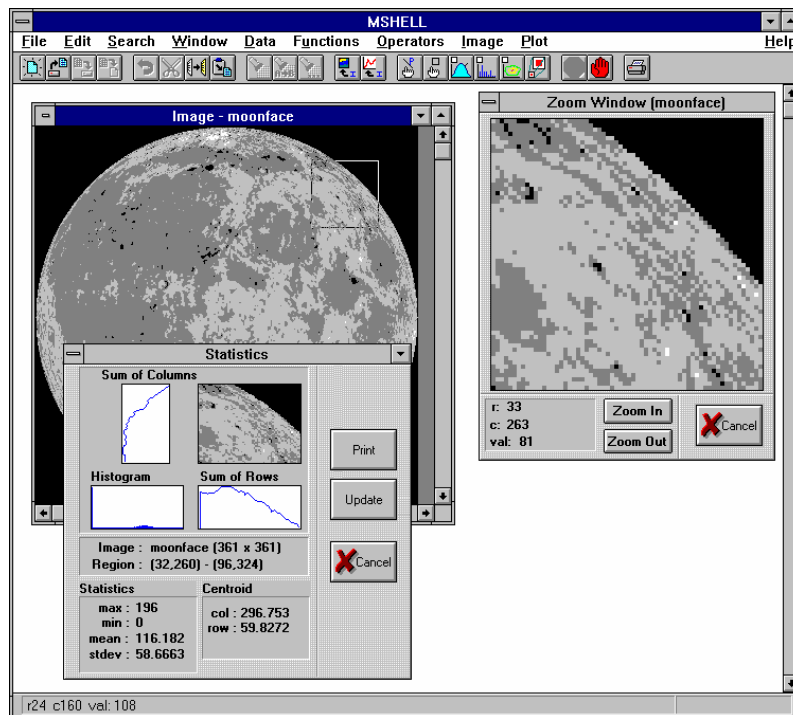


Figure 6 - This screen illustrates the Image|Statistics window.

### **Image|Plot Roi**

Using this menu option you can generate any of the following types of plots:

PLOT3D, CONTOUR, and HISTOGRAM

for the active region of interest defined for the active image. Once a region of interest has been defined, an alternative way to invoke these plot functions is through the set of icons in the ProVIEW tool bar, i.e.,

use  for Plot3d, use  for Histogram, and use  for Contour.

### **Image|Spreadsheet View**

This allows one to view the image values as they would appear within a spreadsheet where each pixel is simply an entry within a table with the same dimensions.

## ImageZoom

This option allows the user to zoom over the active image. Zero order interpolation is used for zooming into the image. As you move a rectangular window over the input image a magnified version of the encompassed region appears within the **ImageZoom** popup window.

## ImageOptions

Selecting this menu item opens the **ImageOptions** Dialog Box which affords you a great deal of control over the way the image is displayed on screen. The options available, as pictured in Figure 7, include: a choice of pre-defined or user-defined Output Look-Up-Tables, adjustable Color Offset, and adjustable Dynamic Range setting.

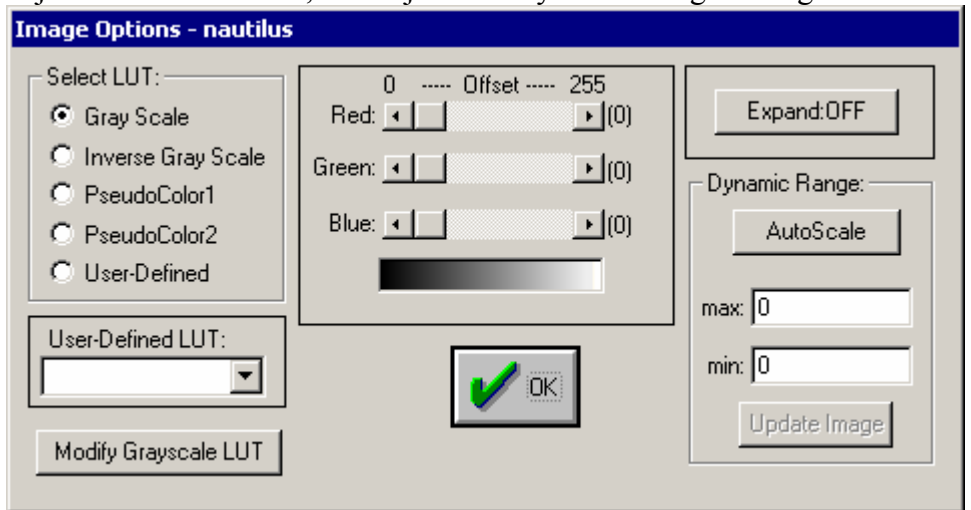






Figure 7 - ImageOptions Dialog Box

These options are discussed in more detail in the following:

### Select LUT

This section gives you a selection of 4 different output Look-Up-Tables, (LUT), as described below or the option to customize one to your particular needs.

LUT	DESCRIPTION
wolut0	gray scale LUT - low amplitudes display as dark (black) and high amplitudes display as light (white) 
wolut1	inverse gray scale LUT - low amplitudes display as light (white) and high amplitudes display as dark (black) 

wolut2	pseudo color LUT - intensity values are mapped to a pseudo color LUT 
wolut3	pseudo color LUT - intensity values are mapped to a pseudo color LUT 
wolut4	user defined LUT

The presently active LUT is displayed in the middle of the **Image|Options** dialog box in the form of an intensity or color strip.

### Modify LUT Box

Selecting the Modify LUT option in the **Image|Option** Dialog Box opens the Modify GrayScale LUT Dialog Box, illustrated below. This dialog box allows you to interactively modify the Gray Scale LUT that applies to the active image. Within this dialog box changes to the gray scale LUT are displayed as a line plot superimposed on a Histogram of the region of interest of the active image.

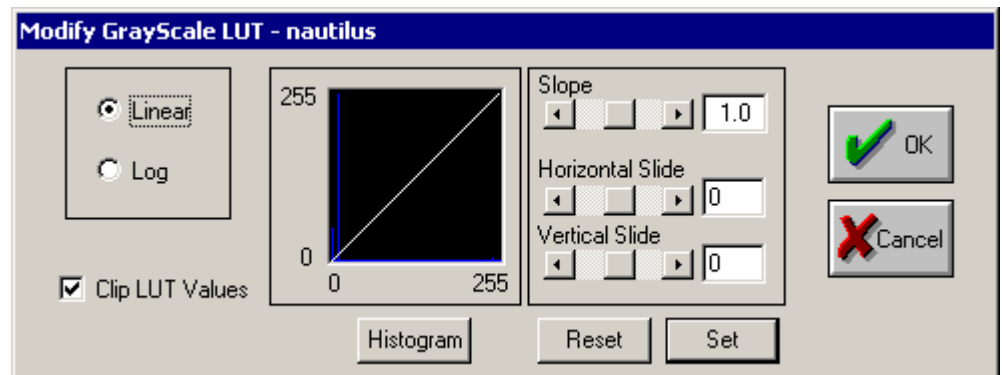


Figure 8 - Look Up Table Dialog Box

- **Linear Button.** Select this option to interactively modify the user defined LUT, wolut3, resulting in a linear mapping of intensity values. While in this mode you can change the slope, and position of the linear mapping using the slide bars.
- **Log Button.** Select this option to interactively modify the user defined LUT, wolut3, resulting in a logarithmic mapping of the intensity values. While in this mode you can change the curvature of the logarithmic mapping using the slide bars.

### **Color Offset**

Using the Red, Green, and Blue slide bars you have full control of the LUT color offset.

### **Expand Button**

If this option is selected the active image will be stretched to take the full image window size.

### **Dynamic Range**

Use this option to either select automatic scaling of the image intensity levels (Auto Scale Button) or to manually modify the range of amplitude levels that will be mapped to the dynamic range of the display.

If the auto scale or max. and min. fields are modified, press the **Update Image** button to update the display screen.

### ***Image|Edit Image Attributes***

This is used to edit the (m\_~~~) variables of an image which are described later in the internal functions section.

### ***Image|Set Units (Default and User Defined)***

The position of the cursor within an image on the screen is normally given with respect to the upper left pixel in the image, i.e. (row,column) = (0,0). As you move the cursor over the image, it's row position, column position, and pixel value are tracked in the status bar at the bottom left of ProVIEW's Main Window. These are reported as

row# col# val = # [default mode]

row# = yval<units> col# = xval<units> val = # [user define mode]

In the user-defined mode, the cursor position is mapped into a user-defined rectangular coordinate system, (row, col) ==> (yval, xval). To set user-defined interpixel distance from the Graphical User Interface you need use the **Image|Mensuration-User-Defined** menu. This will bring an input box similar to the one below where, x0 is the coordinate along the row axis for the first pixel on the upper left corner of the image, y0 is the coordinate along the column axis for the first pixel on the upper left corner of the image, dx is the interpixel distance along the horizontal axis, and dy is the interpixel distance along vertical axis.

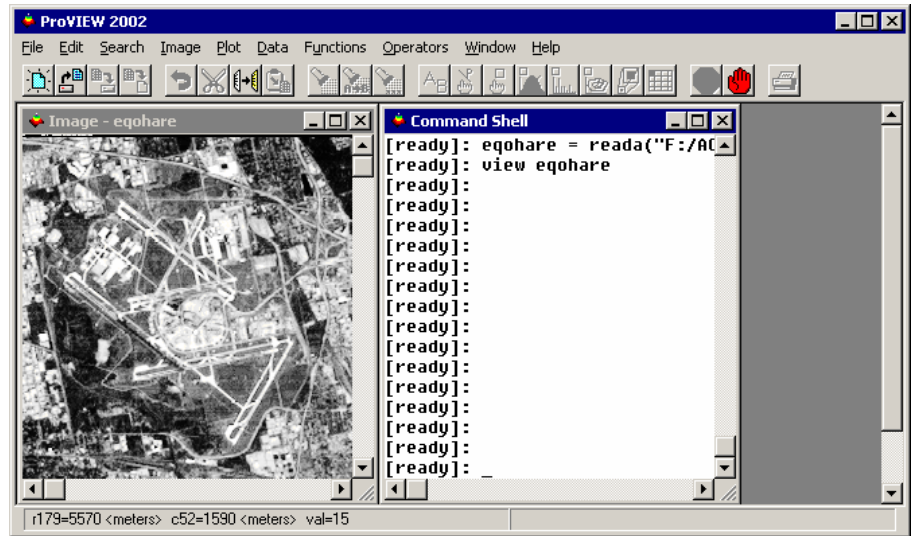


Figure 9 Partial Landsat Image of Ohare Airport.  
Notice user defined units on the lower left corner.

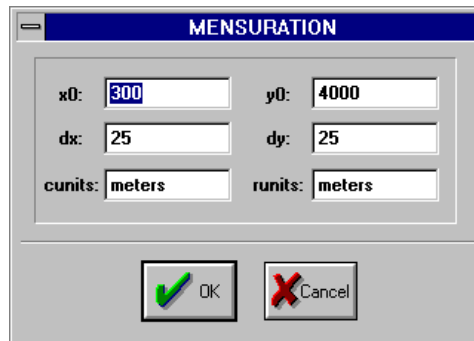


Figure 10 Image Mensuration Dialog Box

The values of yvalue and xvalue are computed as:

$$xval = (col\#)*dx+x0, \text{ and } yval = (row\#)*dy+y0$$

Given an image, say 'x', the user can modify the image mensuration values of this image directly from a script file by modifying the following intrinsic image attributes: x.m\_x0, x.m\_y0, x.m\_dx, x.m\_dy. For example the selection done through the user dialog box above could be done within a script by typing the following lines: (here the image name is "eqohare")

*For a discussion of image attributes See "*

*Intrinsic Attributes Associated with Array Variables".*

```

eqohare.m_x0 = 300
eqohare.m_y0 = 4000
eqohare.m_dx = 25
eqohare.m_dy = 25
view eqohare

```

## Plot

### Plot|Plot

The plot menu allows you to generate plots used to modify the way that an existing plot can be displayed. When the PLOT menu is selected it will work on the plot window that has the input focus.

### Plot|Settings

This selection is used for modifying the plot options and axis attributes.

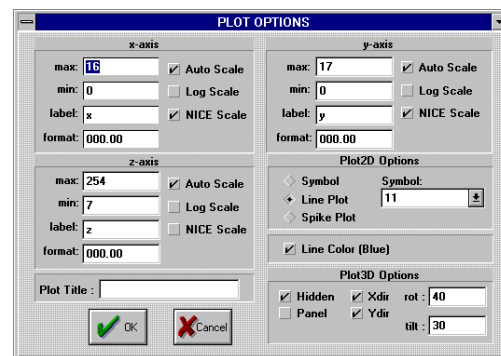


Figure 10 Plot Settings Dialog Box

### Functions|Statistical

This menu option provides an interface to many of the statistical functions.

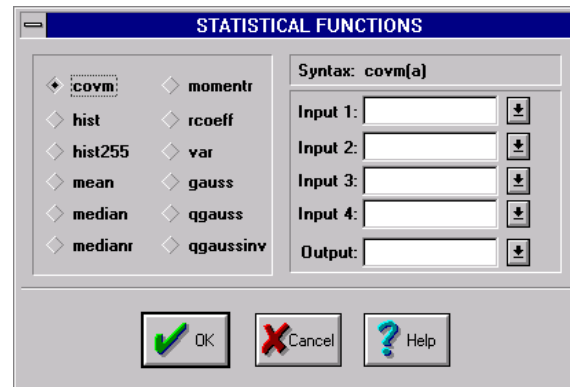


Figure 17 Statistical Functions Dialog Box

### Functions|Random Numbers

This menu option provides an interface to the random number generator.

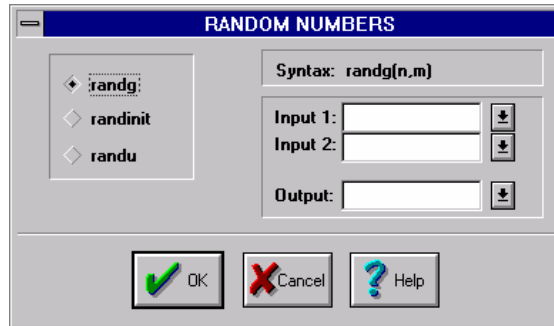


Figure 18 Random Generator Dialog Box

## Functions|Ranking

This menu option provides an interface to the many ranking/sorting functions.

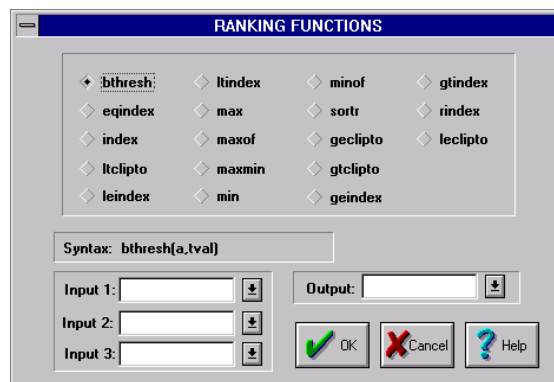


Figure 19 Ranking Functions Dialog Box

## Operators

### Operators|Matrix

This menu item is used for the manipulation and operation of matrices.

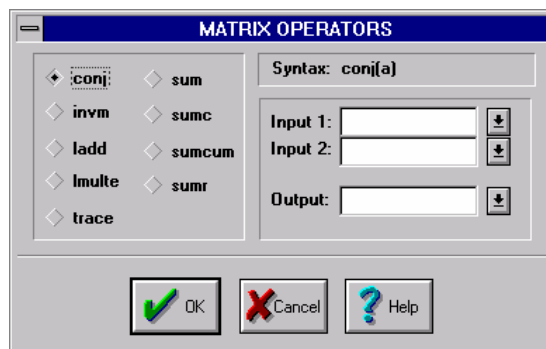


Figure 20 Ranking Functions Dialog Box

### Operators|Transforms

This menu item is used for the operation of various transforms on data.

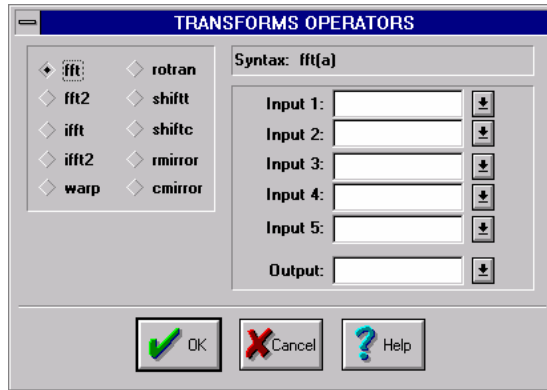


Figure 21 Transform Operators Dialog Box

## Operators|Filtering

This menu item is used for the various filtering of data sets.

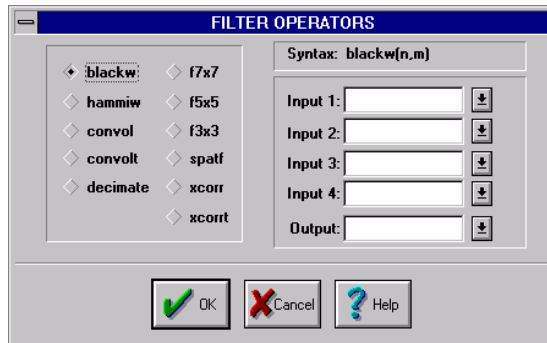


Figure 22 Filtering Operators Dialog Box

## Window

This menu allows the user to select from any of the following options: Tile, Cascade, Arrange Icons, and Close All. These menu options permits the control of the layout of the different windows open within the ProVIEW environment.

## Help

### Help|Content

This option will bring up ProVIEW's on-line help screen. **This whole manual is available under the help menu option.**

### Help|Keyword search

This option is activated when a script file window has the input focus. It allows the user to highlight a word and do a search on ProVIEW's on-line help file.

### Help|About

Provides the version numbers for the ProVIEW shell and gui for your copy of ProVIEW.

## Help|System Inf

Help System Info will display key system information in a window similar to the one below. In the example below, the 2.12 Gbytes reported below include available swap space to disk.

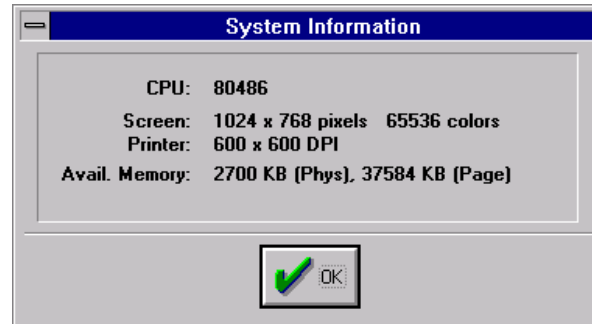


Figure 23 System Info Dialog Box

## Help|Demo

This menu item invokes a series of demos which show some of ProVIEW's capabilities.

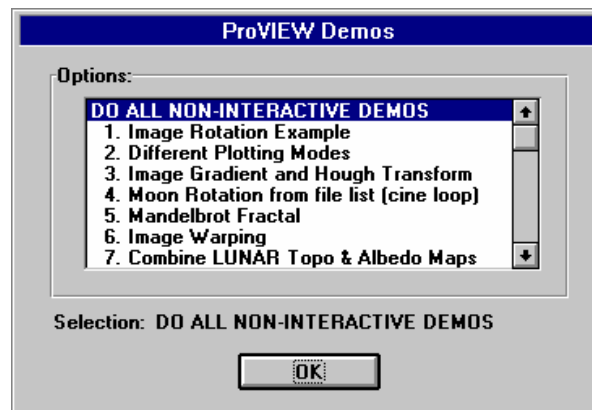


Figure 24 Demos Dialog Box

## User

User defined menu items can be added under this menu using the `addmenuitem` command.

The User option will show in the menu only if `addmenuitem` has been invoked.

The User menu along with its corresponding menu items will appear between the Operators and Window menu headings once started.

# MSHELL Interpreter Language

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## Language Syntax

### Introduction

At the heart of ProVIEW is the MSHELL interpreter developed by ACT. MSHELL is a 32 or 64 bit image/signal processing language which allows you to perform complex operations using a simple, almost intuitive syntax. In the following sections we will introduce you to this language and discuss it's syntax.

### Variable Names and Types

In general, a variable name can be any alphanumeric string starting with a letter followed by a combination of letters and/or digits. The following are legal alphanumeric variable names,

x,

x10,

OutputImage

Note that variable names should be kept under 15 characters. Additionally there are a number of reserved keywords and symbols, used by the interpreter, that cannot be used as variable names. A list of these keywords together with a description of their use is found in the section "**Appendix A** (List of Internal Functions).

There are four basic types of variables:

- Array variables (holding floating point numbers),
- String variables (holding character strings), and

- System variables (which are used to control the interpreter environment).
- Virtual Variable

### ***Array Variables***

*Throughout most of this manual the terms image, array, or matrix can be interchanged without loss of generality*

*The upper left element in an image or array is denoted as element (row=0,col=0).*

The basic variable in ProVIEW's MSHELL interpreter is a two dimensional array structure. More specifically, if 'a' is the name of an array, then it points to an array structure of the form,

$$a \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{0,1} & \Lambda & a_{0,I-1} \\ a_{1,0} & a_{1,1} & \Lambda & a_{1,I-1} \\ \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{M} & \Lambda & \mathbf{M} \\ a_{J-1,0} & a_{J-1,1} & \Lambda & a_{J-1,I-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

where J is the number of rows in the array, and I is the number of columns.

**The ProVIEW array structure follows the convention that array indices start at zero.** Having the basic variable as a two dimensional array provides a unified way to treat scalars, one dimensional signals, and two dimensional signals (images). ProVIEW array variables may be either real or complex valued (i.e. hold imaginary numbers). This is particularly advantageous in Fourier transform computations.

The following are valid statements:

```
[ready]: x = ones(3,3)
[ready]: x(2,2)
1
[ready]: x(0,0)
1
[ready]: row=1
[ready]: col=2
[ready]: x(row,col)
```

With 'x' defined as above, then the following statement generates an error

```
[ready]: x(1,5)
```

```
>>>error= 6 -requested element address is out of range
```

There are different schemes that facilitate the reading from (or writing to) an array variable.

### **Intrinsic Attributes Associated with Array Variables**

There are many intrinsic attributes associated with array variables. For example, these attributes can control the way a variable is displayed, and interpolated. Most of these attributes can be inspected and changed by the user. The following presents all the intrinsic attributes associated with array variables and their associated syntax.

Let us denote 'x' as an existing array variable. Then:

**x.m\_interpflag** - (This function is not yet implemented.) Selects the type of interpolation to be performed while accessing an element in an array variable by setting:

x.m\_interpflag=0 for zero order interpolation.

x.m\_interpflag=1 for linear interpolation along the values of a row.

x.m\_interpflag=2 for bi-linear interpolation when trying to access the values in an array.

For example, in the following two lines of code the interpolation flag is set to 2 resulting in a request to use bi-linear interpolation.

```
x.m_interpflag=2;
```

```
y = x(10.3, 12.7)
```

You can read the value of this attribute.

**x.m\_viewflag** - Controls if an image is visible for display or not by setting:

x.m\_viewFlag=1 which forces the image to be displayed.

x.m\_viewFlag=0 which disables the display of the image.

Note that the default value for this attribute is zero, not to display the variable.

**x.m\_viewheight** - Controls the height of the display window.

**x.m\_viewwidth** - Controls the width of the display window.

**x.m\_viewhscrollpos** - Controls the horizontal scroll position of the display window.

**x.m\_viewvscrollpos** - Controls the vertical scroll position of the display window.

**x.m\_viewx0** - Controls the horizontal position of the upper left corner on the display.

**x.m\_viewy0** - Controls the vertical position of the upper left corner on the display.

**x.m\_viewlut** - Contains the active look-up-table to be used for 'x'.

**x.m\_viewmaxval** - Controls the maximum value to be displayed on the screen.

**x.m\_viewminval** - Controls the minimum value to be displayed on the screen.

**x.m\_viewtext** - Allows one to view the text which is part of an image.

**x.text** - Allows you to access (either read or set) the text attribute of the image.

Image variables may contain associated text, which can be accessed by adding '.text' to the variable name. The ProVIEW screen of Figure 5 on the next page provides an example of this; the image 'myramp' was created, and its text attribute 'myramp.text' was set to some simple text line. Note that to enable the display of this text, the menu option **Image|Header** must be toggled.

**x.vroi** - Extracts the coordinates of the variable region of interest.

Every image variable has associated with it a rectangular region of interest. When a variable is created this region of interest is set to be the whole image. The coordinates of the defined region of interest can be easily accessed at the command line by appending '.vroi' to the image name. For example, the following line of code extracts the coordinates that define the variable region of interest (vroi) of an already defined variable, say X, and assigns it to a user defined variable called 'regionc',

```
[ready]: regionc = X.vroi
```

The notation X.vroi can be viewed as if vroif is an attribute of X.

**x.m\_aoi** - allows access to the actual pixel values defined by the region of interest associated with an array.

Given an array variable, say X, the actual pixel values can be easily accessed in the command line by appending '.aoi' to the image name. For example,

```
[ready]: subimage = X.aoi
```

extracts the subimage defined by X.vroi and assigns it to a user defined variable called 'subimage'. This could also be done using the following notation

```
[ready]: subimage = X(X.vroi)
```

ProVIEW provides different ways to operate over regions of interest. For example, to add 10 to all pixels falling within the defined region of interest, and updating the display type

```
[ready]: X(X.vroi) = X.aoi + 10
```

```
[ready]: view X
```

This could also be done as follows,

```
[ready]: regionc = X.vroi
```

```
[ready]: X(regionc) = X(regionc)+10
```

```
[ready]: view X
```

See "**Error! Reference source not found.**" on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for additional information on using regions of interest.

See Section ,  
**Image|Edit Image  
Attributes**

**This is used** to edit the  
(m\_~~~) variables of  
an image which are  
described later in the  
internal functions  
section.

Image|Set Units  
(Default and User  
Defined), for examples  
on the image  
mensuration

The following set of image attributes are related to image mensuration.  
They all start with '.m\_' just as the above intrinsic attribute commands  
did.

**x.m\_x0** - user defined horizontal position of upper left pixel in image  
**x.m\_dx** - user defined spacing between two adjacent horizontal pixels  
as you move from left to right

**x.m\_y0** - user defined vertical position of upper left pixel in image

**x.m\_dy** - user defined spacing between two adjacent pixels in the same  
column as you move from top to bottom

**x.m\_xunit** - string describing the units of x.m\_x0

**x.m\_yunit** - string describing the units of x.m\_y0

**x.m\_flag** - if this flag is set to 1 the user defined image mensuration  
will be used when viewing the 'x' image

String Variables

A string is defined as a sequence of alpha numeric characters enclosed  
within quotes (similar to the 'C' language).

In general, string variable names start with '\$'. For example, the string  
variable '\$message' can be assigned a string as follows,

```
$message = "hello world";
```

ProVIEW allows the use of control characters within a string, such as

```
\n    linefeed  
\t    tabulation  
\b    backspace  
\    backslash
```

The above control characters can be used to control the format of  
strings on the output.

If \$x is a string, its content can be accessed using the following syntax

```
$x(row)
```

```
$x(row,column)
```

```
$x(row, start_column : end_column)
```

For example,

```
$x(3) // returns row 3 (starting at 0)
```

```
$x(3,4) // returns character 4 at row 3
```

```
$x(3,4:10) // returns substring at row 3
```

Relational Operations are permitted on strings. See Program Flow Control for more info.

### System Variables

Within the system variables there are plot, image display, and script related variables. The majority of the system variables are used for plotting purposes by the 'plot' and 'plot3d' functions. A complete list of these variables can be found in the dictionary of internal functions under M\_.

Some of the ProVIEW system variables are strings while others are numbers. All system variables are prefixed by 'M\_'. String system variables do not require the '\$', they are a special case. For example, to initialize the x-axis label to the string "Time" use

```
M_xlabel="Time";
```

### Virtual Variable 'V'

ProVIEW has a special variable, 'V', called the virtual variable. With this variable the user can manipulate an image file which can be as large as the whole disk space available in the system.

If the user has a huge image in a file or is going to be working with an image that can not be easily held in memory, then he or she can still manipulate pieces of the large image using ProVIEW's virtual variable.

The basic virtual related functions in ProVIEW are Vopen, Vclose, and Vnew().

Vopen - Links 'V' to a floating point or 1 byte/pixel type of file,

Vclose - Stops link between 'V' and a disk file,

Vnew - Creates a new virtual file.

*(See **Appendix B** for detailed usage of the above virtual variable manipulatory functions.)*

Once a link is established between a file in disk and the virtual variable 'V', then the user can access rectangular regions of interest in the disk file for read or write operations (the user must always provide a rectangular region of interest when writing or reading from 'V').

**Example:** The following script file illustrates the use of ProVIEW's virtual variable 'V' (working on a pre-existing virtual image).

```
M_cwd = "/proview/images/clemen/moonbrus"
roi    = wdef(0,0,1,1)
V=Vopen("allmoon.chr",5760::11521::1::0,roi,0);
flyby = 0
view flyby;
i=0;
while(i<35){
    meter("flyover virtual image",i/35*100);
    angle= i/35*6.28
    roi = wdef(2336+128*cos(angle),6926+128*sin(angle),256,256)
    flyby= V(roi)
    i = i+1
}
meter("",-1);
Vclose(V);
```

## Statements

A statement is, in general, an expression involving variables, internal functions, and calls to script functions. Multiple statements can be typed in the same physical line if they are separated by a semicolon. For example,

```
[ready]: x=4; y = x+4; z=cos(y);
```

is a legal statement.

A statement may expand over more than one physical line if a delimiter '\#' is used in the the continuation line, e.g.

```
x = cos(x+y) \#  
    + sin(x-y)
```

Tabs, spaces, and linefeeds are ignored by the interpreter. An intuitive mathematical syntax is followed by the interpreter, allowing you to input the expressions in a form similar to their actual mathematical representation.

In general, expressions which do not involve an assignment will print the result to the screen, e.g.,

```
[ready]: 3+4  
7
```

A broad representation of numbers consistent with most computer languages is allowed. The following are valid number representations:

```
4  0.1  44.  0.44  34.89E4  34.89e10
```

## Calling Syntax for Numeric Functions

The output of most of the numeric functions can be used as direct inputs to other numeric function, e.g.

```
X = abs( log10(fft2(x)) )
```

Notice that you do not have to worry about the implicit dimensions of  $x$  and if it is either real or complex. If a function can not handle a complex input it will return an error message.

### *Unary Numeric Function Syntax*

In general, when using a function with only one input argument, a ProVIEW unary function, the following two statements are equivalent,

```
ufun(varname)
```

```
varname.ufun
```

For example, if  $x$  is an array variable the following two lines are equivalent,

```
y = cos(mean(x))
```

```
y = cos(x.mean)
```

The notation in the second line allows us to look at the mean value as an attribute of x.

## Comments

Statements enclosed between `/*` and `*/` are ignored by the interpreter. This is used to place comments in a script file or to prevent the execution of the line or lines between the comment delimiters.

For example, a valid group of statements that make use of comment delimiters is,

```
/* Compute the magnitude of the FFT
   on image x
*/
x = abs(fft2(x))
```

The delimiter `'/'` can be used to create single line comments in a script file, e.g.

```
x = fft2(x) // note: compute the 2D FFT of x
```

## Operator Precedence

The following operator symbols are defined within ProVIEW. Most of them are used in algebraic operations. The precedence of operators increases as we move down the list, with operators within the same line having the same precedence.

<code>=</code>	assignment operator
<code>::</code>	row augmentation or string concatenation
<code>#</code>	column augmentation
<code>+ -</code>	array addition and subtraction
<code>* / *. ./</code>	multiplication and division (elemental)
<code>^</code>	<code>a^b</code> , "a to the power of b"
<code>-</code>	unary minus, e.g. <code>-x</code>
<code>'</code>	transpose operator, e.g. <code>x'</code>
<code>f</code>	an internal function, e.g. <code>cos()</code>

Hence, in the expression

```
c = a+b*x;
```

the multiplication is performed prior to the addition.

*Proper use of parenthesis can result in a significantly faster execution*

The user can use parenthesis to force grouping of terms and override the operator precedence. The use of parenthesis for grouping can result in faster code execution. For example, consider the following two expressions,

```
x = (a/b)*c;
```

```
x = a*(c/b);
```

if  $a$  and  $b$  are scalars, and  $c$  is a large 2 dimensional or 1dimensional array, the grouping,  $(a/b)*c$ , executes significantly faster since it involves fewer operations.

## Region of Interest Manipulation

ProVIEW supports two types of regions of interest: rectangular regions of interest (ROI), and non-connected regions of interest, also called generalized regions of interest (GROI). ROIs provide a simple way to refer and access rectangular regions within an image, while GROIs provide a simple way to refer to a list of pixels in an image as an entity.

### **ROI**

A rectangular region of interest can be constructed in the following ways:

- Using the window definition function, e.g.  
 $roi = wdef(row0, col0, nrows, ncols);$
- Interactively, using the mouse. This option is selected using the IMAGE|SET-ROI menu option.

If the **ROI** is a valid region of interest, it can be used as an argument of a ProVIEW variable. Regions of interest can be specified in any of the following operations,

- Assignments,  
 $x(wmove(roi,25,40)) = x(roi);$
- Within expressions,  
 $x(roi) = y(roi)+z(roi)-q(roi);$

### **GROI**

Generalized regions of interest provide a powerful syntax to perform operations on pixels that do not fall within a rectangular region in an image. A number of functions can return generalized regions of interest, e.g., `gtindex`, `ltindex`, and `eqindex`. Once a generalized region of interest has been defined it can be used as an argument in array expressions.

#### **Example 1.**

The following statements will set all the pixels in an image X which fall within the values of 100 and 110 to 0.

```
zroi = rindex(X,100,110);  
X(zroi) = 0;
```

### Example 2.

The following statements will compute the mean value of all those pixels in an image X which have an amplitude less than or equal to the brightest pixel in X.

```
zroi = ltindex(X,X.max);  
mean(X(zroi))
```

Generalized region of interest allows for the manipulation of disjoint regions of interest in an image. In this method the pixel coordinates are stored as a complex row vector. The length of the vector corresponds to the number of pixels identified within the generalized region of interest. The real part of the row vector serves as a column index to the pixels, while the complex part serves as a row index.

## Program Flow Control and Relational Operators

The **if**, **if-else**, and **while** statements are used in ProVIEW to alter the flow within a script file or to cause iteration. The range of each of these statements is a compound statement consisting of statements enclosed in brackets.

### *IF Statement*

```
if( expression ){  
statements  
}  
  
if( expression ){  
statements  
} else {  
statements  
}
```

The **if** statement causes execution of its compound statements if and only if the relation in the expression results in a non zero value.

The **if-else** has two groups of compound statements. If the relation in the expression returns a non zero value, the first group of statements is executed otherwise the second group of statements is executed.

An early exit from an **'if'** block can be performed using the **'ifbreak'** statement.

### ***While Statement***

```
while(expression){
    statements
}
```

The **while** statement causes repeated execution of its statements as long as the expression results in a non zero value. The relation is tested before each execution of its range and if the relations is false, control passes to the next statement beyond the range of the while statement.

The traditional **'for'** statement used in the C language, i.e.

```
for( expression1 ; relation ; expression2){
    statements
}
```

can be constructed using the **while** statement as:

```
expression1
while(relation){
    statements
    expression2
}
```

An early exit from a while loop can be performed using the **'wbreak'** statement.

### ***Control Expression with Numeric Values***

The statements in an **'if'** or **'while'** block are executed depending on the value returned by the control expression. The control expression can include relational, equality, and logical expressions.

Relational, logical, and equality operators all have the same precedence. Hence, parenthesis should be used to obtain the desired groupings. For example, in the following statement there is no ambiguity due to the use of parenthesis,

```
if( (i==4.8) && (p<3) ){
    x=y ;
}
```

*Always use parenthesis when using relational, logical, or equality operators. Do not assume a specific precedence.*

## Relational Operators

The expression syntax when using a **relational operator** is:

*expression1 rel-op expression2*

where the relational operators are:

<	less than
>	greater than
<=	less or equal to
>=	greater or equal to

## Equality Operators

The expression syntax when using an **equality operator** is:

*expression1 equality-op expression2*

where the equality operators are:

==	test for equality
!=	test for inequality

## Logical Operators

The expression syntax when using a **logical operator** is:

*expression1 logical-op expression2*

where the logical operators are:

&&	logical and
	logical or

## Control Expression with Strings

The following are the valid comparisons that can be done with strings:

`$s1==$s2`

`$s1!=$s2`

`$s1<$s2`

`$s1>$s2`

Remember that these type of comparisons are only meaningful if used within the control expression in a **'while'** or **'if'** statement. For example, the following code performs a test on the string `$a` and displays itself as an image depending on the result of the test:

```
$a="hello"
```

```

if($a=="hello"){
    x = text2image($a);
    view x;
}

```

## Look-Up-Table Manipulation

Look-up-tables are primarily used to map intensity values displayed on the screen. Output LUTs have 256 entries numbered 0 through 255 corresponding to the 256 possible different intensity values or colors.

### *Output LUTs*

Before an image in memory is displayed on the screen, it goes through an output LUT. The image's pixel values are used as indices into the output look-up-table, the output of which is displayed on the screen. Image data is transformed through the currently selected output LUT whenever an image is being displayed on the screen. Using the 'select' command, the user can select which is the active output look-up-table. For example, to select **olut3** as the active LUT use the following command,

```
select wolut3
```

The user can read the first 3 output look-up-tables. For example,

```
x= wcolut0; /* copy olut0 into x */
```

Inspecting x will show that it corresponds to 3 rows of data, each row with 256 entries corresponding to the red, green, and blue components of the pseudo-color LUT.

Look up table **wcolut3** is a user defined output look-up-table, e.g.

```
/* wcolut3 is set to the histogram equalization
```

```
LUT of image X
```

```
*/
```

```
wcolut3 = heqlut(X);
```

The following lines modify **wcolut3** to provide intensities of red:

```

/* initialize wcolut3 */
red = (0,255,1);
green = (0,255,1);
blue = (0,255,1);
wcolut3 = red # 0*green # 0*blue;

```

---

## ProVIEW Script Files (.msf,.msh,.vsh)

Script files provide a powerful tool to achieve repetitive processing tasks in a simple manner.

There are two types of script files in ProVIEW, i.e. FUNCTION files and Include files.

### Function Files (.msf)

A ProVIEW FUNCTION file, or external function, permits the user to define its own functions using the ProVIEW language syntax. Local variables defined within a FUNCTION file are automatically erased by the ProVIEW interpreter when the script file is finished.

#### *Syntax*

A valid ProVIEW FUNCTION must follow the following rules:

- function names must be limited to eight characters.
- The instructions of a ProVIEW FUNCTION must be stored in a file with the same name as the function, e.g. if the function name was MYFUNC, then the file name must be MYFUNC.MSF. Notice the addition of the **'msf'** extension.
- Only one function per file.
- Array and string variables can be used as input and output arguments.
- If a variable is not defined at the present function level the interpreter will look for it at the previous function level. If the variable is not found there it will keep looking for it at the next function level until it encounters the variable or stops with an error.
- The first eight characters in the file must be the string FUNCTION follow by the list of output arguments, equated to the function name, and followed by the list of input arguments.

The following is a simple ProVIEW FUNCTION file.

```
FUNCTION [out1,out2]=MYFUNC[in1,in2,in3,$in4]
/* This is a dummy function */

a = 10*in1; b = 3*in2;
"The string passed was "::$in4
out1 = in1-in2
out2 = in1*.in2*.in3 - a + b
```

Notice that the variables 'a' and 'b' in the above example only exist during the duration of subroutine.

Variables needed within the function must be passed to the function and new variables not implicitly declared in the calling statement will be declared automatically as **LOCAL** variables.

An actual call to the above example function could be,

```
x= hammiw(32,32)
y = gtclipto(x,0.5,0.5)
z = x-y
[res1, res2 ] = MYFUNC[ x,y,z]
```

where res1 and res2 will contain the result to the external function call.

## **Include Files (.msh)**

Include files are not function files, hence they do not erase local variables upon termination. Include files are simpler than ProVIEW Function files and are not constrained by the FUNCTION rules. The user may think of an include file as a sequence of commands that can be invoked with a simple include call. Typically include files are saved to disk with the extension '**.msh**'.

## **Virtual Include Files (.vsh)**

A modification to the standard '**.msh**' is the '**.vsh**' extension; this allows ProVIEW to automatically execute the entire contents of the script when opened using the **Image|Open** menu item or '**reada**' syntax of ProVIEW.

### ***Example - movie.msh***

Using a script file a sequence of image files residing in disk can be read, display, and processed under the control of a script file. In this example a list of file names of type 'bmp' is assumed to exist. This script file can be used as a building block for creating more complex movie-like script files.

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# Importing and Exporting Data

## Importing Data into ProVIEW

ProVIEW can read image or array data in a number of different output formats, see "**Error! Reference source not found.**" on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

## Exporting Data out of ProVIEW

ProVIEW can write image or array data in a number of different output formats.

Data stored in the ProVIEW's **char** and **float** format contains a simple 9 byte header. The first 4 bytes contain the number of rows, the next 4 bytes contain the number of columns, and the last byte contains a flag indicating if the data is real or complex.

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## Internal Functions

The user can locate a specific function by first looking into the Classes of ProVIEW's Built-in Functions where commands are divided into functional areas, see Appendix A.

Given a function name or symbol the user can locate specific information about its use under the alphabetical listing of internal functions, see Appendix B.

ProVIEW array expressions can be used as arguments to other ProVIEW functions. In most of the following functions the input to the functions are arrays and the output result is another array.

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## Math Error Handling

In MSHELL floating point exceptions generate either results in the form of NOT-A-NUMBER (NAN), infinity (+INF), or minus infinity (-INF). The user must inspect an array for such an occurrence to determine if invalid number are present in the array. The example below illustrates manipulations that result in NAN or +INF or -INF. The user can control how math related errors are reported using the system variable 'M\_matherrflag' described under M\_ in Appendix B.

```
[ready]: cos(1e38)
-NAN
[ready]: 1/0
+INF
[ready]: -1/0
-INF
[ready]: 0/0
-NAN
[ready]: x = 1/0 :: 0/0
[ready]: x(0,0)
+INF
[ready]: x(0,1)
-NAN
[ready]: log(0)
-INF
[ready]: log(-1)
0 + 3.14159i
[ready]: 0^0
1
[ready]: y = 0::1::2:: (0/0)
[ready]: y
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  0.00  1.00  2.00  -NAN
[ready]: z = 0::1::2:: (1/0)
[ready]: z
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  0.00          1.00  2.00  +INF
[ready]: eqindex(y,1/0)
3 + 0i
```

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## Extendibility of the Environment

In addition to the internal functions included and listed above you can further extend the capabilities of ProVIEW by:

- Accessing your own 'C' functions or by
- Accessing other applications that support Dynamic Data Exchange.

### Dynamic Data Exchange

ProVIEW is capable of communicating with other applications that support dynamic data exchange (DDE). The following ProVIEW commands are used to establish communications links with other applications via DDE.

**DDEInit** - this command is used to start a conversation on a particular topic with the server application. Syntax: `chan = DDEInit("Application Name", "Topic")`. "Application Name" is the name of the application you want to communicate with (Ex. MSAccess), and "Topic" is the name of the particular topic. This command returns a channel number associated with the conversation you are requesting or -1 if the operation fails.

**DDETerm** - this command terminates a conversation. Syntax: `DDETerm(chan)`. `chan` is the number returned by `DDEInit`.

**DDEExec** - this command is used to send a command to the server application once the DDE conversation is established. Syntax: `DDEExec(chan,cmd)`. `chan` is the channel number returned by `DDEInit`, and `cmd` is a string you want the server to execute. `DDEExec` will return 0 if the server accepted the command, 1 otherwise.

**DDEPoke** - this command is used to request the server application to accept an unsolicited data item value. Syntax: `DDEPoke(chan,item,val)`. `chan` is the channel number returned by `DDEInit`, `item` is a string that identifies the data item you wish to send a value for, and `val` is a string containing the value. `DDEpoke` will return 0 if the server accepted the data item value, 1 otherwise.

**DDEReqS** - this command is used to request the server application to provide the value of a data item. Syntax: `$var = DDEReqS(chan,$item)`. `$var` is a ProVIEW string variable, `chan` is the channel number returned by `DDEInit`, and `item` is a string that identifies the data item you are requesting the value of.

**DDEReqV** - this command is used to request the server application to provide the value of a data item. Syntax: var = DDEReqV(chan,\$item). 'var' is a ProVIEW array variable, chan is the channel number returned by DDEInit, and item is a string that identifies the data item you are requesting the value of.

#### Example: Using ProVIEW scripting language

```
$path = "M:\NEWINDEX\BYACCESS\  
$database = "CL_0001"  
  
/* Open Database */  
chan1 = DDEInit("MSAccess","System")  
$command = "[OpenDatabase "::$path::$database:".MDB]"  
$command  
DDEExec(chan1,$command)  
DDETerm(chan1)  
  
/* Query Database */  
$topic = $database::";SQL"  
chan1 = DDEInit("MSAccess",$topic);  
$temp = "SELECT NEW_IMAGENAME";  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$temp = " FROM header";  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$temp = " WHERE ("  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$temp = "([SENSOR_NAME]="UVVIS")"  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$temp = " AND ([FILTER]="B") AND ([MISSION_PHASE]="LUNAR AND MAPPING)"  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$temp = " AND (([CENTER_LATITUDE]>=14.0) AND ([CENTER_LATITUDE]<=35.0))"  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$temp = " AND (([CENTER_LONGITUDE]>=25.0) AND ([CENTER_LONGITUDE]<=30.0))"  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$temp = ");"  
status=DDEPoke(chan1,"SQLText",$temp);  
$res = DDEReqS(chan1,"Data");  
if ( strlen($res) > 0 ) {  
    $query = $query::"n"::$res  
}  
DDETerm(chan1);
```

## User Provided Functions as Dynamic Link Libraries (DLL)

ProVIEW permits the users to provide their own functions via dynamic link libraries. Following are the steps required to make use of this capability.

First, write a C program containing the code you want to execute. Include user.h in the header section; user.h is included as part of the installation. The functions that can be called from ProVIEW must conform to the following declaration: `ARRAY *fname(ARRAY *, ARRAY *, ARRAY *, ARRAY *, ARRAY *)`, where ARRAY is a data structure defined in user.h. Note that the declaration requires five ARRAY\* inputs but the user need not use the five inputs. The functions the user wants to call from ProVIEW must be exportable.

Second, generate a 32-bit dynamic link library. The C compiler/linker you use must be able to generate a 32-bit DLL. Consult your compiler reference manual.

**Note:** The memory allocation routines that ProVIEW uses are contained in mem.dll. If you plan to use memory allocation routines in your code (i.e., malloc, calloc, realloc, free, strdup) it is strongly recommended that you use instead the functions contained in mem.dll (i.e., NewMalloc, NewCalloc, NewRealloc, NewFree, NewStrdup). The file prvmem.h is provided with the ProVIEW installation. Include it in your source code if you are going to make use of the mem.dll memory allocation routines. If you are using Microsoft Visual C++, include the import library memvc.lib in your project. If you are using Borland C/C++, include the import library membc.lib in your project. Both memvc.lib and membc.lib are included as part of the ProVIEW installation.

From within ProVIEW's Command Shell Window register the DLL using the following command: `loadDLL($fullpath\$dllname)`, where \$fullpath is the path to the DLL including drive letter, and \$dllname is the name of the DLL. Note that loadDLL will return 0 if the DLL is successfully loaded and 1 otherwise.

Call the function in the DLL using the following ProVIEW command: `callDLL("$dllname", "$functionname", arg1, arg2, arg3, arg4, arg5)`. "\$functionname" is the name of the function in the DLL you want to call; arg1, arg2, arg3, arg4 and arg5 are the arguments you want to pass to the function.

## Example of User Provided Functions as Dynamic Link Libraries

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "user.h"

#ifdef _BORLANDC_
ARRAY* _export test(ARRAY *a1, ARRAY *a2, ARRAY *a3, ARRAY *a4, ARRAY *a5);
#endif

#ifdef _MSC_VER
__declspec( dllexport ) ARRAY* test(ARRAY *a1, ARRAY *a2, ARRAY *a3, ARRAY *a4, ARRAY
*a5);
#endif

/*****
--- Include the following two functions in your code. ProVIEW will call --- SetInitA and SetFree upon
loading the DLL to pass the addresses of --- the functions inside ProVIEW that InitA and Free will call. It is
--- very important that you initialize variables of type ARRAY* using --- InitA. You must pass to InitA a
name you want to assign to
--- the variable, the number of rows, the number of columns, and the
--- type (0-real, 1-complex).
*****/

void SetInitA(void *fn)
{
    _InitA = (ARRAY* (*)(char *ptr, unsigned long sizej, unsigned long      sizei, unsigned char
type))fn;
}

void SetFree(void *fn)
{
    _Free = (void (*)(ARRAY *a))fn;
}

/*****

ARRAY* test(ARRAY *a1, ARRAY *a2, ARRAY *a3, ARRAY *a4, ARRAY *a5)
{
    UN32 i, j;
    ARRAY *c;

    c = InitA("test", a1->sizej, a1->sizei, 0);
    if( c )
    {
        for(i=0; i<a1->sizej; i++)
        {
            for(j=0; j<a1->sizei; j++)
            {
                c->re[i][j] = a1->re[i][j] + 10.0;
            }
        }
    }

    return c;
}
*****/
```

## In ProVIEW Command Shell Window:

```
[ready]: loadDLL("d:\proview.40\user\test.dll")

0
[ready]: x = hammiw(8,8)
[ready]: y = callDLL("test.dll","test",x,0,0,0,0)
[ready]: show x
    --- x ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 8
number of columns = 8
maximum value    = 1
minimum value    = 0.0064

[ready]: show y
    --- y ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 8
number of columns = 8
maximum value    = 11
minimum value    = 10.0064

[ready]: _
```

## ProVIEW Web Interface

ProVIEW Web is a CGI application that parses and processes *field = value* pairs. ProVIEW Web can be invoked as a result of an user submitting a form, or explicitly as **provweb.exe?\_xtype=value&field1=value1&field2=value2&...&fieldn=valuen**. The ‘&’ character is used to delimit the various *field = value* pairs. Note that since the ‘=’ character is used to separate the *field, value* pair, you can not use it explicitly in either the *field* or *value* parameters. If you need to use the ‘=’ character in the *value* parameter, for instance, you must encode it using the ‘%’ character followed by the hexadecimal representation of its ASCII value (i.e., %3D). Also the ‘+’ character is used to denote a white space, so if you need to use the ‘+’ character in the *value* parameter, you must encode it as %2B. Below are examples of incorrect and correct usage.

### Incorrect

```
provweb.exe?cmd1=x = 5
provweb.exe?cmd2=y = x + 5
provweb.exe?subject="Hello World!"
```

### Correct

```
provweb.exe?cmd1=x+%3D+5
provweb.exe?cmd2=y+%3D+x+%2B+5
provweb.exe?subject="Hello+World!"
```

The table below shows how ProVIEW Web interprets various *field = value* instances. The **\_xtype=value** is optional, and is used to define the content type returned by ProVIEW Web. If omitted, the content type is text/html, with the <Title>, <Head> and <Body> tags already predefined. If you specify **\_xtype=text/html** when invoking provweb.exe, you are expected to provide the <Title>, <Head> and <Body> tags as part of the output of ProVIEW Web.

<i>Field = value</i>	Internal Representation	Description
fieldname = value1  Example: myname=Joe+Smith	\$fieldname = value1  Example: \$myname = "Joe Smith"	ProVIEW Web internally creates a string variable with the same name as the <i>field</i> item and sets the value to the <i>value</i> item
cmd???... = value2  Example: cmd1=x+%3D+5;+show+x;	value2  Example: x = 5; show x;	when the <i>field</i> item starts with ‘cmd’, ProVIEW Web uses the <i>value</i> item as a command to be executed
name.x = value1 name.y = value2  Example:	name_x = value1 name_y = value2  Example:	when the user clicks on an image map the x and y values of the location where the mouse clicked are passed. ProVIEW Web creates two variables using the

image1.x=100 image1.y=200	image1_x = 100 image1_y = 200	name of the image to store these values
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ProVIEW Web also generates a string variable called \$ipaddr which contains the ip address of the client submitting the form. \$ipaddr can be used in script files to keep track of users accessing ProVIEW Web.

## Elements of Forms

There are three types of HTML tags you use to create fields in a form: TEXTAREA, SELECT, and INPUT.

### TEXTAREA

With TEXTAREA you can provide a field for someone to enter multiple lines of information. *NAME* is a required option for this tag. By setting the *NAME* to a name starting with 'cmd' you can use this field to enter multiple commands for ProVIEW Web to execute.

### SELECT

The SELECT element shows a list of choices in either a pop-up menu or a scrollable list. Just like the TEXTAREA element, the SELECT tag requires you to define a name. There are two possible courses of action depending upon the name used in the *NAME* property: (a) if the name starts with 'cmd', ProVIEW Web uses the item selected from the list of choices as a command to be executed; or (b) ProVIEW Web creates a string variable whose value is the item selected.

### INPUT

INPUT is a single tag option for gathering information. INPUT contains other options for acquiring information including simple text fields, radio buttons and checkboxes.

**TEXT** - the default input type, displays a simple line of text.

**CHECKBOX** - displays a simple checkbox that can be checked or empty.

**RADIO** - a more complex version of a checkbox, allows only one of a set to be chosen.

In all of the above INPUT types, by setting the *NAME* property to a name starting with ‘cmd’ you can instruct ProVIEW Web to execute a command or set of commands depending on the value of the *VALUE* property of the INPUT type as described previously. Otherwise, ProVIEW Web creates a string variable whose value depends on the INPUT type. In the case of TEXT the value is the text entered by the user. In the case of a CHECKBOX or a RADIO the value is the string assigned to the *VALUE* property.

**EXAMPLE:**

```
...
<PRE>
<FORM ACTION="http://www.acme.com/cgi-bin/provweb.exe" METHOD=GET Target="South">
Latitude: <INPUT NAME=lat VALUE=36.1216>
Longitude: <INPUT NAME=lon VALUE=-5.903>
<INPUT TYPE="HIDDEN" NAME=cmd VALUE='include "test"'>
<INPUT TYPE="SUBMIT" VALUE="Submit">
</FORM>
</PRE>
...
```

When the user clicks on the Submit button, the client browser will generate a call to provweb.exe as follows:

**provweb.exe?lat=36.1216&lon=-5.903&cmd=include+”test”**

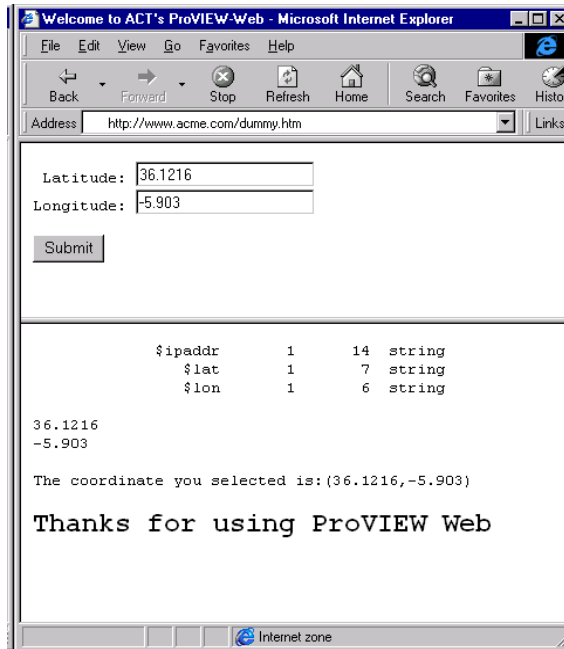
ProVIEW Web will interpret the various *field = value* pairs as follows:

<b>Field = Value</b>	<b>Translation</b>
lat=36.1216	\$lat = “36.1216”
lon=-5.903	\$lon = “-5.903”
cmd=include+”test”	include “test”

If the contents of the script file ‘test.msh’ is as follows:

```
show all
$lat
$lon
$coord = "("::$lat::","::$lon::")"
"\nThe coordinate you selected is:"::$coord
"\n<H2>Thanks for using ProVIEW Web</H2>"
```

,then the output of ProVIEW Web (bottom frame) looks like this:



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## Recent Changes

Recent Changes that have been made to the ProVIEW functions will be documented here as well as a listing of their date of effectiveness.

### **Added Functions**

At this time no new functions have been added to the ProVIEW Imaging System. Further functions will be listed here.

### **Updated Functions**

# Appendix A: External Functions Tree

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# Introduction

With over 140 internal functions and over 100 external functions, ProVIEW is an extremely powerful and flexible environment in which to perform signal and image processing. This appendix, in conjunction with **Appendix B**, is your guide and quick reference to these functions.

For detailed descriptions and examples of the internal functions, see **Appendix B**. The external function list can be seen by linking to the following web address.

<http://www.actgate.com/proview/help/msf/default.htm>.

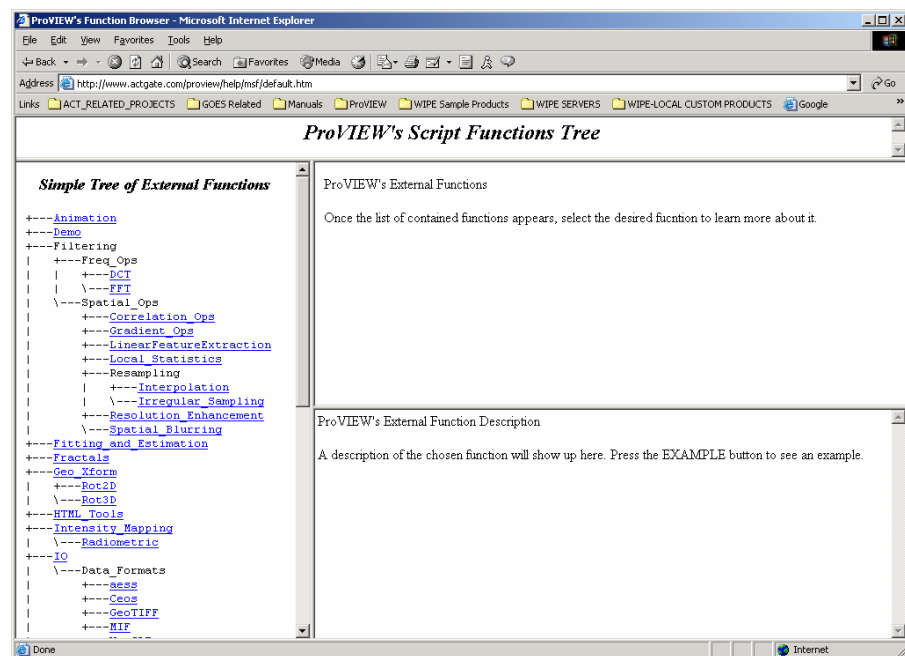
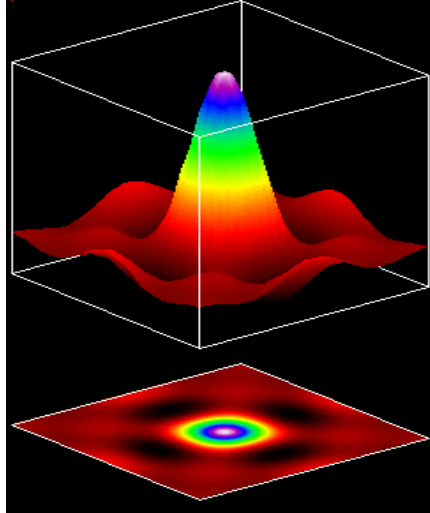


Figure 4 Sample Screen of External Function Browser

# Appendix B: Internal Functions



(Alphabetical Listing)

Of  
**ProVIEW's MSHELL**  
Interpreter

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## ProVIEW's MSHELL Internal Functions (by Category):

A complete list, by category, of the internal functions is presented on the following pages

### Filtering

**blackw** Blackman-Harris window  
**hammiw** Hamming window

### *Freq\_Ops*

#### DCT

**dct2** computes the 2D DCT of each 8x8 block of an image  
**dct8x8** computes the DCT of each 8x8 block of an image  
**idct2** computes the inverse 2D DCT of a previous 2D DCT  
**idct8x8** computes the inverse DCT of a previous DCT

#### FFT

**fft** one dimensional Fourier transform  
**fft2** two dimensional Fourier transform  
**ifft** inverse one dimensional Fourier transform  
**ifft2** inverse two dimensional Fourier transform

### *Spatial\_Ops*

#### Correlation\_Ops

**convol** convolutes an array with a kernel  
**convolt** truncated convolution  
**spatf** general spatial filter module  
**xcorr** compute cross correlation between two arrays  
**xcorrfft** computes the cross-correlation between FFT's  
**xcortt** truncated cross correlation between arrays

#### Local\_Statistics

**covm** covariance matrix estimation  
**gauss** compute the Gaussian density function  
**hist** histogram of array elements  
**hist255** histogram of array elements (255 levels)  
**qgauss** area under Gaussian density function  
**qgaussinv** inverse of qgauss  
**randg** gaussian random number generator  
**randinit** initialize random number generator  
**randu** uniform random number generator

#### Morphological

**skeleton** a binary conversion filter

#### Resampling

##### Interpolation

**blinterp** bilinear interpolation  
**linterp** linear interpolation  
**zinterp** zero-order interpolation

### Geo\_Xform

**cmirror** mirror image columns  
**rmirror** mirror image rows  
**shifte** perform a cyclic translation

shiftt perform a non-cyclic translation

## Intensity\_Mapping

### Look-Up-Table Operators

heqlut	uniform histogram equalization look-up-table
hyplut	hyperbolic histogram look-up-table
select	used to select an output look-up table for an image
wcolut[#]	complete user definition of output look-up-tables
wolut[#]	user-defined output look-up-table
xlut	transform input through a look-up-table

## IO

callDLL	calls a DLL for execution after having been loaded
closef	close a file previously opened with 'openf'
dbclose	closes the connection to a database
dbconnect	creates a connection to a local or network database
dbsqltr	posts a formatted string to the database for submission
DDEExec	Dynamic Data Exchange execution
DDEInit	Dynamic Data Exchange initialization
DDEPoke	Dynamic Data Exchange polling
DDEReqS	Dynamic Data Exchange request returned as a string
DDEReqV	Dynamic Data Exchange request returned as a vector
DDETermDynamic	Data Exchange termination
END	ends execution of a script
iboxlist	allows for choice of input options
include	invoke a ProVIEW script file
inputbox	input a value from keyboard into a list
load	load arrays from disk
loadDLL	loads a DLL into memory and registers it with ProVIEW
openf	open a file
print	print values to standard output
reada	read an array from disk
readf	read from a file
readtext	reads text from an ascii file
return	stops execution of a script file
save	save arrays to disk
writea	write an array to disk
writecolor	writes a color .bmp file from 3 ind. Arrays
writef	write to a file

### Data\_Formats

#### Virtual

V	Virtual Variable
Vclose	closes the above link between "V" and a disk file
Vnew	allocates disk space for the above virtual link
Vopen	links between the virtual variable "V" and the disk

#### VPF

vec2image	converts a ".vec" format to a preview image
Vpftblinfo	returns vpf table database info

#### Shapefile

getshpinfo	Get shapefile header information
shp2contour	Shapefile to contour image
shp2fillimage	Shapefile fill image

## Matrix\_Vector\_Algebra

-	array subtraction
'	array transpose
#	column augmentation
*	array multiplication
*,	corresponding elements array multiplication
/	array division
./	corresponding elements array division
:	select an interval of rows or columns
::	row augmentation
^	a^b , a raised a to power b
+	array addition
=	assignment operator

abs	absolute value of array elements
ceil	returns the ceiling for each element of an array
complex	used to define a complex vector (a,b)
conj	conjugate of array elements
exp	e raised to each array element
floor	returns the floor for each element of an array
fmod	floating point modulus
imag	imaginary part of array elements
int	integer part of array elements
invn	array inverse
log	natural log of array elements
log10	log base 10 of array elements
makecmplx	makes a scalar into a complex vector
nint	nearest integer of array elements
real	real part of array elements
sign	sign of array elements
sqrt	square root of array elements
sum	sum of all array elements
sumc	sum columns
sumcum	row wise cumulative sum of array elements
sumr	sum rows
svd	computes the singular value decomp. of an array
trace	sum diagonal elements

## Plot

colplot	plots a given column from an array
contour[#]	contour plot of an array
dworld[#]	extracts a latlong region from the world database
plot	plot a row vector, complex or real
plot2image	uses coords. and intensity to form a shaded image
plot3d	mesh plot or 3d plot of an array
rowplot	plots a given row from an
view4d	produces a 3d image which is given height by another

## Region\_Ops

aoi	lists pixel values within active region of interest
bresen	compute line segment between two points
ladd2groi	local addition to generalized region of interest
pixval	pixel value and mouse status in an image
rfill	fills determined polygons with roi's
text	used to add text to an array for later display
vroi	variable region of interest
wdef	define a region of interest
wmove	move a region of interest
wsize	dimensions of a rectangular region of interest
xline	extract values along a line
xlinec	extract coordinate points of a line
xlinev	extract vertices points (end points) of a line
xpolyc	extracts coordinate points of a polygon
xpolyv	extracts vertices of a polygon

## Groi\_Logical

regionand	defines a roi which is the common area of two roi's
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## Interactive\_Selection

inputfocus	puts focus to a specific variable for interactive selection
setroi	allows for interactive selection of an roi using the mouse
varname	returns the variable name of a variable

## Overlapping\_Regions

cmplxoverlap	finds the overlapping locations within another roi
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## Satellite\_Image\_Mapping

SatVIEW	computes spacecraft image geometry for the corners
SatVIEWpix	computes spacecraft image geometry for listed points

## Statistics

mean	mean of array elements
median	median of array elements
medianr	median along the row of array elements
momentr	moment computations along rows

rcoeff	correlation coefficient between two arrays
stats	computes basic statistics
var	variance of array elements

## Sorting

bthresh	binary threshold of array elements
eqindex	index of elements with a specific value
geclipto	clip values above and including threshold
geindex	index of array elements above a given value
gtclipto	clip values above threshold
gtindex	index of array elements above a given value
index	index of non-zero elements in array
leclipto	reset values below and equal to threshold
leindex	index elements less or equal to a given value
ltclipto	reset values below threshold
lthresh	sets the values less than tresh to the thresh
ltindex	index elements lower than a given value
max	maximum of array elements
maxmin	maximum and minimum of array elements
maxof	element by element maximum
maxr	returns the maximum for each row
min	minimum of array elements
minof	element by element minimum
minr	returns the minimum for each row
rindex	index all elements within a specified range
sortr	sort array elements row wise

## String\_Ops

<code>\$(string)</code>	used to define a string variable
<code>\$str(##,##,##,)</code>	returns a subregion of a string
<code>/* ... */</code>	included multi-line comment
<code>//</code>	single-line comment
<code>\</code>	used as a control character within strings
<code>\\</code>	line continuation
<code>eqindexS</code>	returns the complex position of each occurrence
<code>float2str</code>	convert a floating point number to a text string
<code>getline</code>	returns the line # of of the desired text within a string
<code>getpos</code>	returns the index of the desired text within a string
<code>int2str</code>	convert an integer number to a text string
<code>itoa</code>	convert an integer number to ascii(text)
<code>nlines</code>	returns the number of lines contained within a string
<code>smodify</code>	used to perform a search and replace within a string
<code>str2float</code>	convert a number from ASCII to float
<code>str2int</code>	convert a number from ASCII to integer
<code>strlow2up</code>	outputs a string which is the "uuppercase" of the input
<code>strup2low</code>	outputs a string which is the "lowercase" of the input

## System

<code>addmenuitem</code>	used to add a user-defined menu to the menu bar
<code>all</code>	used with "free" and "show" for all variables
<code>evaltext</code>	used to evaluate a string for functionality
<code>exit</code>	exit the ProVIEW interpreter
<code>fileinfo</code>	returns detailed file information
<code>filesize</code>	returns the size of a file in bytes
<code>findfiles</code>	used to find a particular file or group of files
<code>free</code>	erase an array from memory
<code>getenv</code>	returns desired environment variable value
<code>help</code>	used to call the ProVIEW help directory
<code>M_(command)</code>	System Variables
<code>mbox</code>	brings a dialog box onto the screen with the specified text
<code>menulist</code>	used to select a menu item within an iboxlist
<code>meter</code>	used to show percent of completion within a loop
<code>show</code>	display variables information
<code>system</code>	calls a DOS shell from within ProVIEW
<code>vartype</code>	returns the type of the chosen variable

## Trigonometric Functions

<code>acos</code>	arccosine of array elements
<code>asin</code>	arcsine of array elements
<code>atan{r}</code>	arctangent of array elements

atan2{x,y}	arctangent of value, preserving quadrant specifics
cos	cosine of array elements
cosh	hyperbolic cosine of array elements
sin	sine of array elements
sinh	hyperbolic sine of array elements
tan	tangent of array elements
tanh	hyperbolic tangent of array elements

## Useful

(a,b,d)	generate a 1-d or 2-d ramp
decimate	decimate an array
geo	geometric series
ident	generate a square identity array
ones	generate an array of all ones
sinc	compute the sinc function
zeros	generate an array of all zeroes

## Data Formatting

convtoi	convert row vector to image
convtov	convert a 2-d array to a one dimensional one
ncols	return number of columns in an array
nrows	return number of rows in an array
scale255	scale input to fit in the range of 0-255
zeropad	add zeroes to an array

## Flow Control and Relational Operators

!=	test for inequality
&&	logical and
	logical or
<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
==	test for equality
>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
ifbreak	exit if-block immediately
if-else	if-else statement
pause	pause ProVIEW's execution
while	while statement

## Image Display

### Image Attributes

text2image	converts text to image form
textoverlay	used to add a text annotation to an image
textremove	used to remove a text annotation from an image

### Image Window Attributes

m_dx	used to define horizontal spacing between pixels
m_dy	used to define vertical spacing between pixels
m_interpflag	selects the type of interpolation to use on an array
m_viewflag	toggles whether an image is to be viewable or not
m_viewheight	defines the height of the display window
m_viewhscroll	defines the horizontal scroll position for a window
m_viewlut	defines the active look-up table for an image
m_viewmaxval	defines the maximum to be displayed
m_viewminval	defines the minimum to be displayed
m_viewvscroll	defines the vertical scroll position for a window
m_viewwidth	defines the width of the display window
m_viewx0	defines the upper left horizontal window position
m_viewy0	defines the upper left vertical window position
m_x0	used to define horizontal position of upper left pixel
m_xunit	used to define a string of horizontal units
m_y0	used to define vertical position of upper left pixel
m_yunit	used to define a string of vertical units
wclose	used to close a specific window
wtile	used to tile the existing windows

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## Internal Functions - Alphabetical List

Much of ProVIEW's power resides in the MSHELL Interpreter. With over 140 internal commands, ProVIEW has a flexible structure that readily permits tailoring to specific applications through User Defined external functions and script files

This appendix is an alphabetical listing with descriptions and examples of all the current **ProVIEW/MSHELL Internal Functions**.



```

[ready]: a = (10,15,1) // creates row vector 'a'
[ready]: b = a // copies 'a' into 'b'
[ready]: c = a+b // add corresponding elements in 'a' and 'b'
[ready]: c // prints the 'c' row vector
(10^0) X
row 0 =
20.00 22.00 24.00 26.00 28.00 30.00
[ready]: c+5 // add 5 to every element in 'c'
(10^0) X
row 0 =
25.00 27.00 29.00 31.00 33.00 35.00

```

- ***Array Subtraction***

**Syntax:** a - b

**Description:** The operator symbol - is used to perform the subtraction of two array expressions. The actual subtraction is implemented as:

$$c_{j,i} = a_{j,i} - b_{j,i} \text{ ,for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively. If 'b' is a scalar and 'a' is not, then 'b' will be subtracted from all the elements in 'a'.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will subtract array 'b' from 'a' and store the result in 'c'.

```

[ready]: c = a-b

```

\* ***Matrix Multiplication***

**Syntax:** a \* b

**Description:** The operator symbol \* is used to perform the multiplication of two matrices or arrays. The multiplication follows the rules of matrix multiplication used in linear algebra:

$$c_{j,i} = \sum_n a_{j,n} \cdot b_{n,i} \text{ ,for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively. An error message will be generated if the number of columns in 'a' is not equal to the number of rows in 'b'. If 'a' is a scalar and 'b' is not (or vice versa), every element in 'b' will be multiplied by 'a'.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statements illustrate simple examples of array multiplication,

```

[ready]: a = ones(3,3) // creates 3 x 3 matrix with all ones
[ready]: b = ones(1,3) // creates 1 x 3 vector with all ones
[ready]: a // prints 'a'
row 0 =
  1.00  1.00  1.00
row 1 =
  1.00  1.00  1.00
row 2 =
  1.00  1.00  1.00
[ready]: b // prints 'b'
row 0 =
  1.00  1.00  1.00
[ready]: b*a // multiply row vector 'b' by matrix 'a'
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  3.00  3.00  3.00
[ready]: a*b // an invalid multiplication
>>>error = 4 ---incompatible dimensions
[ready]: b*4 // multiply each element of 'b' by 4
row 0 =
  4.00  4.00  4.00

```

### \*. *Array Element Multiplication*

**Syntax:** a \*. b

**Description:** The operator symbol \*. is used to perform the multiplication of corresponding elements between two arrays. The multiplication is implemented as:

$$c_{j,i} = a_{j,i} \cdot b_{j,i} \text{ ,for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively. An error message will be generated if 'a' and 'b' do not have the same dimensions.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will multiply corresponding elements in array 'a' and 'b', and store the result in 'c',

```

[ready]: a = 1::2::3 // creates a row vector
[ready]: a // print array
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00  3.00
[ready]: b = a
[ready]: c = a*.b // mult. corresponding elements
[ready]: c // print results
row 0 =
  1.00  4.00  9.00

```

### \| *Continuation Line delimiter*

**Description:** The symbol \| tells the MSHELL interpreter that the present statement will be continued on the next physical line. Continuation lines can only be used within MSHELL script files (\*.msf or \*.msh)

**Example:** The following 2 lines of code illustrate the use of the continuation line delimiter within a script function. The result of the expression is 21.

```
x = 4*5 + \|
```

## // *Single Line Comment Delimiter*

**Description:** The symbol // is used to specify that a single line comments will follow. All characters that follow this symbol within a given physical line, will be ignored.

**Example:** The following illustrates the use of the single line delimiter.

```
[ready]: pi = 4*atan(1.) // this text will be ignored
```

## / *Array Division by Scalar*

**Syntax:** a / b

**Description:** The operator symbol / is used to perform the division of each element of an array by a scalar. An error message will be generated if 'b' is not a scalar, i.e. a 1x1 array. The actual division is implemented as:

$$c_{j,i} = a_{j,i}/b \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively.

## ./ *Element Array Division*

**Syntax:** a ./ b

**Description:** The operator symbol ./ is used to perform the division of corresponding elements between two arrays. An error message will be generated if 'a' and 'b' do not have the same dimensions. The actual division is implemented as:

$$c_{j,i} = a_{j,i}/b_{j,i} \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will divide the elements in array 'a' by the elements in array 'b', and attempt to divide elements in array 'a' by a scalar.

```
[ready]: a = 1::3::5 // generates a row vector
[ready]: b = a
[ready]: a./b // divide corresponding elements
row 0 =
  1.00  1.00  1.00
[ready]: a/.4 // since 'x' is not 1x1 an error occurs
>>>error = 4 ---incompatible dimensions
```

## ^ *Raise Array Elements to a Power*

**Syntax:** a ^ b

**Description:** The operator symbol  $\wedge$  or caret is used to raise the elements of an array to a given constant power, or the power specified by the corresponding elements of another array. The above statement will raise the elements in array 'a' to the power specified by the elements in array 'b', where 'a' and 'b' have the same dimensions. For 'a' and 'b' input arrays, we have the following:

If 'a' and 'b' have the same dimension, the actual operation is implemented as:

$$c_{j,i} = a_{j,i}^{b_{j,i}} \text{ for all } j, i;$$

If 'b' is a scalar (i.e. a 1 x 1 array) and 'a' is not, the operation is implemented as,

$$c_{j,i} = a_{j,i}^{b_{0,0}} \text{ for all } j, i;$$

If 'a' is a scalar (i.e. a 1x1 array) and 'b' is not, the operation is implemented as,

$$c_{j,i} = a_{0,0}^{b_{j,i}} \text{ for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively. Note that in each case the result 'c' is an array; only in the case of both 'a' and 'b' scalars, will 'c' be a scalar.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: x = (1::3)#(4::5) // creates a 2 by 2 matrix
[ready]: x // print 'x'
row 0 =
  1.00  3.00
row 1 =
  4.00  5.00
[ready]: 2^x // raise 2 to 'x'
row 0 =
  2.00  8.00
row 1 =
  16.00 32.00
[ready]: x^0.5 // raises 'x' to 0.5
row 0 =
  1.00  1.73
row 1 =
  2.00  2.24
[ready]: x^x // raises corresponding elements
row 0 =
  1.00 27.00
row 1 =
256.00 ###.##
[ready]: M_format = "00000.00"
[ready]: x^x
row 0 =
  1.00 27.00
row 1 =
256.00 3125.00
```

' *Matrix Transpose*  
**Syntax:** a'

**Description:** The operator symbol ' ' is used to generate the transpose of an array. Mathematically, this operation is implemented as:

$$c_{row=i,col=j} = a_{row=j,col=i} \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively in 'a'.

**Example:** These MSHELL statements assigns the transpose of 'a' to 'c'.

```
[ready]: data = randg(3,3) // generate a 3x3 random array
[ready]: data // print 'data'
row 0 =
  -0.18    0.10    1.36
row 1 =
  0.61     0.57    1.23
row 2 =
  -1.10    1.55   -0.58
[ready]: data' // transpose of 'data'
row 0 =
  -0.18    0.61   -1.10
row 1 =
  0.10     0.57    1.55
row 2 =
  1.36     1.23   -0.58
```

## :: *Concatenate Arrays or Strings*

**Syntax:** a :: b

**Description:** Given two arrays with the same number of rows, this operation will append the corresponding rows of one array to the other array. Likewise, given two strings (which can be considered one row arrays or row vectors) this operation will append the two strings.

**Example:** For the arrays 'a' and 'b', the following MSHELL statement will append the rows of 'a' to the rows of 'b', and store the result in 'c'.

```
[ready]: c = a::b
```

The number of columns in 'c' is equal the sum of the number of columns in 'a' and 'b'. The following MSHELL commands will assign to the variable 'y' the concatenation of two arrays.

```
[ready]: x = 1::2 // creates a row vector
[ready]: y = x::x // concatenates 2 vectors
[ready]: x
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00
[ready]: y
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00  1.00  2.00
```

The following MSHELL commands will assign to the string variable '\$str1' the concatenation of two strings.

```
[ready]: $str = "SSS" // creates a string
[ready]: $str1 = $str::" last name" //concatenates another string
[ready]: $str1
SSS last name
```

## # *Column Augmentation*

**Syntax:** a # b

**Description:** Given two arrays with the same number of columns, this operation will append the corresponding columns of one array to the other array.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will append the columns of 'b' to the columns of 'a', and store the result in 'c'.

```
[ready]: c = a#b
```

The number of rows in 'c' equals the sum of the number of rows in 'a' and 'b'. The following MSHELL commands illustrate the above,

```
[ready]: a = (0,3,1)' // creates a column vector
[ready]: b = ones(2,1) // creates a 2-d identity column vector
[ready]: c = a#b // augments a with b and assigns result to c
```

## = *Assignment*

**Syntax:** c = a

**Description:** This operator symbol, =, is used to assign the output of an MSHELL expression to a variable. MSHELL will not allow you to assign an array expression to an already defined string variable, or vice versa.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will assign the sum of two constants to the newly defined variable 'c'.

```
[ready]: c = 4 + sqrt(3.333)
```

If the variable 'c' has already been defined its content will be changed, otherwise it will be created.

## : *Array Interval Delimiter*

**Syntax:** x(:,n)

**Description:** Used to denote an interval of rows or columns.

**Example:** The following illustrates the use of the array interval delimiter:

To extract column number 3 of an array 'x', type:

```
[ready]: x(:,3);
```

To extract row number 2 in 'x' and assign it to 'y', type:

```
[ready]: y = x(2,:);
```

To extract the sub array in 'x' defined by rows 3 to 5 and columns 2 to 10, and copy to 'y' type:

```
[ready]: y= x( 3:5 , 2:10 )
```

To insert the array 'y' into the array 'x' starting at row 8 and column 0 type:

```
[ready]: x( 8: , 0: ) = y
```

To extract an image block starting at row 9 and column 20 type

```
[ready]: x(9:, 20: )
```

### ***Logical Relational Operators***

	<	Less Than Operator
	>	Greater Than Operator
	<=	Less Than or Equal To Operator
	>=	Greater Than or Equal To
Operator		
	==	Equivalent To Operator
	!=	Inequivalent To Operator
	&&	Logical AND Operator
		Logical OR Operator

**Syntax:** *expression1* **OPERATOR** *expression2*

**Description:** These operators are used to perform logical checks on certain desired expressions.

**Example:** Notice the use of separating parenthesis to establish precedence in the example below:

```
if ( (I==4.8) && (P>3) ){  
    x=y;  
}
```

- A -

***abs***                      ***Absolute Value***

**Syntax:**                      **abs(a) or a.abs**

**Description:** Returns the absolute value of each element in the array.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will compute the absolute values for each element of 'a'.

```
[ready]: a=1::-2::3::-4    // stores these values on variable a
[ready]: abs(a)
row 0 =
      1.00     2.00     3.00     4.00
```

***acos***                      ***Inverse Cosine***

**Syntax:**                      **acos(a) or a.acosor**

**Description:** Returns the inverse cosine of each array element. The output is in radians. The actual mathematical expression computed is given by,

$$c_{j,i} = \text{acos}(a_{j,i}) \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will compute the inverse cosine of 'a', and store the result in 'c'.

```
[ready]: c = acos(a)
```

***addmenuitem***    ***Adds a User Defined Menu Item***

**Syntax:**                      **addmenuitem "myscript.msh"**

**Description:** Use this command to add the capability of invoking user defined script files from within the graphical user interface, where "myscript.msh" is a valid script file.

**Example:**        The following line will add the 'mdemo.msh' file to the menu item list under User

```
[ready]: addmenuitem    "mdemo.msh"
```

***all\_local***                      ***all\_local***

**Description:** keyword used by 'save' function. See 'save' for details.

***allstr***                      ***allstr***

**Description:** keyword used by 'save' function. See 'save' for details.

***all***      *Allows for “all” Variables to be included*

**Syntax:**                      free all

**Description:** Use this command to access all variables at one time. It can be used with show all, to free all variables, or with free all, to free all variables.

**Example:**      The following line will free all variables from memory

```
[ready]: free all
```

***aoi***                      *Active Region of Interest*

**Syntax:**                      image.aoi

**Description:** This command lists the pixel values within a previously selected region of interest.

*Note:* The region of interest must be of conservative size considering the requirements to list all values within the region.

***asin***                      *Inverse Sine*

**Syntax:**                      asin(a) or a.asin

**Description:** Compute the inverse sine of each array element. The output is in radians. The actual mathematical expression computed is given by,

$$c_{j,i} = \text{asin}(a_{j,i}) \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively.

**Example:**      The following MSHELL statement will compute the inverse sine of ‘a’, and store the result in ‘c’.

```
[ready]: c = asin(a);
```

***atan***                      *Inverse Tangent*

**Syntax:**                      atan(a) or a.atan

**Description:** Compute the inverse tangent of each array element. The output is in radians. The actual mathematical expression computed is given by,

$$c_{j,i} = \text{atan}(a_{j,i}) \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively. The returned values are between  $\pi/2$  and  $+\pi/2$ .

**Example:**      The following MSHELL statement will compute the inverse tangent of ‘a’ and store the result in ‘c’.

```
[ready]: c = atan(x);
```

***atan2***                      ***Inverse Tangent***

**Syntax:**                      **atan2(y,x)**

**Description:** Computes the inverse tangent of each array element. The output is in radians. Returns the arc tangent of  $y/x$  (in the range  $-\pi$  to  $+\pi$ ); **atan2** produces correct results even when the resulting angle is near  $-\pi/2$  or  $+\pi/2$  (i.e.  $x$  near 0).

Note that the input values must be in the range of  $-1$  to  $+1$ , otherwise incorrect results will be generated, also note that if both  $x$  and  $y$  are set to 0, **atan2(y,x)** is set equal to **1**.

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*blackw*                      **Blackman-Harris Window**

**Syntax:**                      **blackw(n,m)**

**Description:** Generates a 2-D (4 coefficient) Blackman-Harris Window. The  $n^{\text{th}}$  element of the 1-D Blackman-Harris Window is defined as,

$$w_n = c_0 - c_1 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}n\right) + c_2 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}2n\right) + c_3 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}3n\right)$$

where,

$$c_0 = 0.35875, c_1 = 0.48829, c_2 = 0.14128, \text{ and } c_3 = 0.01168.$$

This window has side lobes that are -92dB below the main lobe.

**Example:**                      The following generates a 256 x 256 Blackman-Harris Window.

```
[ready]: y = blackw(256,256)
[ready]: [YSpectrum] = spectrum[y]
[ready]: view YSpectrum
[ready]: roi = wdef(256-16,256-16,32,32)
[ready]: plot3d(YSpectrum(roi))
```

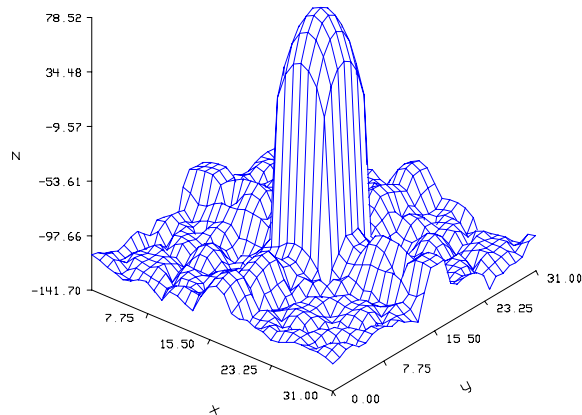


Figure 2

*blinterp*                      **Bi-linear Interpolation**

**Syntax:**                      **blinterp(f,z)**

**Description:** Blinterp will bi-linearly interpolate between data points located in a two dimensional square grid, e.g. an image. Where 'f' is a 2-dimensional real data array containing the input image. The data points in 'f' correspond to points in a square grid with an assumed interpixel distance of 1 in the row or column axis and 'z' is a complex data array containing the vertices at which the input image is to be bi-

linearly interpolated. Specifically, the real part of 'z' contains the fractional column positions and the imaginary part contains the fractional row positions at which the input image is to be interpolated. Note that for every point that extrapolation is attempted the result is set to zero

**Example:** The following example generates a simple test pattern image over a 4x4 grid. The image is then bilinearly interpolated at the row coordinate 2.2 and column coordinate 1.2.

```
[ready]: f = hammiw(4,4) // test image
[ready]: f
row 0 =
  0.01  0.04  0.08  0.04
row 1 =
  0.04  0.29  0.54  0.29
row 2 =
  0.08  0.54  1.00  0.54
row 3 =
  0.04  0.29  0.54  0.29
[ready]: x = complex( 2.2, 1.2)
[ready]: blinterp(f,x)
0.573856
```

### *bresen*                      *Compute Line Segment Points*

**Syntax:**                      **bresen(z)** or **z.bresen**

**Description:** Given the coordinates of two or more end points in the plane, this function computes the points along the line segment between the points using the Bressenham's Line Drawing Algorithm. This function is particularly useful to define a region of interest make out of line segments. The argument 'z' is a complex row data vector in which the nearest integer of the real part of z is used as the column positions, and the nearest integer of the complex part of z as the row positions.

**Example:** The following uses **bresen** to compute the screen coordinates of the points joining 5 vertices.

```
[ready]: x = (0,4,1);
[ready]: y = x^2                      // generate points on a parabola
[ready]: xy = complex(x,y) // gen. vert. on the complex plane
[ready]: bresen(xy)
[ready]: image = zeros(30,30)        // create an array of zeroes
[ready]: image(bresen(xy)) = 255    // overlay computed line
[ready]: view image                   // display the array
```

### *bthresh*                      *Binary Threshold*

**Syntax:**                      **bthresh(a,tval)**

**Description:** Given an input array, 'a', and a threshold value, 'tval', this function returns a clipped version of the input array. That is, every element in the input array less than the real threshold value is set to zero, and every element greater or equal than the threshold value is set to 1.

**Example:** The following illustrates the use of **bthresh**.

```
[ready]: z = (0,5,1,4);
[ready]: z
row 0 =
  0.00  1.00  2.00  3.00  4.00  5.00
row 1 =
  0.00  1.00  2.00  3.00  4.00  5.00
row 2 =
  0.00  1.00  2.00  3.00  4.00  5.00
row 3 =
  0.00  1.00  2.00  3.00  4.00  5.00
[ready]: bthresh(z,3)
row 0 =
  0.00  0.00  0.00  1.00  1.00  1.00
row 1 =
  0.00  0.00  0.00  1.00  1.00  1.00
row 2 =
  0.00  0.00  0.00  1.00  1.00  1.00
row 3 =
  0.00  0.00  0.00  1.00  1.00  1.00
```

***callDLL***                      ***Calls a DLL for execution***

**Syntax:**

**callDLL**(\$dllname,\$function,returned\_paramters);

**Description:** This function is used to call a DLL for execution. It must have been previously loaded with loadDLL. The DLL must not return any more than 5 values. The syntax is DLL filename, function name, returns(comma delimited).

**See Also:**      **Error! Reference source not found.**

**Example:**      The following line calls the delaunay.dll for execution after having been loaded with loadDLL. There is only a 'z' variable being returned by this dll; therefore, one must return zeros for all unused placeholders.

```
[ready]: callDLL("delaunay.dll", "delaunay", z, 0, 0, 0, 0)
```

***ceil***      ***Find the Ceiling of an Array***

**Syntax:**                      **ceil**(array);

**Description:** This function is used to find the ceiling of an array. The output has the same dimensions as the original array. The output contains the ceiling for each element

**Example:**      [ready]: x = ceil(1.2::3.4)

```
row 0 =  
      2.0  4.00  
      3.0
```

***centroid***                      ***Finds the centroid of an object***

**Syntax:**                      **addmenuitem** "myscript.msh"

**Description:** Use this command to add the capability of invoking user defined script files from within the graphical user interface, where "myscript.msh" is a valid script file.

**Example:**      The following line will add the 'mdemo.msh' file to the menu item list under User

```
[ready]: addmenuitem      "mdemo.msh"
```

***closef***                      ***Close a File***

**Syntax:**                      **closef**(unit);

**Description:** This function is used to close a disk file previously opened using the **openf** function. It's argument, 'unit' is the integer file number assigned when **openf** was initially invoked. Failure to close a file could result in a future error when doing disk i/o.

**See Also:** **openf** on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

### ***cmirror*** ***Mirrors an Image Column Wise***

**Syntax:** **cmirror(a)** or **a.cmirror**

**Description:** Mirrors the columns of the input array or image, 'a'.

**See Also:** **"Error! Reference source not found."** on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

**Example:** The following illustrates the operation on the array 'aa'.

```
[ready]: aa = (1::2::3)#(4::5::6)#(7::8::9)
[ready]: aa
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00  3.00
row 1 =
  4.00  5.00  6.00
row 2 =
  7.00  8.00  9.00
[ready]: cmirror(aa) // print mirror array of aa
row 0 =
  3.00  2.00  1.00
row 1 =
  6.00  5.00  4.00
row 2 =
  9.00  8.00  7.00
```

### ***cmplxoverlap*** ***Adds a User Defined Menu Item***

**Syntax:** **addmenuitem "myscript.msh"**

**Description:** Use this command to add the capability of invoking user defined script files from within the graphical user interface, where "myscript.msh" is a valid script file.

**Example:** The following line will add the 'mdemo.msh' file to the menu item list under User

```
[ready]: addmenuitem "mdemo.msh"
```

### ***colplot*** ***Plots a Row from an Array***

**Syntax:** **colplot(array,column#)**

**Description:** Used to plot a particular column from an array.

### ***complex*** ***Creates a Complex Array***

**Syntax:** **complex(x,y)**

**Description:** Given 'x' and 'y' as real arrays with equal dimension, this function constructs an array, 'z', of the form  $z = x+iy$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

**Example:** The following is a simple application of the function.

```
[ready]: complex(0::3,4::3)
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  0.00+  4.00i   3.00+  3.00i
```

### *conj*                      *Array Conjugate*

**Syntax:**                      **conj(a)** or **a.conj**

**Description:** This function returns the complex conjugate of each element in the input array 'a', i.e. it changes the sign of the complex part.

**Example:** For example, if  $x = 4+3i$ , then **conj(x)** returns  $4-3i$ .

### *contour*                      *Generates a contour plot*

**Syntax:**                      **contour[#](z,zlevels)** or  
**contour[#](z,yaxis,xaxis,zlevels)**

**Description:** This function generates a contour plot of the image or sub image region selected where: 'z' is a real array, with at least 2 rows and 2 columns; 'zlevels' is the row vector with the contour levels that will be used; and '#' is the Plot Screen Number.

Instead of 'zlevels' you can use the following instruction to generate 11 different levels between the maximum and minimum value of z:

```
z.min+(z.max-z.min)*(0,1,0.1)
```

The '#' parameter in the contour function is an optional integer number (between 0 and 255) that selects the plot screen where the plot will be placed. If an integer number from 0 to 255 is provided in this field the generated plot can be indexed from then on by that number. For example, if x is an array, then

```
contour3(z,0.5::0.75)
```

will plot a contour plot of array 'z' on plot screen number 3, using for contour levels 0.5 and 0.75. The second way of calling contour allows to specify the values to use in for the x-axis and y-axis. If later on you want to free that screen type:

```
free plot3
```

**See Also:**                      "M\_Error! Reference source not found." on page **Error!**  
**Bookmark not defined.** for a complete list of system variables which affect the plot related functions.

**Example:** The following MSHELL instructions generate a 32 x 32 hamming function, which is then stored in 'x', and then used to generate a contour plot of 'x'.

```
[ready]: M_xlabel = "row index"; M_ylabel = "column index"
[ready]: x = hammiw(32,32)
[ready]: contour10(x,x.min+(x.max-x.min)*(0,1,0.3))
[ready]: contour(x, (0,31,1)*10, (0,31,1)*0.1, 0.5)
```

***convol***                      ***Discrete Convolution***

**Syntax:**                      **convol(k,a)**

**Description:** This function performs the discrete convolution of a given array, 'a', with a kernel array, 'k'. The implementations used in **convol** and **convolt** are computationally efficient for small kernel sizes. However, for large kernels, an **FFT** implementation of the convolution should be considered.

Given an image and the right kernel this function can be used to change the spatial resolution in the image.

Given that array 'a' has dimensions (N x M),

$$a \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{0,1} & \Lambda & a_{0,M-1} \\ a_{1,0} & a_{1,1} & \Lambda & a_{1,M-1} \\ \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{M} & \Lambda & \mathbf{M} \\ a_{N-1,0} & a_{N-1,1} & \Lambda & a_{N-1,M-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

it is assumed that 'a' is zero for any index outside of the implicit range specified above. It is required that the kernel, 'k', be of odd dimension, say (2P+1 x 2Q+1), where P and Q are non-negative integers satisfying:

$$2P + 1 \leq N, \text{ and } 2Q + 1 \leq M.$$

The input kernel samples are assumed to map into a row range of (-P to P) and a column range of (-Q to Q) ,

$$k \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} k_{-P,-Q} & \Lambda & k_{-P,+Q} \\ \mathbf{M} & \Lambda & \mathbf{M} \\ k_{+P,-Q} & \Lambda & k_{+P,+Q} \end{pmatrix}$$

The result of the convolution is the array 'g',

$$g \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} g_{-P,-Q} & \ominus & g_{N-P,M+Q} \\ \bullet^{\otimes} & \ominus & \bullet^{\otimes} \\ g_{N+P-1,-Q} & \ominus & g_{N+P,M+Q} \end{pmatrix}$$

whose elements  $g_{j,i}$  are given by,

$$g_{j,i} = \sum_{p=-P}^P \sum_{q=-Q}^Q (k_{p,q} \cdot a_{j-p,i-q}),$$

By construction, indices outside of the specified range of values in the above ‘g’ matrix are zero. Note that the output of **convol** will have dimensions of (N+2P, M+2Q).

**See Also:** “**convolt**” below

**Example:** “**convolt**” below

### ***convolt*** ***Truncated Discrete Convolution***

**Syntax:** **convolt(k,a)**

**Description:** This function is similar to **convol**; in many instances you may only be interested in determining how the elements in the range of ‘a’ are affected by the convolution operation. This function truncates the convolution results by only evaluating ‘g’ over the range of ‘a’, i.e., a row range of (0 to N-1) and a column range of (0 to M-1).

The implementations used in **convol** and **convolt** are computationally efficient for small kernel sizes. However, for large kernels, an **FFT** implementation of the convolution should be considered.

**Example:** For arrays ‘a’ and ‘k’ as define, **convol** and **convolt** are given as:

```
[ready]: a = (1,3,1)
[ready]: k = (3,1,1)
[ready]: convol(a,k) // example of convol
row 0 =
  3.00  8.00  14.00  8.00  3.00
[ready]: convolt(a,k) // example of convolt
row 0 =
  8.00  14.00  8.00
```

### ***convtoi*** ***Convert Row Vector to Image***

**Syntax:** **convtoi(a,ncols)**

**Description:** Converts a 1-D row array , ‘a’, to a 2-D array where you specify the column dimension, ‘ncols’. The resulting number of rows must be an integer. That is, if the row vector had dimensions (1 x M), and the you are questing a column dimension of N, the output array will have dimensions of (( M/N ) x N ),i.e. N must be a factor of M.

**Example:** The following converts the row array , ‘a’, to a 2-D array.

```
[ready]: a = 1::2::1::2 // create row vector
[ready]: convtoi(a,2) // convert row vector to 2-col. array
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00
row 1 =
  1.00  2.00
```

## *convtov* **Convert Image to Row Vector**

**Syntax:** `convtov(a)` or `a.convtov`

**Description:** Converts the 2-D input array to a 1-D array containing only one row. That is, if the input array, 'a', had dimensions (N x M), the output array will have dimensions of (1 x (N \* M)).

**Example:** The following converts the 2-D array, 'a', to a row array.

```
[ready]: a = (1,2,1,2) // creates a 2x2 matrix
[ready]: a
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00
row 1 =
  1.00  2.00
[ready]: convtov(a) // converts matrix to row vector
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00  1.00  2.00
```

## *cos* **Cosine**

**Syntax:** `cos(a)` or `a.cos`

**Description:** Returns the cosine of each array element. The input is expected to be in radians.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will compute the cosine of 'a' divided by 2, and store the result in 'c'.

```
[ready]: c = cos(a/2)
```

## *cosh* **Hyperbolic Cosine**

**Syntax:** `cosh(a)` or `a.cosh`

**Description:** Computes the hyperbolic cosine of each array element. The hyperbolic cosine of x is evaluated as:

$$\cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

## *covm* **Covariance Matrix Estimation**

**Syntax:** `covm(a)` or `a.covm`

**Description:** Computes an unbiased estimate of the covariance matrix established by the column vectors in 'a'. The actual estimation is done using the following equation,

$$\frac{1}{I-1} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} (a_i - a_c)(a_i - a_c)^t$$

where,  $a_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column in 'a', and  $a_c = \text{sumc}(a)$  is the column vector resulting by averaging each row in 'a'.

**See Also:** Fukunaga, K., “Introduction to Statistical Pattern Recognition”, for a detailed definition.

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***dbclose***                      ***Closes access to an external database***

**Syntax:**                      **dbclose(\$database)**

**Description:** Use this command to close the already opened database.

**Example:**                      The following line will close the connection to the database "Sensors".

```
[ready]: status = dbclose("Sensors")
```

***dbrsrowcount***                      ***Returns the result set count***

**Syntax:**                      **dbrsrowcount()**

**Description:** This function works after a dbconnect and dbsqlxec. After a query this function when invoked will return the number of rows in the result set.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: dbrsrowcount()
[ready]:
```

***dbrsgetrows***                      ***Returns the result set as a string data.***

**Syntax:**                      **dbrsgetrows()**

**Description:** This function works after a dbconnect and dbsqlxec. After a query this function when invoked will return the result set data as a string. The columns are separated by a | and rows are separated by new lines. This function may be called multiple times on the same result set.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: dbrsgetrows()
[ready]:
```

***dbconnect***                      ***Connects to an external database for access***

**Syntax:**                      **dbconnect (\$database)**

**Description:** Use this command to connect to an external database. The string passed is the name which has been previously defined for the database in the ODBC administration tool.

**Example:**                      The following line connects to the external database "Sensors" for access.

```
[ready]: status = dbconnect("Sensors")
```

***dbrsgetrowsfloat*** Returns the result set as an array.

**Syntax:**

**dbrsgetrowsfloat(\$column\_names,start\_row,end\_row)**

**Description:** This function works after a dbconnect and dbsqlxec. After a query this function when invoked will return the result set data as an array. The first input argument \$column\_name is a comma separated list of column names to be retrieved. This function may be called multiple times on the same result set.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: dbrgetrowsfloat($column_names,start_row,end_row)
[ready]:
```

***dbsqlxec*** Sends a query to the database

**Syntax:** **dbsqlxec(\$query)**

**Description:** This function executes a query on the connected server, it is used after a dbconnect .

**Example:**

```
[ready]: dbsqlxec($query)
[ready]:
```

***dbsqltr*** Transacts with an external database

**Syntax:** **dbsqltr(\$query,<\$filename>)**

**Description:** Use this command to post the passed string as the next query for the previously connected database. The output of the query, if any, is automatically retrieved. The records are extracted and string formatted. The fields are delimited by the character '|'. The output is assigned to a string variable if the optional filename parameter is not specified; otherwise, the output is saved to the named file.

**Example:** The following example will query the database "Clemen" for VOLID and NEW\_IMAGENAME based upon the five passed conditionals.

```
[ready]: status = dbconnect("Clemen")
[ready]: $query = readtext("\\\\arctic\\mongo\\test.sql")
[ready]: $filename = "\\arctic\\mongo\\out.txt"
[ready]: M_time
[ready]: $result = dbsqltr($query,$filename)
[ready]: M_time
[ready]: status = dbclose()
```

***dbfopen*** Returns a handle to the opened dbf file

**Syntax:** **dbfopen(\$dbffile)**

**Description:** this function returns a handle to the opened dbf file if it succeeds, otherwise it returns -1. You can open up to 5 dbf files at a time.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $dbffile = "d:\\temp\\onslow.dbf"  
[ready]: hdbf = dbfopen($dbffile)
```

***dbfclose***                    ***This function closes the dbfile***

**Syntax:**                    **dbfclose(hdbf)**

**Description:** this function closes the dbffile. It makes the handle available for a subsequent call to dbfopen.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: status = dbfclose(hdbf)  
[ready]:
```

***dbfgetfieldcnt***    ***returns the # of fields in the dbf file.***

**Syntax:** **dbfgetfieldcnt(hdbf)**

**Description:** this function returns the number of fields present in the dbf file. It also returns the names of the fields in the text attribute of the returned array variable.

**Example**

```
[ready]: fldcnt = dbfgetfieldcnt(hdbf)  
[ready]: fldcnt //number of fields  
[ready]: fldcnt.text //names of the fields
```

***dbfgetrecordcnt***    ***returns the # of records in the file***

**Syntax:**                    **dbfgetrecordcnt(hdbf)**

**Description:** This function returns the number of records in the dbf file .

**Example:**

```
[ready]: dbfgetrecordcnt(hdbf)  
[ready]:
```

***dbfgetrecords***        ***read the records from the dbf file.***

**Syntax:**                    **dbfgetrecords(hdbf,-1,-1)**

**Description:** This function is used to read the records from the dbf file. The input parameters are the dbffile handle, an array variable containing the record indices (zero based) you wish to extract, and an array variable containing the field indices (zero based) you want to extract. If either or both of these array variables are -1, it means you wish to extract all the rows and/or all the fields. The output is a string

containing the field values, separated by '|', for the specified rows or all the rows .

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $rec = dbfgetrecords(hdbf,-1,-1)
[ready]:
```

***dbsqltr*** *Posts data to an external database*

**Syntax:** **dbsqltr(\$query)**

**Description:** Use this command to add the passed string as the next entry in the previously connected database.

**Example:** The following line will add the two parameters '\$name' and '\$address' to an already connected database.

```
[ready]: $query = $name::$address
[ready]: $res = dbsqltr($query)
```

***dct8x8*** *Discrete Cosine Transform (8x8)*

**Syntax:** **dct8x8(a)**

**Description:** Computes the discrete cosine transform of each 8 x 8 block within the specified array "a".

***decimate*** *Signal Decimation*

**Syntax:** **decimate(a,rowskip,columnskip)**

**Description:** Extracts a sub-sampled version of the input signal, where: 'a' is the input array, 'rowskip' and 'columnskip' are the number of rows and columns, respectively, to be skipped in each direction.

**Example:** A 512 x 512 input image, 'a', can be decimated to a 128 x 128 image, 'b', using the following MSHELL statement,

```
[ready]: b = decimate(a,4,4);
```

***dirlist*** *Returns the list of subdirectories/files*

**Syntax:** **dirlist( \$path , \$options )**

**Description:** This function returns the list of the subdirectories or files of a given directory. The first input argument is a string, containing the directory name. The second input argument is one of the following "d", "s" or, "p". When "d" is used the function will return only the list of subdirectories. When only "s" is used the function will return the list of files along with their size. When only "p" is used the function will list the path of the files .

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $out = dirlist("c:\\temp\\*.*", "dsp" )
[ready]:
```

***diskfreespace***      ***returns disk info***

**Syntax:**                    **diskfreespace("c:/temp")**

**Description:** This function returns an array variable containing three values. The first value is the total number of bytes in the disk, the second value is the total number of free bytes in the disk, and the third value is the total number of free bytes per caller (this can be used if disk quotas are setup per user). The input argument is a string containing a path (UNC are allowed).

**Example:**

```
[ready]: freespace = diskfreespace("e:\\")  
[ready]: freespace = diskfreespace(\\\\hyper\\cdrive)
```

***dt2mjd***                    ***Returns the modified Julian Date***

**Syntax:**  
                              **dt2mjd(Year::Month::Day::Hour::Minute::Second)**

**Description:** This function returns the modified Julian date, the input argument is year, month, day, hour, minute, and seconds.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: date = 2001::12::20::00::0::0  
[ready]: dt2mjd(date)
```

***DDEExec***      ***Sends a command to the server app.***

**Syntax:**                    **DDEExec(chan,cmd)**

**Description:** This command is used to send a command to the server application once the DDE conversation is established . chan is the channel number returned by DDEInit, and cmd is a string you want the server to execute. DDEExec will return 0 if the server accepted the command, 1 otherwise.

**Example:**

```
See User's Manual page 54.
```

***DDEInit***                    ***initialize DDE server application***

**Syntax:**                    **chan = DDEInit("Application  
Name","Topic")**

**Description:** This command is used to start a conversation on a particular topic with the server application. "Application Name" is the name of the application you want to communicate with (Ex. MSAccess), and "Topic" is the name of the particular topic. This command returns a channel number associated with the conversation you are requesting or -1 if the operation fails.

**Example:**

See User's Manual page 54.

***DDEPoke***      ***POKE DDE server***

**Syntax:**                    **DDEPoke(chan,item,val)**

**Description:** This command is used to request the server application to accept an unsolicited data item value. Chan is the channel number returned by DDEInit, item is a string that identifies the data item you wish to send a value a value for, and val is a string containing the value. DDEPoke will return 0 if the server accepted the data item value, 1 otherwise.

**Example:**

See User's Manual page 54.

***DDEReqS***      ***Requests value from DDE server***

**Syntax:**                    **\$var = DDEReqS(chan,\$item)**

**Description:** This command is used to request the server application to provide the value of a data item. \$var is a ProVIEW string variable, chan is the channel number returned by DDEInit, and item is a string that identifies the data item you are requesting the value of.

**Example:**

: See User's Manual page 54.

***DDEReqV***      ***Requests value from DDE server***

**Syntax:**                    **DDEReqV(chan,\$item)**

**Description:** This command is used to request the server application to provide the value of a data item. Syntax : var = DDEReqV(chan, \$item). 'var' is a proVIEW array variable, chan is the channel number returned by DDEInit, and item is a string that identifies the data item you are requesting the value of.

**Example:**

[ready]: See User's Manual page 54.

***DDETerm***      ***close a DDE conversation***

**Syntax:**                    **DDETerm(chan)**

**Description:** This command terminates a conversation. DDETerm(chan) where chan is the number returned by DDEInit.

**Example:**

[ready]: See User's Manual page 54.

***dworld***                    ***draws world contours***

**Syntax:**  
                                 **dworld(latmin::latmax::longmin::longmax,rowdim::coldim)**

**Description:** Generates a rowdimXcoldim image corresponding to the map of the world for the selected range of latitudes and longitudes.

### Example:

```
y = dworld(-90:90::-180:180,180:360)
y = 255-y // negate the image to force white background
view y
```



*else*                    *else conditional*

**Syntax:**                    }else{

**Description:** Used in an **if** loop to specify what to do if the conditional is not met in the **if** statement.

**Example:**        The usage of }else{ in an if statement.

```
x = 0
if(x==1){
    $string = "good"
}else{
    $string = "bad"
}
```

**END**                    *Ends Execution of a Script*

**Syntax:**                    **END** (within a script)

**Description:** Used within a script to end the execution. It is to be placed at the end of the script when to be completed.

*eqindex*                    *Equality Index*

**Syntax:**                    **eqindex(a,b)**

**Description:** Finds the locations of all the elements in an input array which equal a constant value, where ‘a’ is the input array and ‘b’ is the constant scalar quantity. This function returns a (1 x M) complex array, where M is the number of points equal to the specified value and whose array elements contain the coordinates of each point encoded as follows: the real part contains the column index, and the imaginary. part contains row index of the point. If no elements are matched, the value - **1** is returned.

**Example:**        Cases with matches and without are illustrated below.

```
[ready]: x = (0,5,1)
[ready]: eqindex(x,3)
3 + 0i
[ready]: y = eqindex(x,10)
--- NULL ARRAY ---
[ready]: y = eqindex(x,10)
[ready]: y.ncols
0
```

*eqindexS*                    *Equality Index String*

**Syntax:**                    **eqindexS(\$a,\$b)**

**Description:** Finds the locations of all the elements in an input string which equal a defined substring, where ‘\$a’ is the input string and ‘\$b’ is the substring. This function returns a (1 x M) complex array, where M is the number of points equal to the specified value and whose array

elements contain the coordinates of each string position encoded as follows: the real part contains the column index, and the imaginary part contains row index of the location. If no elements are matched, the value **-1** is returned.

**Example:**

```
[ready]:
[ready]: $string = "This is an example to demonstrate the use of eq
[ready]: x = eqindex($string,"de")
[ready]: x

<10^0> X
row 0 =
  22.00- 0.00i
row 1 =
  49.00- 0.00i
[ready]: _
```

***evaltext***                      ***Evaluates a String***

**Syntax:**                      **evaltext \$str**

**Description:** This function allows you to send a string to the MSHELL interpreter for execution. You can use this function to create variable names within a script file.

**Example:**                      The following lines of code illustrate the application.

```
          i = 1
$str = "x>::int2str(i)::"= hammiw(32,32)*255"
evaltext $str
view x1
num = 5
          evaltext "$string = \"This is a very good manual.\""
          $string
```

***exit***                              ***Exit MSHELL/ProVIEW***

**Syntax:**                      **exit**

**Description:** This command will exit the MSHELL Interpreter and confirm if you want to exit the ProVIEW environment and, if so, return you to the host operating system.

***exp***                                  ***Inverse-Natural Logarithm***

**Syntax:**                      **exp(a) or a.exp**

**Description:** Computes the inverse natural logarithm of each array element in 'a', i.e., raise e to the power of each array element. The actual mathematical expression computed is given by,

$$c_{j,i} = e^{a_{j,i}} \quad \text{for all } j, i$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively, and  $e = \ln(1)$ .

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will compute the inverse-logarithm of 'a' and store the result in 'c',

```
[ready]: c = exp(a)
```

***fft***                      ***1-D Fast Fourier Transform***

**Syntax:**                      **fft(a) or a.fft**

**Description:** Computes the one dimensional Fourier transform of the rows of the input array, 'a'. The input as well as the output of this function may be a complex array. Note that the row dimension of the input array must be a power of two.

**Example:**     If 'a' is an input array with dimensions of 64 x 64, then the one dimensional Fourier transform of each row can be computed as, **fft(a)**.

***fft2***                      ***2-D Fast Fourier Transform***

**Syntax:**                      **fft2(a) or a.fft2**

**Description:** Computes the two dimensional Fourier transform of the input array. The input as well as the output of this function may be a complex array. It is expected that the dimensions of the input array are a power of two.

**Example:**     If 'x' is an input array with dimensions of 64 x 64, then its power spectrum in dB can be estimated using the following construction,

$$\text{Power\_spectrum} = 20 * \text{real}(\log_{10}(\text{fft2}(x)))$$

See Also:     spectrum.msf; Appendix B External Function

***fileinfo***                      ***Returns detailed information of a file***

**Syntax:**                      **fileinfo(\$fname)**

**Description:** Returns the size of an existing file in bytes. If the file does not exist it returns **-1**.

***filesize***                      ***Returns the size of a file***

**Syntax:**                      **filesize(\$fname)**

**Description:** Returns the size of an existing file in bytes. If the file does not exist it returns **-1**.

***findfiles***                      ***Locate Files in Directory Structure***

**Syntax:**                      **findfiles(\$path,\$type)**

**Description:** This function can be used to find all files starting at a given directory level, '\$path', and satisfying a matching criteria, '\$type'. The function returns a string with all the files that satisfy the matching criteria.

**Example:** The following returns all files with extension “chr” in c:\proview.

```
[ready]: $str = findfiles("c:\proview","*.chr")
[ready]: $str
c:\proview\IMAGES\EQOHARE.CHR
c:\proview\IMAGES\MANDEL.CHR
c:\proview\IMAGES\MSHELL.CHR
c:\proview\IMAGES\RM000.CHR
```

### *fits\_open\_file*     *Open a fits file*

**Syntax:**                 **handle = fits\_open\_file(\$file\_name, “r”)**

**Description:** Opens a FITS file, and returns a handle for use with reading and writing functions. The second parameter specifies reading (“r”) or writing (“w”)

**Example:**

```
[ready]:handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: handle
1
```

### *fits\_get\_num\_hdus*     *Returns the number of HDUs*

**Syntax:**                 **num\_of\_hdus = fits\_get\_num\_hdus(handle)**

**Description:** Returns the number of HDU (Header and Data Unit) from a previously opened fits file. Note that an HDU may consist entirely of a header with no data records.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: num_of_hdus = fits_get_num_hdus(handle)
[ready]: num_of_hdus
2
```

### *fits\_movabs\_hdu*     *Moves to a specified hdu number*

**Syntax:**                 **hdu\_type = fits\_movabs\_hdu(handle,hdu\_number)**

**Description:** Moves to the specified hdu\_number, so hdu\_number is less or equal to num\_of\_hdus. HDU type:

IMAGE\_HDU 0 /\*Primary Array or IMAGE HDU\*/

ASCII\_TBL 1 /\*ASCII table HDU \*/

BINARY\_TBL 2 /\*Binary table HDU \*/

### Example:

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: num_of_hdus = fits_get_num_hdus(handle) // num_of_hdus = 2
[ready]: HDU_type = fits_movabs_hdu(handle,1)
[ready]: HDU_type
0
```

### *fits\_get\_hdu\_type Returns type number of current HDU*

**Syntax:** `type_num = fits_get_hdu_type(handle)`

**Description:** Returns the type number of current HDU. The possible types are:

IMAGE\_HDU 0 /\*Primary Array or IMAGE HDU\*/

ASCII\_TBL 1 /\*ASCII table HDU \*/

BINARY\_TBL 2 /\*Binary table HDU \*/

### Example:

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: type_num = fits_get_hdu_type(handle)
[ready]: type_num // note that
0
```

### *fits\_get\_num\_keywords - Returns # of existing keywords*

**Syntax:** `num_keywords = fits_get_num_keywords(handle)`

**Description:** Returns the number of existing keywords (not counting END keyword).

### Example:

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: num_keywords = fits_get_num_keywords(x)
[ready]: num_keywords
738
```

### *fits\_read\_keyn\_name Returns keyname for a keynumber*

**Syntax:** `$keyname = fits_read_keyn_name(handle,keynum)`

**Description:** Returns a string \$keyname for the key number keynum . Note that keynum can not exceed the number of existing keywords.

### Example:

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: num_keywords = fits_get_num_keywords(handle)
[ready]: $keyname = fits_read_keyn_name(handle,keynum) //keynum <= 738
[ready]: $keyname // from previous example num_keywords is 738
TTYPE173 // for keynum = 647
```

*fits\_read\_keyn\_value*      *Returns a keyvalue*

**Syntax:**      \$keyvalue = fits\_read\_keyn\_value(handle,keynum)

**Description:** Returns a string \$keyvalue for the key number keynum. Note that keynum can not exceed the number of existing keywords.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ","fits")
[ready]: num_keywords = fits_get_num_keywords(handle)
[ready]: $keyvalue = fits_read_keyn_value(handle,keynum) //keynum <= 738
[ready]: $keyvalue                    // from previous example num_keywords is 738
'unf_level_1_safing_flg'            // for keynum = 647
```

*fits\_read\_keyn\_comment*      *Returns keyword comment*

**Syntax:**      \$keycomment =  
fits\_read\_keyn\_comment(handle,keynum)

**Description:** Returns keyword comment \$keycomment for the key number keynum. Note that keynum can not exceed the number of existing keywords..

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ","fits")
[ready]: num_keywords = fits_get_num_keywords(handle)
[ready]: $keycomment=fits_read_keyn_comment(handle,keynum) //keynum<= 738
[ready]: $keycomment            //from previous example num_keywords is 738
label for field 173            // for keynum = 647
```

*fits\_read\_keyword\_value*      *Returns Key value*

**Syntax:**      \$keyvalue =  
fits\_read\_keyword\_value(handle,\$keyname)

**Description:** Returns a string \$keyvalue for an existing name \$keyname . **Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ","fits")
[ready]: $keyname = fits_read_keyn_name(handle,keynum) //keynum = 647
[ready]: $keyvalue = fits_read_keyword_value(x,$keyname)
[ready]: $keyvalue
'unf_level_1_safing_flg'
```

*fits\_read\_keyword\_comment*      *Returns Keyword comment*

**Syntax:**      \$keycomment=  
fits\_read\_keyword\_comment(handle,\$keyname)

**Description:** Returns keyword comment string for \$keyname.

**Example:**      The following MSHELL statement will compute the....

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: $keyname=fits_read_keyword_name(handle, keynum) //keynum = 647
[ready]: $keycomment = fits_read_keyword_comment(handle, $keyname)
[ready]: $keycomment
label for field 173
```

***fits\_get\_size***      ***Returns the # of rows and columns***

**Syntax:**                    **size = fits\_get\_size(handle)**

**Description:** Returns the number of rows and columns in the current FITS file. Size(0,0) = number of rows and Size(0,1) = number of columns.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: size = fits_get_size(handle)
[ready]: size
      124.0      195.0
```

***fits\_get\_colnum***      ***Returns the column # of a fits file***

**Syntax:**                    **colinfo = fits\_get\_colnum(handle, \$template\_name)**

**Description:** Returns a vector of columns, and a string list in colinfo.text of colnames (newline separated) if more than one column match the pattern. \$template\_name is the exact name of the column to be searched for, or it may contain a wild card character(\*,?, or #), or it may contain the integer number of the desired column ( with the first column = 1 ).

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: colinfo = fits_get_colnum(x, "met")
[ready]: colinfo
1
```

***fits\_get\_coltype***      ***Returns the column type***

**Syntax:**                    **coltype = fits\_get\_coltype(handle, colnum)**

**Description:** Returns the column type number, repeat count (vector columns). Returns 1x3 vector

Coltype(0,0) = column type number

Coltype(0,1) = repeat count

Coltype(0,2) = width

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")
[ready]: coltype = fits_get_coltype(handle, 1) // first column
[ready]: coltype
      41.0      1.0      4.0
```

***fits\_read\_col\_values***      ***Reads column values***

**Syntax:**            **coldata =**  
**fits\_read\_col\_values(handle,col,firstrow,firstelem,melem) or**  
                         **coldata =**  
**fits\_read\_col\_values(handle,col,firstrow,num\_rows) or**  
                         **coldata = fits\_read\_col\_values(handle,col)**

**Description:** Reads the column values starting with firstrow, firstelem, and continuing for nelem (crossing into new rows if needed). The coldata output will always be a 1xN vector using this form. Even if the column is a vector.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")  
[ready]: coldata=fits_read_col_values(handle,col,firstrow,firstelem,melem)
```

***fits\_read\_col\_str***      ***Reads column strings***

**Syntax:**            **\$coldstr =**  
**fits\_read\_col\_str(handle,col,firstrow,firstelem,melem) or**  
                         **\$coldstr =**  
**fits\_read\_col\_str(handle,col,firstrow,num\_rows) or**  
                         **\$coldstr = fits\_read\_col\_str(handle,col)**

**Description:** Reads the column values converted to strings starting with firstrow, firstelem, and continuing for nelem (crossing into new rows if needed). The coldata output will always be a 1xN vector using this form. Even if the column is a vector.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: handle = fits_open_file("C:/NXEROS_0001/XRS00053.FIT ", "fits")  
[ready]: colstr = fits_read_col_str(handle,col,firstrow,firstelem,melem)
```

***fits\_close\_file***      ***closes a fits file***

**Syntax:**            **status = fits\_close\_file(handle)**

**Description:** Closes a previously open fits file.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: status = fits_close_file(handle)    // handle = 1 ( from the  
previous example )  
[ready]: status  
0
```

***FLEVEL***                      ***internal keyword to MSHELL***

**Syntax:**

**Description:** internal keyword used by MSHELL

***float2str***                      ***Convert Float Number to a String***

**Syntax:**                      **float2str(a)**

**Description:** Converts the input scalar to a float number and then to a string.

***floor***                              ***Floor of Input Array***

**Syntax:**                      **floor(a)** or **a.floor**

**Description:** For each element in ‘a’ compute the largest integer not greater than that element, i.e. returns the Greatest Integer Value for each element of the array.

**Example:**                      The following illustrates the function.

```
[ready]: floor(3.3::4.5)
row 0 =
   3.0   4.0
```

***fmod***                              ***Floating-Point Modulus***

**Syntax:**                      **fmod(a,b)**

**Description:** Compute the floating point modulus of every element in the input array.

**Example:**                      The following illustrates the function.

```
[ready]: a = (4,6,1)            // create row vector
[ready]: fmod(a+.5,3)
row 0 =
   1.50   2.50   0.50
```

***free***                              ***Free Variable from Memory***

**Syntax:**                      **free a b ... c**

**Description:** Used to erase a list of already defined variables from memory; also have **free all**, **free plot[#] plot[#] ... plot[#]**. The variable list can contain array variables or string variables. To erase all variables from memory use **free all**. As you delete image variables the total memory available will increase. However, the amount of memory increase may not correspond directly to the size of the object just released. This is due to the fact that MSHELL can have two different variable names sharing the same array structure in memory as long as they have an identical content. To erase all of the variables in the current function’s scope only, use **free local**.

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***gauss***                      ***N-Dimensional Gaussian Density***

**Syntax:**                      **gauss(a,invcov,det)**

**Description:** Given a covariance matrix, this function evaluates the Zero Mean Multi-Dimensional Gaussian Density Function. The gaussian density function is evaluated for each column vector in 'a'.

The actual mathematical expression evaluated for each column vector in 'a' is,

$$Zx_c = \frac{1}{[2\pi]^{N/2} \cdot |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} x_c' \Sigma^{-1} x_c\right),$$

where:  $\Sigma$  is the covariance matrix of the Gaussian density function with dimensions N x N (N is the dimension of the columns in 'a');  $x_c$  is a column vector in the input array (the function is evaluated for each column in 'x');  $\Sigma^{-1}$  is the matrix inverse of the covariance matrix; and  $|\Sigma|$  is the determinant of the covariance matrix.

The output of this function is a row vector of length equal to number of columns present in the input array 'a'.

***geclipto***                      ***Greater or Equal Clip to***

**Syntax:**                      **geclipto(a,tval,newval)**

**Description:** Set all the values in the input array greater than or equal to a selected threshold to a new desired value, where, 'a' is the input array, 'tval' is the threshold value, and 'newval' is the desired new value.

**Example:**                      The following illustrates the operation.

```
[ready]: x = (0,3,1)
x
row0 =
0.00  1.00  2.00  3.00
[ready]: y = geclipto(x,2,999)
0.00  1.00  999.00  999.00
```

***geindex***                      ***Greater than or Equal Index***

**Syntax:**                      **geindex(a,b)**

**Description:** Similar to **eqindex**, but it returns an index to all elements in 'a' greater or equal than 'b'.

**Example:**                      The following illustrates the operation.

```
[ready]: a = geo(-2,8)
[ready]: geindex(a,16)
row 0 =
4.00-  0.00i  6.00-  0.00i
```

## *geo*                      **Geometric Series**

**Syntax:**                      **geo(a,n)**

**Description:** Generates a vector whose elements are the first 'n' terms of the geometric series of the input scalar, 'a'. It is expected that 'a' be a real or complex scalar. Mathematically, **geo(a,n)** generates the row vector,

$$(a^0 \quad a^1 \quad \Lambda \quad a^{n-1})$$

**Example:**                      The following illustrates the operation.

```
[ready]: geo(-2,8)
row 0 =
  1.00 -2.00  4.00 -8.00 16.00 -32.00 64.00 -128.00
```

## **Geo2Cart**                      **Geographic to Cartographic conversion**

**Syntax:**                      **out = Geo2Cart(lgrid,pcontrol)**

**Description:** This function converts from geographic coordinates to cartographic coordinates. Geo2Cart, makes direct use of a DLL based on the Cartographic Projection Program (developed by U.S. Geological Survey) version 4.4.3,

See *Cartographic Projection Procedures for the UNIX Environment--- A User's Manual*, (Evdenden, 1990, Open-file report 90-284).

A web reference can be found at: <http://www.remotesensing.org/proj/>

**The inputs are** to this ProVIEW function are:

**lgrid** –complex array with latitude (imaginary part) and longitude values in degrees.

**pcontrol** – used to control the cartographic projection as described in the USGS projection software. Use pcontrol=1 for forward projection (from geographic to cartographic), or -1 for inverse projection.

Pcontrol.text contains all the detail controlling parameters for the mapping transformation. It follows the USGS Cartographic Projection Program syntax.

**The output are:**

out     - complex array with corresponding cartographic values. Real part has x-component, and imaginary part has y-component.

**Example:** This function is more easily accessible using the external function script called 'geo2cart.msf'. The script acts as a wrapper around Geo2Cart.

```
// EXAMPLE START
// generate test matrix of geographic data points
[g]=cgrid[-180,180,-90,90,1,1]
gr      = g.real
gi      = g.imag
view   gr
view   gi
wfile

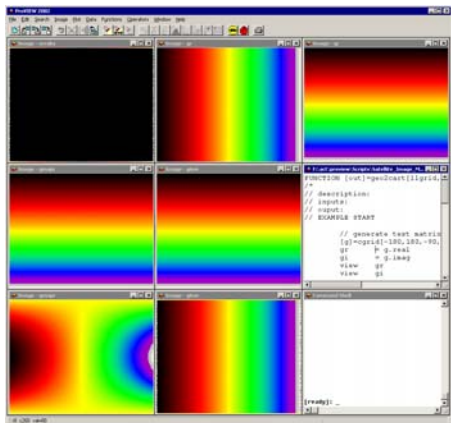
// construct controlling parameters for the mapping transformation
$LF      = "\n"
$control = "proj=sinu"           ::$LF::           \
          "ellps=clrk66"       ::$LF::           \
          "lat_0=00"           ::$LF::           \
          "lon_0=00"           ::$LF::           \
          "no_defs"

cntl     = 1 // forward transformation
cntl.text = $control
[gmpr]   = geo2cart[g,cntl]
gmpr     = gmpr.real
gmpr     = gmpr.imag
view gmpr
view gmpr

cntl     = -1 // inverse transformation
cntl.text = $control
[ginvr]  = geo2cart[gmpr,cntl]
ginvr    = ginvr.real
ginvr    = ginvr.imag
view ginvr
view ginvr
errabs   = abs(g-ginvr)

view errabs
wfile

// EXAMPLE END
```



Additional Information:

## Additional Documentation

[OF90-284.pdf \(2.7MB\)](#): The main users manual for PROJ; (it dates from PROJ.3) while - the addendums [PROJ.4.3.pdf \(1MB\)](#), [PROJ.4.3.I2.pdf \(2MB\)](#), and [SWISS.pdf \(78KB\)](#) contain important additional information.

[proj](#) command manpage.

The [Projections List](#) page on the GeoTIFF site includes information on how to describe many common projections with PROJ.4 command arguments.

Pointer to FTP site where software was downloaded from:

<ftp://ftp.remotesensing.org/pub/proj/>

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***getenv***                      ***Get Environment Variable***

**Syntax:**                      **getenv(\$string)**

**Description:** Returns a string which is the currently held value for the \$string passed in parenthesis. This \$string is the environment variable for which information is to be retrieved.

```
[ready]: getenv("PATH")
C:\WINNT40\SYSTEM32;
```

***getline***                      ***Finds Line Matching String Pattern***

**Syntax:**                      **getline(\$str,\$pattern)**

**Description:** Given a string variable, \$str, this function can be used to find the line where the string \$pattern appears for the first time.

**Example:**                      The following example illustrates the function.

```
[ready]: $a = "Now \n is the \n time \n for all..."
[ready]: $a
Now
  is the
  time
  for all...
[ready]: line = getline($a,"time")
[ready]: $b = $a(line,:)
[ready]: $b
time
```

***getpos***                      ***Finds String Position Within a Line***

**Syntax:**                      **getpos(\$str,\$pattern)**

**Descriptio**                      Given a string variable, \$str, this function can be used to find the position within a line where the string \$pattern appears for the first time.

**Example:**                      The following example illustrates the function.

```
[ready]: $a = "Now \n is the \n time \n for all..."
[ready]: $b = $a(2,:)
[ready]: $b
time
[ready]: getpos($b,"i")
2
[ready]: getpos($b,"e")
4
```

***getshpinfo***      ***Returns an array of information of a shapefile***

**Syntax:** info = getshpinfo(\$filename)

**Description:** This function returns an array of information about the shapefile, the description of the output follows file\_cd=9994,file\_lgth,version,shape\_type,xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax) .

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will compute the....

```
[ready]: getshpinfo("c:\\temp\\file.shp")
[ready]:
```

***gmtimenow***      ***Returns the current GMT time***

**Syntax:**      gmtimenow()

**Description:** Returns the GreenWich mean time. Specifically it returns the year, the month, the day, the hour, the minute, the second.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: gmtimenow()
[ready]:2001 12 21 20 33 11 5 355 0
```

***gtclipto***      ***Greater than Clip to***

**Syntax:**      gtclipto(a,tval,newval)

**Description:** Set all the values in the input array above a selected threshold to a new desired value, where 'a' is the input array, 'tval' is the threshold value, and 'newval' is the desired new value.

**Example:** The following illustrates the operation.

```
[ready]: x = (0,3,1)
x
row0 =
0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00
[ready]: y = gtclipto(x,2,999)
0.00 1.00 2.00 999.00
```

***gtindex***      ***Greater than Index***

**Syntax:**      gtindex(a,b)

**Description:** Similar to eqindex, but it returns an index to all elements in 'a' greater than 'b'.

**Example:** The following illustrates the operation.

```
[ready]: a = geo(-2,8)
[ready]: a
1.00 -2.00 4.00 -8.00 16.00 -32.00 64.00 -128.00
[ready]: gtindex(a,8)
4 + 0i 6 + 0i
```

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### *hammiw*                    *Hamming Window*

**Syntax:**                    **hammiw**(n [,m] )

**Description:** Generates a 1-D or 2-D Hamming Window, where the *n*th element in the Hamming Window, is defined as,

$$w_n = 0.54 - 0.46 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot n\right), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$$

This window has side lobes in the frequency domain of -43dB. Note, the Hamming Window is a special case of the Blackman-Harris Window. The syntax for generation of a row vector containing the 1-D, *n* element Hamming Window is, **hammiw**(*n*), and the syntax for generating the 2-D *n* x *m* element Hamming Window is, **hammiw**(*n,m*). This 2-D array is equivalent to the MSHELL construction:

```
hammiw(n)' * hammiw(m)
```

**Example:** Let 'a' be an array with dimensions that are a power of two. The following MSHELL command will multiply the array 'a' with a 2-D Hamming Window, followed by the 2-D FFT,

```
fft2(hammiw(nrows(a), ncols(a)) *. a)
```

### *help*                        *Invokes the Help Utility*

**Syntax:**                    **help** [topic]

**Description:** You can invoke the help utility directly from the command line. An optional topic argument can be provided to search for help on that topic.

**Example:** For help on the **cos** function, type from the command line,

```
help cos
```

### *heqlut*                      *Histogram Equalization LUT*

**Syntax:**                    **heqlut**(a) or a.**heqlut**

**Description:** Computes the 256 entry (8 bit) look-up-table (or intensity transformation) which when applied to the input image, 'a', will result in a more uniform distribution of intensity value.

**Example:** An image *x* can be subjected to the **heqlut** intensity transformation, prior to display, using the following MSHELL instructions,

```
wcolut3 = ones(1,3)*heqlut(X)
select wcolut3;
```

Note that selecting `wcolut3` does not change the content of the actual image in memory, only the way that it is displayed.

### *hist* **Histogram Generator**

**Syntax:** `hist(a,amin,amax,n)`

**Description:** This is a general purpose histogram generation subroutine. It performs a histogram value of the element in the source input array. The elements on the input array are first transformed by a linear equation which determines the range of the data to histogram, and the number of bins on that range, where 'a' is the input array, 'amin' and 'amax' are the extreme values, and 'n' is the number of levels over which the input will be grouped. This function is particularly useful with floating point data, while "**hist255**", below, is optimized for integer data in the range of 0 to 255.

### *hist255* **Histogram of 8 bit data**

**Syntax:** `hist255(a)` or `a.hist255`

**Description:** Generate a histogram of the distribution of intensity values in the input array. The data values within the input array must assume only integer values in the range of 0 to 255 inclusive. The returned vector has 256 entries; where a k positive value in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  -1 entry implies there were k elements in the input array which assumed the  $i^{\text{th}}$  value.

**Example:** The following is a typical application.

```
[ready]:x = reada("eqohare.chr","char");  
[ready]: plot(hist255(x))
```

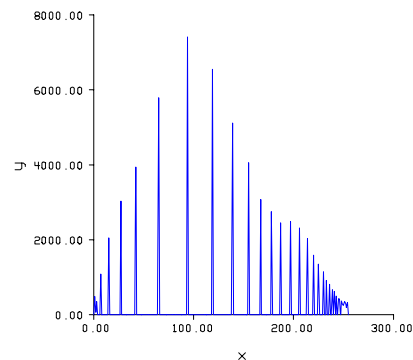


Figure 3

### *hyplut* **Hyperbolic Histogram LUT**

**Syntax:** `hyplut(a,imin,imax)`

**Description:** Computes the 256 entries (8bit) look-up-table (or intensity transformation) which when applied to the input image will result in a hyperbolic distribution of intensity values. The input arguments are: the input image, 'a' and the intensity limits 'imin' and 'imax', respectively, the minimum and the maximum values that any intensity value in 'a' can be map to. Both 'imin' and 'imax' must be between 0 and 255 inclusive. It is expected that the input image is representative of an image with 8 bits/pixel.

An advantage of using a hyperbolic lut is that it accounts for the assumed logarithmic or cube root response of the photoreceptors of the human eye model, resulting in a perceived more uniform distribution of intensity values. The actual intensity mapping utilized has the following mathematical representation:

$$hyplut(k) = i_{\min} \cdot \left( \frac{k_{\max}}{k_{\min}} \right)^{\sum_{j=0}^k P_a(j)}$$

$$P_a(j) = \text{hist255}(a)/(a.\text{rows}*a.\text{ncols})$$

***iboxlist***                      ***Input Box List***

**Syntax:**                      **iboxlist(b)**

**Description:** This is used to create an input box on the screen with a list of various options. It allows one to modify various options in a table.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will create a 4x4 identity array in memory,

```
[title = "System Variables Editor"
$ilist = ""
$item = "M_cwd ="
$itemdesc = "Sets the current working directory.\r\n" \\
           ::"M_cwd = \"c:\\directory\"
$itemval = M_cwd
[list] = add2list[$ilist,$item,$itemdesc,$itemval]
$ilist = list.text

$list = iboxlist($title,40,$ilist)
```

***idct8x8***                      ***Inverse Discrete Cosine Transform***

**Syntax:**                      **idct8x8(b)**

**Description:** Used to perform the inverse discrete cosine transform on an array "b" which is the DCT of a previous function. The resultant will be identical to the original array previous to the creation of "b", except for small errors resulting from computer roundoff errors.

***ident***                              ***Generate an Identity Array***

**Syntax:**                      **ident(n)**

**Description:** Create an N x N array in memory in which the main diagonal elements are set to value +1 and all off diagonal elements are set to zero.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will create a 4x4 identity array in memory,

```
[ready]: ident(4)
row 0 =
  1.00   0.00   0.00   0.00
row 1 =
  0.00   1.00   0.00   0.00
row 2 =
  0.00   0.00   1.00   0.00
row 3 =
  0.00   0.00   0.00   1.00
```

## ***If***                      ***If Conditional***

**Syntax:**        *if(expression){*  
                              *statements*  
                              *}*

**or**

*if(expression){*  
                              *statements*  
                              *}else{*  
  *statements*  
                              *}*

**Description:** This condition is used to execute the statements if the expression is considered true.

## ***ifft***                      ***Inverse 1-D FFT***

**Syntax:**                      ***ifft(a)*** or ***a.ifft***

**Description:** Compute the one dimensional inverse Fourier transform of the input array. It is expected that the row dimension of the input array is a power of two. Note that the output of this operation is a complex array.

## ***ifft2***                      ***Inverse 2-D FFT***

**Syntax:**                      ***ifft2(a)*** or ***a.ifft2***

**Description:** Compute the two dimensional inverse Fourier transform of the input array. It is expected that the dimensions of the input array are powers of two. Note that the output of this operation is a complex array.

## ***imag***                      ***Imaginary Part***

**Syntax:**                      ***imag(a)*** or ***a.imag***

**Description:** For a complex input array, extract the imaginary part for each element in the array.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will extract the imaginary part of the 2D Fourier Transform of 'a', and store the result in 'c',

```
[ready]: c = imag( fft2(a) )
```

### ***img2contour***      ***Create a contour image***

**Syntax:**                    **img2contour**(image, levels # graylevel)

**Description:** Generates an output contour from the input image. The levels are a row vector describing the contour steps desired, and the graylevel is a row vector describing the value to use when drawing the contour line.

### ***include***                    ***Invoke an MSHELL Script File***

**Syntax:**                    **include** "fname"

**Description:** A file with a sequence of MSHELL commands can be invoked at any time through the use of the include command, where "fname" is the name of the script file to be executed.

**Example:**      Given an MSHELL script file named 'test.msh', the MSHELL instructions contained in the file can be executed by simply typing: **include** "test" or **include** "test.msh".

In the first case above, the extension ".msh" was not included in the argument. In that case MSHELL will try to open the file 'test', if that fails it will try again after adding the extension '.msh'. The system variable M\_path establishes which directories, in addition to the present directory, are to be searched.

**See Also:**      "M\_

### ***include system files***                    ***System Script Files***

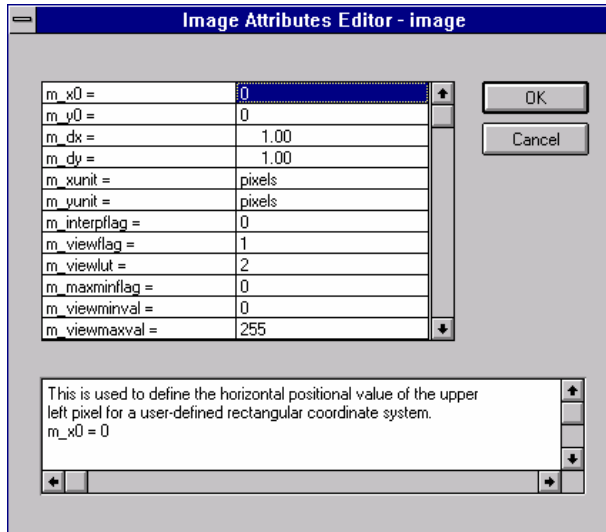
**Syntax :**                    include "file2pds.msh"

**Description:** This script file is used to convert an existing image file to a PDS image file whereby the new image file now contains a keyed header.

**Syntax:**                    include "imgedit.msh"

**Description:** This script file is used for the editing of image files. It is the same script which is called when one uses the "Image | Edit Image Attributes" menu.

**Example:**



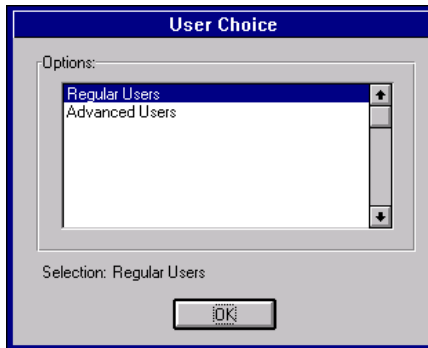
**Syntax :** include "img2pds.msh"

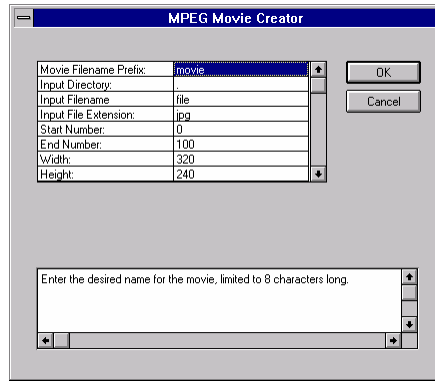
**Description:** This script file is used to convert open images to PDS images whereby the new image now contains a keyed header.

**Syntax :** include "mpeg.msh"

**Description:** This script file is used for the creation of MPEG movies from a group of existing similar image files. This script prompts the user for any needed information and gives the capability of advanced functions or beginner use.

**Example:**

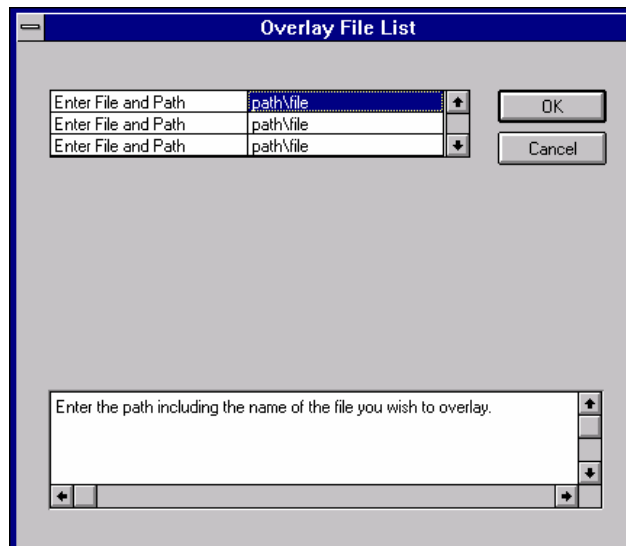
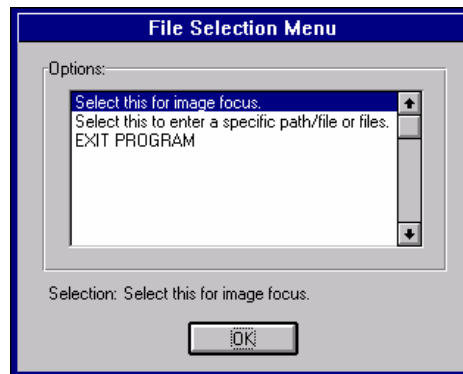




**Syntax :** include “pdsmap.msh”

**Description:** This script file is used to map several or just one PDS formatted image onto a lat-long annotated grid.

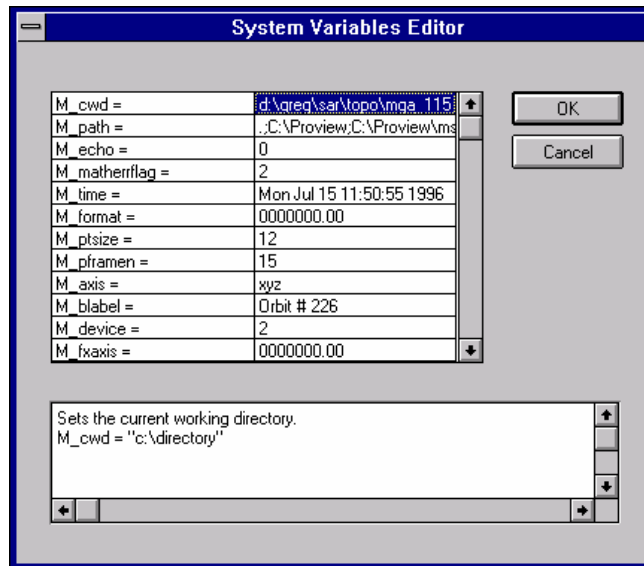
**Example:**



**Syntax :** include “sysedit.msh”

**Description:** This script file is used to convert existing images to PDS image files whereby the now contained a keyed header.

**Example:**



*index*                      *Index of Non-Zero Elements*

**Syntax:**                      **index(a,b)**

**Description:** Similar to **eqindex**, but it returns an index to all elements different than zero.

**Example:**                      The following illustrates the indexing.

```
[ready]: a = (-2,2,2,2)
row 0 =
-2.00  0.00  2.00
row 1 =
-2.00  0.00  2.00
[ready]: index(a)
row 0 =
  0.00 -0.00i   2.00 -0.00i   0.00 +1.00i   2.00 +1.00i
```

*input use input from user and assigns to a variable*

**Syntax:**                      **input a**

**Description:** Pauses for input from console (does not work in GUI ProVIEW, only console MSHELL), then assigns the input value to a.

### ***inputbox***                    ***Prompt User for Input***

**Syntax:**                    **inputbox(prompt, title, default)**

**Description:** Prompts for input through a dialog box, where all the input arguments are strings. This function returns a string which can be convert to a number. **See Also:**        **str2int** and **str2float**

**Example:**        The following illustrates the instructions and the Dialog Box.

```
[ready]: inputbox( "enter new value", "INPUT MENU", "1")
```

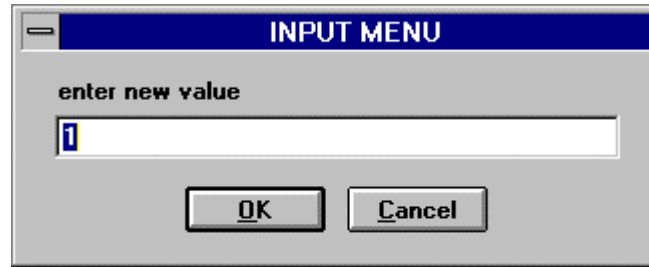


Figure 4

### ***inputfocus***    ***Array Variable with Current Focus***

**Syntax:**                    **x = inputfocus**

**Description:** Sets the defined variable equal to the variable whose window currently has focus.

### ***int***                            ***Integer part***

**Syntax:**                    **int(a) or a.int**

**Description:** Computes the integer part for each element in the input array, 'a'.

### ***int2str***                    ***Convert an Integer to a String***

**Syntax:**                    **int2str(a)**

**Description:** Converts the input scalar to an integer number and then to a string.

### ***invn***                            ***Inverse of an Array***

**Syntax:**                    **invn(a)**

**Description:** Computes the inverse of matrix "a", so that "a" multiplied by its inverse equals the identity matrix.

### ***itoa***                            ***Integer to Ascii***

**Syntax:**                    **itoa(x)**

**Description:** Converts the integer 'x' to a string.

***ladd2groi***    ***Local Add to Groi***

**Syntax:**                    **ladd2groi(groi1,groi2)**

**Description:** This is used to add two local generalized regions of interest together.

***leclipto***                    ***Lower or Equal Clip to***

**Syntax:**                    **leclipto(a,tval,newval)**

**Description:** Set all the values in the input array, 'a', that are less than or equal to a selected threshold value, 'tval', to a new desired value, 'newval'.

**Example:**                The following illustrates the operation.

```
[ready]: a = randu(1,7)
[ready]: a
row 0 =
  0.43  0.43  0.57  0.09  0.78  0.56  0.74
[ready]: leclipto(a,.50,1)
row 0 =
  1.00  1.00  0.57  1.00  0.78  0.56  0.74
```

***leindex***                    ***Lower or Equal Index***

**Syntax:**                    **leindex(a,b)**

**Description:** Similar to **eqindex** , but returns an index to all elements in 'a' lower than or equal to 'b'.

**Example:**                Using the array 'a', previously defined in **leclipto**,

```
[ready]: a = randu(1,7)
[ready]: leindex(a,.5)
row 0 =
  0.00  -0.00i  1.00  -0.00i  3.00  -0.00i
```

***linterp***                    ***Linear Interpolation***

**Syntax:**                    **linterp(f,x)**

**Description:** Linearly interpolates between data points located on a one dimensional grid. The function argument, 'f', is a 1-dimensional row vector with an assumed interpixel distance of 1 along the axis, i.e. the element values of 'f' can be considered the ordinate values for some function over a set of increasing (or decreasing) abscissa values. The argument 'x' is a real 1-Dimensional row vector containing values of the abscissa for which ordinate values are to be linearly interpolated. For every point that extrapolation is attempted the result is set to zero.

**Example:**                The following two examples illustrate the function.

```

[ready]: f = hammiw(1,4)
[ready]: f
(10^0) X
row 0 =
    0.01    0.04    0.08    0.04    // assumed abscissa values of: 0, 1, 2, 3
[ready]: x = (-1,7,1) * 0.5
[ready]: x
-0.50    0.00    0.50    1.00    1.50    2.00    2.50    3.00    3.50
[ready]: linterp(f,x)
    0.00    0.01    0.02    0.04    0.06    0.08    0.06    0.04    0.00
[ready]: y = 0.2
[ready]: linterp(f,y)
    0.01376

```

***load***            ***Loads saved arrays or strings from a file***

**Syntax:**            **load \$savefile**

**Description:** Loads arrays or strings from the \$savefile.

**See Also:**        **save**

***loadDLL***            ***Loads a DLL for Execution***

**Syntax:**            **loadDLL(\$pathname)**

**Description:** Used to load a DLL for later execution using callDLL. The path and name of the DLL must be passed as a string.

**Example:**        The following will load the “delaunay.dll”. Notice that the path to this file has also been included.

```

[ready]: loadDLL("c:/proview/bin/delaunay.dll")

```

***LOCAL***            ***Declare a locally scoped variable***

**Syntax:**            **LOCAL my\_array**

**Description:** Declares a variable local to the MSF function. Only necessary when in the LOCALOFF mode.

***LOCALON***            ***Turn on locally scoped variables***

**Syntax:**            **LOCALON**

**Description:** Used in an MSF function. Variables referenced after this command will **NOT** affect top level variables, but will reference local function variables. By default MSF functions are in the LOCALON state.

***LOCALOFF***            ***Turn off locally scoped variables***

**Syntax:**            **LOCALOFF**

**Description:** Used in an MSF function. Variables referenced after this command will affect variables defined outside of the local function,

instead of referencing local function variables. Use with caution!! By default MSF functions are in the LOCALON state.

### ***localtimenow***      ***Local Time Now***

**Syntax:**                      **localtimenow()**

**Description:** Returns the current system time as a column vector. Columns 0-5 correspond to year,month,day,hour,minute,second. Column 6 is the day of the week (Sunday=0). Column 7 is the Julian day.

**Example:**      Can the the vector 'a' equal to the system time via the following

```
[ready]: a = localtimenow()
[ready]: a
row 0 = 2002.00      3.00      27.00      17.00      13.00      32.00      3.00      86.00
         0.00
```

### ***log***                      ***Natural Logarithm***

**Syntax:**                      **log(a)** or **a.log**

**Description:** Computes the natural logarithm of each array element. The actual mathematical expression computed is given by,

$$c_{j,i} = \log(a_{j,i}) \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively.

The **Log** of zero is not defined and will generate an error, where as the **Log** of a negative number will generate a complex number.

**Example:**      The following MSHELL statement will compute the natural logarithm of 'a' and store the result in 'c',

```
[ready]: c = log(a)
```

### ***log10***                      ***Base 10 Logarithm***

**Syntax:**                      **log10(a)** or **a.log10**

**Description:** Compute the base 10 logarithm of each array element. The **Log10** of zero is not defined and will generate an error, whereas the **Log10** of a negative number will generate a complex number. The actual mathematical expression computed is given by,

$$c_{j,i} = \log_{10}(a_{j,i}) \quad \text{for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively.

**Example:**      The following MSHELL statement will compute the base 10 logarithm of 'a' and store the result in 'c',

```
[ready]: c = log10(a)
```

***ltclip***                      ***Lower than Clip to***

**Syntax:**                      **ltclip(a,tval,newval)**

**Description:** Set all the values in the input array, 'a', below a selected threshold value, 'tval', to a new desired value, 'newval'.

**Example:**                      Using the array 'a', previously defined in **leclip**,

```
[ready]: ltclip(a,0.5,.02)
row 0 =
  0.20  0.20  0.57  0.20  0.78  0.56  0.74
```

***lthresh***                      ***Less than Threshold***

**Syntax:**                      **lthresh(a,b)**

**Description:** This sets all values within "a" which are less than the threshold "b" equal to the threshold.

***ltindex***                      ***Lower Index***

**Syntax:**                      **ltindex(a,b)**

**Description:** Similar to **eqindex**, but it returns an index to all elements in 'a' lower than 'b'.

**Example:**                      Using the array 'a', previously defined in **leclip**,

```
[ready]: ltindex(a,.5)
row 0 =
  0.00-  0.00i  1.00-  0.00i  3.00-  0.00i
```

## - M -

### *M\_ System Variables*

**Description:** System variables are used to control different functions within the MSHELL environment. Some of the MSHELL system variables are strings while others are numbers. All system variables are prefixed by 'M\_'. For example, to initialize the x-axis label to the string "Time" use, **M\_xlabel = "Time"**.

Note that system string variables do not required the '\$' symbol normally associated with user defined string variables. System variables can be read into other user defined variables, e.g. \$message = **M\_xlabel**, is a legal construction.

Approximately three quarters of the system variables are used in controlling the **plot** and **plot3d** function output.

The following list categorize and describes the various the system variables.

See **include system files** in this section for **sysedit.msh** which allows the user to change all system variables at one time from a table. Also, under the Edit menu one can find the Edit System Variables item which calls sysedit.msh.

#### **Plot Related Variables**

<b>M_axis</b>	When using <b>plot3d</b> you can control if a numeric axis is drawn or not using the <b>M_axis</b> string; (string variable). If <b>M_axis</b> is set to "xyz" all the axis will be drawn. If x,y, or z is omitted from the string the corresponding axis is also omitted.
<b>M_blabel</b>	Bottom label used in plots; (string variable).
<b>M_device</b>	Output plot device, values: 0 = DT2861/AL860HRG, 1 = plot file format, 2 = Windows Screen (default)
<b>M_fxaxis</b>	Used to control the number of digits used in the x-axis, see <b>M_format</b> for more information.
<b>M_fyaxis</b>	Similar to <b>M_fxaxis</b> but for the y-axis.
<b>M_fzaxis</b>	Similar to <b>M_fxaxis</b> but for the z-axis.
<b>M_hidden</b>	If set to 0 hidden line removal will not be used in <b>plot3d</b> ; default value is 1 (use hidden line removal).

<b>M_holdx</b>	Sets axis display: if 0 display is the extent of the data, if 1 display is limited by <b>M_xmin</b> and <b>M_xmax</b>
<b>M_holdy</b>	Similar to <b>M_holdx</b> but for y.
<b>M_holdz</b>	Similar to <b>M_holdx</b> but for z.
<b>M_linetype</b>	Sets plot line type style. Valid line styles are: 0, for symbol; 1, for solid line; and 2, for spikes.
<b>M_panel</b>	If set to 1 a side panel will be used in the <b>plot3d</b> ; default value is 0.
<b>M_phi1</b>	Select rotation around z axis in <b>3dplot</b> : values range between <b>-90</b> and <b>90</b> (degrees).
<b>M_phi2</b>	Select out of plane angle in <b>3dplot</b> : values range between <b>-90</b> and <b>90</b> (degrees).
<b>M_tlabel</b>	Title label; (string variable).
<b>M_xdir</b>	If set to 0 only the lines of constant x values will appear in a <b>plot3d</b> ; default value is 1.
<b>M_xlabel</b>	X axis label; (string variable).
<b>M_xlog</b>	Log scale of x-axis, valid values are 0, 1, 2, or 3. If set to: 0 the option is disabled; 1, 2, or 3 yield logarithmic scaling with increasing resolution; applicable to <b>plot</b> only.
<b>M_xmax</b>	Set maximum x-axis value, use <b>M_holdx</b> = 0 to cancel, <b>M_holdx</b> = 1 to restore.
<b>M_xmin</b>	Set minimum x-axis value, use <b>M_holdx</b> = 0 to cancel, <b>M_holdx</b> = 1 to restore.
<b>M_xnice</b>	If set to 1 the max. and min. for the x-axis are computed such that a nice set of numbers is selected.
<b>M_xtic</b>	Used to control the spacing of tic marks along the x-axis; default value is 1. Only applies if <b>M_xnice</b> is set to zero.
<b>M_ydir</b>	Similar to <b>M_xdir</b> but for y.
<b>M_ylabel</b>	Similar to <b>M_xlabel</b> but for y.
<b>M_ylog</b>	Similar to <b>M_xlog</b> but for y-axis.
<b>M_ymax</b>	Set maximum y axis value, use <b>M_holdy</b> = 0 to cancel, <b>M_holdy</b> = 1 to restore.
<b>M_ymin</b>	Set minimum y axis value, use <b>M_holdy</b> = 0 to cancel, <b>M_holdy</b> = 1 to restore.

<b>M_ynice</b>	Similar to <b>M_xnice</b> but for y-axis.
<b>M_ytic</b>	Similar to <b>M_xtic</b> but for y-axis.
<b>M_zlabel</b>	Similar to <b>M_xlable</b> but for z.
<b>M_zmax</b>	Maximum z axis value.
<b>M_zmin</b>	Minimum z axis value.
<b>M_znice</b>	Similar to <b>M_xnice</b> but for z-axis.
<b>M_ztic</b>	Similar to <b>M_xtic</b> but for z-axis.
<b>M_xorigin</b>	x offset for the left of the plot output
<b>M_yorigin</b>	y offset for the top of the plot output
<b>M_xlen</b>	length of x-axis ( ?? units)
<b>M_ylen</b>	length of y-axis ( ?? units)
<b>M_zlen</b>	length of z-axis ( ?? units)
<b>M_sym</b>	plot point symbols used when M_linetype is zero.
	1 = squares with a top center tickmark
	2 = circles with a a top center tickmark
	3 = triangles with a top center tickmark
	4 = Y shaped marks
	5 = X shaped marks
	6 = diamonds with a top center tickmark
	7 = little umbrella looking symbols
	8 = little hourglass looking symbols
	9 = Z shaped marks
	10 = squares, corner ticks and upper right to center tick
	11 = asterisks
	12 = plus symbols
	13 = diamonds
<b>M_height</b>	Font height of plot axis annotations
<b>M_panel</b>	For plot3d, draw vertical lines on the front panels
<b>M_plotcolor</b>	graylevel (0-255) of plotting output
<b>M_ndigits</b>	reserved
<b>M_xdigits</b>	reserved
<b>M_ydigits</b>	reserved
<b>M_zdigits</b>	reserved
<b>M_scalef</b>	reserved

**M\_deltac** reserved  
**M\_deltar** reserved  
**M\_digits** reserved  
**M\_contour\_view** reserved  
**M\_edit** reserved

### Text Output

**M\_format** Controls the number of digits used when printing values to the Command Line Window screen. For example, **M\_format** = "00.000" specifies that the largest value that can be represented, excluding the exponent, is 99.999. Anything larger than this is printed as ##.###.

**M\_ifont** used to specify image font type (text2image)Currently 'times' is the only option

**M\_ptsize** Controls the font size to be used when overlaying text to images using the text2image commands; the available point sizes are: 9, 10, 12, 14, 18, and 24.

### Time Related Variables

**M\_time** Returns the system time; this variable is read only, no value is needed or assigned.

```
[ready]: M_time  
Tue Apr 25 12:04:35 1995
```

### System Related Variables

**M\_cwd** Sets the current working directory. For example, to set 'c:/mydir' as the current working directory type: **M\_cwd** = "c:/mydir"

**M\_path** The path string assigned to this variable will be searched when trying to open an input file. For example, to set **M\_path** to the directories 'c:/mshell/bin' & 'c:/mshell/msf' type:**M\_path** = "c:/mshell/bin; c:/mshell/msf".

**M\_wdb** This show the location of the world database.

**M\_windir** This is the windows root directory.

**M\_cgi** 1 means ProVIEW-Web is the current environment.

<b>M_echo</b>	This toggles the display of executed commands within a script file. <b>M_echo=10</b> causes all commands to be displayed as they are performed. <b>M_echo=5</b> is nominal output. <b>M_echo=0</b> will prohibit all printing, including explicit print statements.
<b>M_prompt</b>	Sets the command prompt text (MSHELL console mode only)
<b>M_windir</b>	Shows the WINDOWS Root directory (WIN32 Only)
<b>M_proviewdir</b>	Shows the PROVIEW root directory
<b>M_errorscript</b>	Set the script to execute when encountering an error
<b>M_errorstring</b>	String output of last error encountered
<b>M_version</b>	The ProVIEW version number.
<b>M_nprint</b>	Entering this alone will send a screenshot to the current default printer (GUI only)
<b>M_inputfocus</b>	Obsolete, see array window operators <code>m_viewx0</code> and <code>m_viewy0</code> .
<b>M_xpix</b>	Obsolete, see array window operators <code>m_viewx0</code> and <code>m_viewy0</code> .
<b>M_ypix</b>	Obsolete, see array window operators <code>m_viewx0</code> and <code>m_viewy0</code> .

### ProVIEW-Web Related

<b>M_cgi</b>	1 means ProVIEW-Web is the current environment.
<b>M_ipaddr client</b>	Only in web-based mode, show the IP addr of the client
<b>M_wwwroot</b>	This is the root www directory, which is used for ProVIEW Web.
<b>M_xtype</b>	Contains the requested output document type HTTP header (Content-type). This must be set when <code>provweb.exe</code> is called (i.e. <code>http://server.com/cgi-bin/provweb.exe?_xtype=text/html ...</code> ) Note the variable name there is <code>_xtype</code> . The output behaviour is as follows:  <b>Blank</b> – ProVIEW-Web begins a “text/html” document, with fixed font formatting ( <code>&lt;HTML&gt;&lt;PRE&gt;...</code> ) If you don’t want the fixed font ( <code>&lt;PRE&gt;</code> mode), you must specify the output

document type, such as text/html explicitly. This simple default behaviour is called ProVIEW-Web Calculator mode.

**“dynamic”** – ProVIEW web sends **NO** “Content-type” header. It is up to the script being executed to output this string. It must be of the format: **“Content-type: type/sub-type\n\n”** (i.e. **print “Content-type: text/html\n\n”**). The blank line is essential for separating the header from the document data.

**type/sub-type** – ProVIEW-Web will send the Content-type header using the specified type/sub-type. (i.e. text/plain, or image/jpeg)

**M\_cgiview** Image file output format when using **view** command in ProVIEW-Web

### Math Related

**M\_matherrflag** Selects the manner in which math errors or exceptions are reported and handled. If **M\_matherrflag** = 0, no errors are reported. If **M\_matherrflag** = 1, mathematical exceptions are reported and script file execution halted until you acknowledge by clicking in a popup window. If **M\_matherrflag** is set equal to 2, mathematical exceptions are reported and script file execution is halted.

### Misc. Related

**M\_interp** Indicates which interpolation method is preferred: zero-order interpolation (**M\_interp** = 0), or linear/bilinear interpolation (**M\_interp** = 1). For further information see **zinterp**, **linterp** and **blinterp**.

## ***m\_** Array Window Operators*

**Syntax:** **m\_xxxx(a)**

See **include system files** in this section for **imgedit.msh** which allows the user to change all image attributes at one time from a table. Also, under the Image menu one can find the Edit Image Attributes item which calls imgedit.msh.

m_x0	This is used to define the horizontal position of the upper left pixel of an image within a window.
m_y0	This is used to define the vertical position of the upper left pixel of an image within a window.
m_dx	Used to define the horizontal spacing between pixels of an image.
m_dy	Used to define the vertical spacing between pixels of an image.
m_xunit	Used to define a string of the horizontal units for m_x0
m_yunit	Used to define a string of the vertical units for m_y0.
m_interpflag	Used to select the type of interpolation to use when displaying an array.
m_viewflag	Toggles whether an image is to be viewable or not.
m_viewlut	Used to define the active look-up table for an image.
m_viewminval	Used to define the minimum value to be displayed.
m_viewmaxval	Used to define the maximum value to be displayed.
m_viewheight	Used to define the height of the display window.
m_viewwidth	Used to define the width of the display window.
m_viewhscroll	Used to define the horizontal scroll position for a window.
m_viewvscroll	Used to define the vertical scroll position for a window.
m_viewx0	Used to define the upper-left horizontal position of the display window.
m_viewy0	Used to define the upper-left vertical position of the display window.
m_view2fit	Used to expand the image to the extents of the window
m_maxminflag	Set to zero if you do not want to apply m_viewminval,m_viewmaxval. Setting either of those values will reset m_maxminflag to one. (This attribute only applies in ProVIEW-Web view output)

### *makecmplx* **Makes a scalar into a complex vector**

**Syntax:** `makecmplx(x)`

**Description:** Makes the scalar 'x' into a complex vector.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the operation.

```
[ready]: y = makecmplx(5)
[ready]: y
row 0 =
  5 + 0i
```

### *max* **Maximum in Array**

**Syntax:** `max(a)` or `a.max`

**Description:** Find the maximum value of all the elements in the input array. Note that this function is only valid for real input arrays.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the operation.

```
[ready]: a = randu(1,8)
[ready]: a
row 0 =
  0.02  0.46  0.64  0.96  0.34  0.57  0.08  0.60
[ready]: max(a)
  0.95636
```

### *maxmin* **Max and Min values in Array**

**Syntax:** `maxmin(a)` or `a.maxmin`

**Description:** Find the maximum and minimum values of all the elements in the input array. Note that this function is only valid for real input arrays.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: a = randu(1,100) //create a vector of random numbers
[ready]: maxmin(a)
row 0 =
  1.00  0.01
```

### *maxof* **Element by Element Maximum**

**Syntax:** `maxof(a,b)`

**Description:** Computes the maximum on an element by element basis. In general, the two input arrays must have the same dimensions. The only exception to this is when one of the input arrays is a scalar. Note that this function is only valid for real input arrays.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process.

```

[ready]: x = randu(2,2)
[ready]: x
row 0 =
  0.01  0.22
row 1 =
  0.12  0.38
[ready]: y = randu(2,2)
[ready]: y
row 0 =
  0.48  0.02
row 1 =
  0.56  0.73
[ready]: maxof(x,y)
row 0 =
  0.48  0.22
row 1 =
  0.56  0.73

```

***maxr***                      ***Row Maximum***

**Syntax:**                      **maxr(a)**

**Description:** Computes the maximum for each row of array "a" and stores these values as a column vector.

***mbox***                      ***Text Box***

**Syntax:**                      **mbox(\$string)**

**Description:** Prints to string to a dialog box on the screen.

***mean***                      ***Mean of Array Elements***

**Syntax:**                      **mean(a) or a.mean**

**Description:** This module computes the mean of all the elements in the input array. The formula used to compute the mean is

$$c_{0,0} = \frac{1}{I \cdot J} \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} a_{j,i} \quad \text{for all } j, i$$

where j and i are row and column indices respectively.

**Example:**                      The following demonstrates the application.

```

[ready]: a = randu(2,100) //create a matrix of ran. num.
[ready]: mean(a)
0.503304

```

***median***                      ***Compute Median Value***

**Syntax:**                      **median(a)**

**Description:** Compute the median value of all the elements in the input array. The output is a scalar, i.e., a 1x1 array.

**Example:**                      The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: a = randu(2,100)
[ready]: median(a)
0.502454
```

### ***medianr***                      ***Row Wise Median***

**Syntax:**                      **medianr(a)** or **a.medianr**

**Description:** Compute the median value along each row of the input array. The output is a column vector with the number of elements equal to the number of rows in the input array 'a'.

**Example:**                      The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: a = randu(7,100)
[ready]: medianr(a)'
row 0 =
0.46    0.53    0.47    0.48    0.47    0.53    0.48
```

### ***menusel***                      ***Selects a Menu Item in a List***

**Syntax:**                      **menusel(\$title, \$options)**

**Description:** Returns the row position for the desired option within the \$options list. The title of the menu must be passed along with the options.

**Example:**                      The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: menuv = menusel("Some ProVIEW Demos", $options)
```

### ***meter***                      ***Displays a Metering Toolbar***

**Syntax:**                      **meter( \$string, value )**

**Description:** Draws a meter toolbar on the lower right hand corner of the screen. The first argument, '\$string' is a text string used for description purposes. The second argument, 'value', is a scalar whose value controls the behavior of the meter toolbar. If 'value' < 0 the meter toolbar is erased, if 0 <= 'value' <= 100 the meter toolbar is drawn with 'value' as a percent. If 'value' > 100 an error occurs.

**Example:**                      The following script file draws a meter toolbar.

```
i=0
while(i<100){
    i = i+1
    meter("hello",i);
}
meter("hello",-1)
```

### ***min***                      ***Minimum in Array***

**Syntax:**                      **min(a)** or **a.min**

**Description:** Find the minimum value of all the elements in the input array. Note that this function is only valid for real input arrays.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: a = (-2,2,1,2)
row 0 =
-2.00 -1.00 0.00 1.00 2.00
row 1 =
-2.00 -1.00 0.00 1.00 2.00
[ready]: min(a)
-2
```

### ***minof*** ***Element by Element Minimum***

**Syntax:** **minof(a,b)**

**Description:** Compute the minimum on an element by element basis. In general, the two input arrays must have the same dimensions. The only exception to this is when one of the input arrays is a scalar. Note that this function is only valid for real input arrays.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: b = (-4,4,2,2)
[ready]: b
row 0 =
-4.00 -2.00 0.00 2.00 4.00
row 1 =
-4.00 -2.00 0.00 2.00 4.00
[ready]: a = (0,4,1,2)
[ready]: a
row 0 =
0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00
row 1 =
0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00
[ready]: minof(a,b)
row 0 =
-4.00 -2.00 0.00 2.00 4.00
row 1 =
-4.00 -2.00 0.00 2.00 4.00
```

### ***minr*** ***Row Minimum***

**Syntax:** **minr(a)**

**Description:** Computes the minimum for each row of array "a" and stores these values as a column vector.

### ***mjd2dt*** ***Convert Modified Julian Date***

**Syntax:** **mjd2dt(mjd\_value)**

**Description:** Converts a **Modified Julian Date** to a vector giving year,month,day, hour, minute, second.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will find the date vector given a julian day number (of a given year)

```

[ready]: jday = 10 // find date for the 10th day of 2002
[ready]: jy = dt2mjd(2002::1::1::0::0::0)
[ready]: dt = mjd2dt(jy+ jday -1)
[ready]: dt
(10^0) x
row 0 =
    2002.0000      1.0000      10.0000      0.0000      0.0000      0.0000

```

### ***momentr***            ***Row Wise Moment***

**Syntax:**                    **momentr(a,x)**

**Description:** Compute the x<sup>th</sup> moment along each row of the input array, where 'x' can be real or complex. The moment of the j<sup>th</sup> row is defined as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{a.ncols-1} a_{j,i}^x$$

**Example:**        The MSHELL statements on the following page will compute the second moment of each row of the array 'a' and assign the values to 'b'.

```

[ready]: a = randu(100,5)
[ready]: b = momentr(a,2)
[ready]: show a
--- a ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 100
number of columns = 5
maximum value    = 0.995382
minimum value    = 0.00161857
[ready]: show b
--- b ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 1
number of columns = 5
maximum value    = 7.25416
minimum value    = 5.92651
[ready]: b
    6.48  7.25  7.18  6.13  5.93

```

### ***Mtype***            ***Returns type of array***

**Syntax:**                    **Mtype(a)**

**Description:** Returns zero if a is a real array, and one if it is a complex array.

### *ncaddvar*                      *NetCDF Add Variable*

**Syntax:**            **ncaddvar(\$fname,\$varname,\$vardims)**

**Description:** Adds a new variable to an existing NetCDF file. The variable must use existing dimensions from the NetCDF file, and specify them in order in \$vardims .

**Example:**        The following demonstrates the process. The example NetCDF file has 3 dimensions: plane, lat, and lon.

```
[ready]: status = ncaddvar("temp.nc","mydata","plane\nlat\nlon\n")
[ready]: status = ncaddvar("temp.nc","planeinfo","plane\n")
```

### *ncinq*                              *NetCDF File Inquiry*

**Syntax:**            **ncinq(\$fname)**

**Description:** Returns size and shape of NetCDF file \$fname in a 1x 4 array, and a list of the variable names in the file. The format of the array is: Number of dimensions:: Number of variables:: Number of Global attributes:: The unlimited Dimension ID ( if any ). These numbers come directly from call to NetCDF library function 'nc\_inq\_var'. The .text portion of the return variable will contain a list of the variable names from the file, separated by newlines .

**Example:**        The following demonstrates the process. The example NetCDF file has 3 dimensions, 4 variables, no global attributes, and no variables with an unlimited dimension.

```
[ready]: netcdfinfo = ncinq("temp.nc")
[ready]: netcdfinfo
(10^0) X
row 0 =
   3.00   4.00   0.00  -1.00
[ready]: netcdfinfo.text
Longitude
Latitude
Depth
temperature
```

### *ncinqvar*                      *NetCDF Variable Inquiry*

**Syntax:**            **ncinqvar(\$fname,\$varname)**

**Description:** Returns the size and shape of variable \$varname within NetCDF file \$fname in a 1xN array, where N is the number of dimensions of the requested variable. The format of the array is: Size of dimension#1::Size of dimension#2::Size of dimension#3::...::Size of dimension#N. The text portion of the return variable will contain a list of the N dimension names the variable makes use of.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: varinfo = ncingvar("temp.nc","Temperature")
[ready]: varinfo
(10^0) X
row 0 =
34.00 51.00 51.00
[ready]: varinfo.text
Depth
Latitude
Longitude
```

### *ncnew* **Create new NetCDF file**

**Syntax:** `ncnew($fname,$dims,varinfo,$varname)`

**Description:** Creates a new NetCDF file. Parameter **\$fname** is the filename to use. The parameter **\$dims** should contain the list of dimension names for the new file separated by newlines. The **varinfo** parameter should match the **\$dims** variable and provide the size for each respective dimension. Finally, **\$varname** should contain the NetCDF variable name to create in the new file. Currently, ProVIEW will only create a single variable NetCDF file.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process. A new file called newfile.nc is created with two dimensions called dim1, and dim2. A 100x100 variable using these two dimensions is created called myvariable.

```
[ready]: ncnew("newfile.nc","dim1\ndim2",100::100,"myvariable")
0
```

### *ncols* **Number of Columns**

**Syntax:** `ncols(a)` or `a.ncols`

**Description:** Returns the number of columns in the input array.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: a = (0,255,1,10356) create 10357x256 matrix
[ready]: ncols(a)
256
[ready]: a.ncols // this is an equivalent command
256
```

### *ncread* **NetCDF Variable reader**

**Syntax:** `ncread($fname, $varname)` or  
`ncread($fname,$varname,start,edges)`

**Description:** Returns the data from a NetCDF variable **\$varname** from **\$fname**. The first form reads in the entire variable. The second form allows an N-dimensional region of interest to be read from the variable. The **start** variable gives the start position for each dimension of the variable. The **edges** variable gives the length of each of the dimension to read.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process. The ProVIEW variable **img** will contain 51 rows and 51 columns from the first “plane” of the variable “Temperature”. ProVIEW arrays storing more than one “plane” will be filled sequentially with each plane requested.

```
[ready]: img = ncread("temp.nc", "Temperature", 0::0::0, 1::51::51)
[ready]: show img
--- img ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 51
number of columns = 51
maximum value    = 28.833
minimum value    = -1e+034
```

### *ncvarattstr*      *NetCDF Variable Attribute String*

**Syntax:**                    **ncvarattstr**(\$fname,\$varname,\$attname)

**Description:** Returns the contents of the attribute **\$attname** attached to variable **\$varname** from NetCDF file **\$fname** as a string. An error will occur if the variable does not exist. A blank string will be returned if the attribute does not exist.

**See Also:**      **Error! Reference source not found.**

**Example:**      The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: ncvarattstr("temp.nc", "Temperature", "units")
degC
```

### *ncvarattval*      *NetCDF Variable Attribute Value*

**Syntax:**

**Description:** Returns the value of the attribute **\$attname** attached to variable **\$varname** from NetCDF file **\$fname** as an array. An error will occur if the variable does not exist. A blank string will be returned if the attribute does not exist. Returns a Null string if attribute contains an unknown numeric type.

**See Also:**      **Error! Reference source not found.**

**Example:**      The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: ncvarattval("temp.nc", "Temperature", "dtgymd")
19981012
```

## *ncwrite*                      *NetCDF Write Variable*

**Syntax:** `ncwrite($fname,$varname,img,ncstart,ncedges)`

**Description:** Writes array `img` to an existing variable `$varname` in NetCDF file `$fname`. The parameters `ncstart` and `ncedges` determine what position to start writing in the variable, and how much to write in each dimension. For an N dimensional NetCDF variable, `ncstart` and `ncedges` must be 1xN.

**Example:** The following demonstrates the process. The values 1::2::3 are written to the beginning of the first row in the 2-D variable “myvariable” in NetCDF file “temp.nc”.

```
[ready]: ncwrite("newfile.nc", "myvariable", 1::2::3, 0::0, 1::3)
0
```

## *ncwriteatt*                      *NetCDF Write Attribute*

**Syntax:**                      `ncwriteatt($fname,$varname,$attname,value)` or  
                                 `ncwriteatt($fname,$varname,$attname,$strvalue)`

**Description:** Creates or modifies the value of attribute `$attname` associated with variable `$varname`. If `$varname` is empty string, the attribute is added to the “global” attributes of the NetCDF file. A floating point value (`value`), or a string (`$strvalue`) can be written.

**Example:**                      The following will demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: ncwriteatt("newfile.nc", "myvariable", "version", 3)
0
[ready]: ncwriteatt("newfile.nc", "myvariable", "Units", "degrees C")
0
```

## *neqindex*                      *Non-Equality Index*

**Syntax:**                      `neqindex(a,b)`

**Description:** Finds the locations of all the elements in an input array which are not equal to a constant value, where ‘a’ is the input array and ‘b’ is the constant scalar quantity. This function returns a (1 x M) complex array, where M is the number of points not equal to the specified value and whose array elements contain the coordinates of each point encoded as follows: the real part contains the column index, and the imaginary part contains row index of the point. If all elements are matched, a null value is returned.

**Example:**                      The following MSHELL statement will compute the....

```
[ready]: moe = 1#2#3
[ready]: neqindex(moe,1)
row0 = 0.00+ 1.00i 0.00+ 2.00i
```

***nint***                      ***Nearest Integer***

**Syntax:**                      **nint(a) or a.nint**

**Description:** Compute the nearest integer for each element in the array.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will compute the nearest integer for each element of the input array, 'a', and store the result in 'c'.

```
[ready]: a = randu(2,4)    // create a random 2x4 matrix
[ready]: nint(a)
row 0 =
  0.00  1.00  1.00  0.00
row 1 =
  1.00  1.00  0.00  0.00
```

***nlines***                      ***Returns number of Lines***

**Syntax:**                      **nlines(\$string)**

**Description:** This function returns the number of lines contained in the string "\$string".

***nrows***                      ***Number of Rows***

**Syntax:**                      **nrows(a) or a.nrows**

**Description:** Returns the number of rows in the input array.

**Example:**        The following demonstrates the process.

```
[ready]: a = (0,255,1,10356) //create 10357x256 matrix
[ready]: nrows(a)
10356
[ready]: a.nrows                      // this command is equivalent
10356
```

***ones***                      ***Initialize an Array to all ones***

**Syntax:**                      **ones(n,m)**

**Description:** Create an array of the specified dimensions, with all elements set equal to 1.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will create a 512 x 512 array with all entries set to 1,

```
[ready]:a = ones(512,512)
[ready]: a(300,0:4)    // print first 5 elements in row 301
row 0 =
  1.00  1.00  1.00  1.00  1.00
```

***openf***                      ***Open a file for Formatted I/O***

**Syntax:**                      **openf(unit,"fname","mode")**

**Description:** This function is used to open a disk file for formatted input or output. The unit number can be any positive integer value. The selected integer value will identify the opened file from then on. The file name, "fname" must be a valid file name in DOS. The "mode" string must be one of the followings: "r" for read; "w" for write; or "a" for append.

If the write or append modes are tried on a non-existing file, the file will be created. The **openf** returns a 0 into status if successful. The system variable **M\_path** will determine which directories, in addition to the current directory, to be searched, see "MError! Reference source not found." on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

**See Also:**        **writef** and **closef**

**Example:**        The following will open "test.out" for output as unit number 1, and "test.in" for input as unit number 2,

```
[ready]: status = openf(1,"test.out","w");
[ready]: status = openf(2,"test.in","r");
```

***pause***                      ***Suspend Execution for N Seconds***

**Syntax:**                      **pause(N)**

**Description:** Will causes MSHELL to stop execution for ‘N’ seconds. If the value of ‘N’ is negative a pause dialog box will be opened. Note that ‘N’ can be a fractional number.

***pdsfindobj***                      ***Get a list of objects within a PDS file***

**Syntax:**                      **pdsfindobj(\$fname)**

**Description:** Returns the name of each PDS object found in \$fname. Object examples would be IMAGE, or BROWSE\_IMAGE.

***pdkwdstr***                      ***Retrieve a PDS keyword value***

**Syntax:**                      **pdkwdstr(\$label\_string, \$kwd\_name)**

**Description:** Returns the value of the PDS keyword specified in \$kwd\_name if found in the complete PDS label \$label\_string.

**Example:**                      The following MSHELL code will retrieve two keywords from a PDS file.

```
[ready]: eqohare = reada("C:/PROVIEW/IMAGES/eqohare.pds", "pds")
[ready]: $hdr = eqohare.text
[ready]: pdkwdstr($hdr, "PDS_VERSION_ID")
PDS3
[ready]: pdkwdstr($hdr, "IMAGE/LINES")
256
```

***pixval***                      ***Displays Pixel Status of Mouse***

**Syntax:**                      **pixval(a)**

**Description:** This displays the pixel value and intensity corresponding with the placement of the mouse when clicked within an image "a", after having entered this command at the command line window.

**Example:**                      **pixval(x)**

Now click in the image "x" where you would like placement and intensity status.

The following is returned:

<row position> <column position> <intensity> <button value>

The <button value> is 1 for a left click or 2 for a right click. Also, if the selection is made outside of the image, then the first three values are all -1.

## *plot* **Plot a Vector**

**Syntax:** `plot[#](y)` or `plot[#](x,y)`

**Description:** Plots a row vector. The parameter ‘#’ in the plot function is an optional integer (0 to 255) that selects the plot screen where the plot will be placed. If an integer number from 0 to 255 is provided in this field, the generated plot can be indexed from then on by that number. For example if ‘x’ is a row vector, then `plot10(x)`; will plot the vector on plot screen number 10. If you would like to free that screen later on you can type `free plot10`. Note that the plot function can have either one or two arguments.

**Single Argument Case:** When one argument is used in the plot function as in `plot(y)`, the row vector ‘y’ will be plotted against an internally generated ramp of integer values. If ‘y’ is a complex vector then the real part of ‘y’ will be used as the abscissa and the imaginary part of ‘y’ as the ordinate.

**Two Argument Case:** When two arguments are used with the plot function, as in `plot(x,y)`; the first argument, ‘x’, corresponds to the abscissa values and the second argument, ‘y’, corresponds to the ordinate values, i.e. a plot of ‘y’ versus ‘x’ will result. Hence, for the case that ‘y’ is complex, `plot(y)`, is equivalent to `plot(real(y), imag(y))`.

**See Also:** "M\_Error! Reference source not found." on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for a complete list of system variables which affect the plot function.

**Example:** The following MSHELL instructions generate two ramp vectors in memory, ‘x’ and ‘y’, and plot `sin(y)` as a function of `cos(x)`; see Figure below and code following.

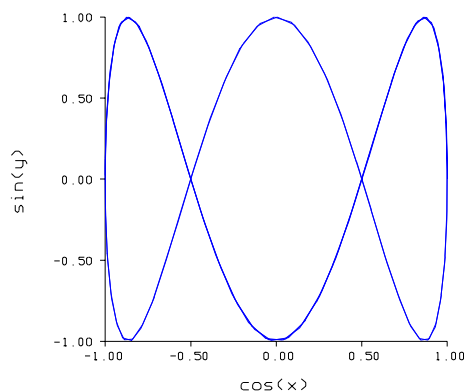


Figure 5



**Description:** Fills and Image with Contained Polygons. This routine allows for the fast drawing of polygons on 'image'. 'polylist' is a complex array where each row correspond to a polygon. Each element in polylist is a complex number with row and column position. The column number is encoded as the real part and the row number as the imaginary part.

Image. 'value' is a column vector containing the real amplitude values to assign to the polygon to be drawn. 'fill' is a flag vector that determines if the polygon will be drawn or not. The values of fill must be zero or one.

**Example:** The following MSHELL expression illustrates the use of the polyfill function.

```
fill = ones(3,1)*1
value = (255::128::64)'
image = zeros(256,256)
polylist= complex(0::100::150::0,0::0::100::100)

polylistm = (polylist#(polylist*1.5)#(polylist*2))
polylistm = rmirror(polylistm)

control = complex(value,fill)::polylistm
out = polyfill(image,control )

view image
out
```



*print*                      **Formatted Print**

**Syntax:**                      **print "..."**

**Description:** Prints scalar values or strings to the standard output.

**See Also:**                      **"Error! Reference source not found."** on page **Error!**  
**Bookmark not defined.**

**Example:**                      The following MSHELL expression illustrates the use of the print statement

```
[ready]: M_format = "000.000000"  
[ready]: x = 3  
[ready]: print "The value of x = " x "\n"  
The value of x = 3.000000
```

***putenv***    *Assign to sys environment variable*

**Syntax:**                    **putenv(\$assignment)**

**Description:** Assigns an operating system environment variable given an assignment expression in \$assignment.

**Example:**        The following MSHELL statement will assign an environment variable

```
[ready]: putenv("MYVAR=value")  
[ready]: getenv("MYVAR")  
value
```

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***qgauss***                      ***Area Under Gaussian Density***

**Syntax:**                      **qgauss(a)** or **a.qgauss**

**Description:** Let  $Z(x)$  be the one dimensional Gaussian density function with zero mean and unit variance, defined as

$$Z(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2},$$

then **qgauss** returns the integral of  $Z(x)$  from  $x$  to infinity,

$$\int_{a_{j,i}}^{\infty} Z(x) dx$$

for each element in the input array.

**Example:** The following MSHELL expressions compute the area under the Gaussian density function (the probability) for values of 0 to 5 standard deviations.

```
[ready]: sigma = (0,5,0.1)
[ready]: plot(sigma,qgauss(sigma))
```

***qgaussinv***                      ***Inverse of qgauss***

**Syntax:**                      **qgaussinv(a)** or **a.qgaussinv**

**Description:** Given an input array with values, with  $0.0 < a_{j,i} < 1.0$  that correspond to probabilities under the normalized Gaussian density function, **qgaussinv** computes the decision threshold values,  $t_{j,i}$ , that will generate those probability values. That is, **qgaussinv** computes the values of  $t_{j,i}$  such that the area under the normalized Gaussian density between  $t_{j,i}$  and infinity equals  $a_{j,i}$ , i.e.

$$a_{j,i} = \int_{t_{j,i}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

**Example:** The following MSHELL expression computes the ordinate values under the Gaussian density function for a row vector with values of 0.25, 0.50, and 0.75.

```
[ready]: qgaussinv( 0.25::0.50::0.75 )
0.67    0.00    -0.67
```

### *randg*                    *Gaussian Random Number Generator*

**Syntax:**                    **randg(n,m)**

**Description:** This function is similar to **randu**, except that it generates independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) Gaussian random numbers with zero mean and unit variance, where, ‘n’ and ‘m’ refer to the number of rows and columns in the array of Gaussian random numbers to be generated.

**Example:**     Say, ‘a’ is an already existing array to which it is desired to add Gaussian distributed random numbers with zero mean and standard deviation of 10. The following MSHELL expression will add the Gaussian noise to ‘a’ and will save the result in c,

```
[ready]: randinit(30) //initialize random number generator
[ready]: a = (10,100,1)
[ready]: c = a+10. * randg( a.nrows, a.ncols);
[ready]: plot(a,c)
```

### *randinit*                    *Random Number Seed Initializer*

**Syntax:**                    **randinit(n)**

**Description:** As this function is used to initialize the MSHELL random number generators it does not return any value. To initialize a random sequence, call **randinit** using a scalar value greater than 1.

**Example:**     The initialization and subsequent use of a random generator,

```
[ready]: randinit(10)        // initialize random number generators
[ready]: x = randg(1,100) // call gaussian. rand. num. gntr
```

### *randu*                    *Uniform Random Number Generator*

**Syntax:**                    **randu(n, m)**

**Description:** This generator produces independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) random numbers between 0 and 1. It returns a pointer to an (n x m) dimensioned array structure, where n and m are, respectively, the number of rows and columns of uniformly distributed random numbers generated.

The uniform random number generator itself is an adaptation of the **RAN1()** generator presented in “Numerical Recipes in C”, see page 3, “**References and Further Readings**”. This is a portable generator (given the same seed number it will generate the same random sequence on all machines), which utilizes three linear congruential generators in producing output.

**Example:** The following MSHELL expressions will add uniform noise, with intensities between 0 and 10, to the array, 'a', and save the result in 'c',

```
[ready]: randinit(20) //initialize random number generator
[ready]: c = a+10. * randu( nrows(a) , ncols(a) )
```

### *rcoeff*                      **Correlation Coefficient**

**Syntax:**                      **rcoeff(a,b)**

**Description:** Estimates the correlation coefficient between two arrays, 'a' and 'b' with the same dimensions. The correlation coefficient is a scalar. Although the correlation coefficient is an internal function, it could also be computed in terms of other MSHELL instructions as,

**rcoeff(a,b) = (mean(a\*b)-a.mean\*b.mean )/sqrt(a.var\*b.var) .**

### *reada*                      **Read Array or Image**

**Syntax:**                      **reada("fname",\$mode[, cntvec])**

**Description:** Reads an array or image from disk. The '\$mode' string specifies the format of the data to be read from the disk. If the wrong mode is used with a given file the image will not load properly. The image file formats (or modes) supported are: char, charflex, fits, tiff, gif, pds, float, bmp, jpeg, asciiflex, and clemen\_pds. Note that only the charflex and asciiflex formats requires the additional argument 'cntvec', please see third and fourth examples. Several examples using supported file formats follow.

**See Also**                      :                      **M\_path**

**chr**                      The **char** format stores images by using 1 byte/pixel prefixed by MSHELL's 9 byte header, i.e. 4 bytes specifying the number of rows, 4 bytes specifying the number of columns, and 1 byte specifying if array elements real or complex . This format can be used both for both the reading and writing of data.

**Example:**                      Read **eqohare.chr** image.

```
[ready]: x = reada("eqohare.chr", "char");
[ready]: view x
```

**flex**                      The **flex** format provides you significant flexibility when reading various byte/pixel types of data. You can read the whole image or just specified subregions of the image. This is accomplished by using an additional argument, 'cntvec'. This is a vector with specific data read criteria, and is formatted as follows:

```
                    in_sizej::    /* number of rows in input image */ \\
in_sizei::         /* number of col. in input image */ \\
hsize::            /* header size to skip (if any) */ \\
jstart::           /* start row */ \\
istart::           /* start column */ \\
jend::             /* end row */ \\
```

```
iend::      /* end column */ \\
jstep::    /* read every 'jstep' row */ \\
istep      /* read every 'istep' column */ \\
```

The syntax for this format is then:

```
reada("eqohare.chr","flex_type",cntvec)
```

The format specifier is “flex\_type”; this string can be any of the following:

- “char”
- “PC16”
- “PC32”
- “SUN16”
- “SUN32”
- “PCFLOAT”
- “SUNFLOAT”

**Example:** Reading a portion of the **eqohare.chr** image.

```
[ready]: eqohare=reada("eqohare.chr","char", \\
                256::256::9::128::128::255::255::3::1)
[ready]: view eqohare
```

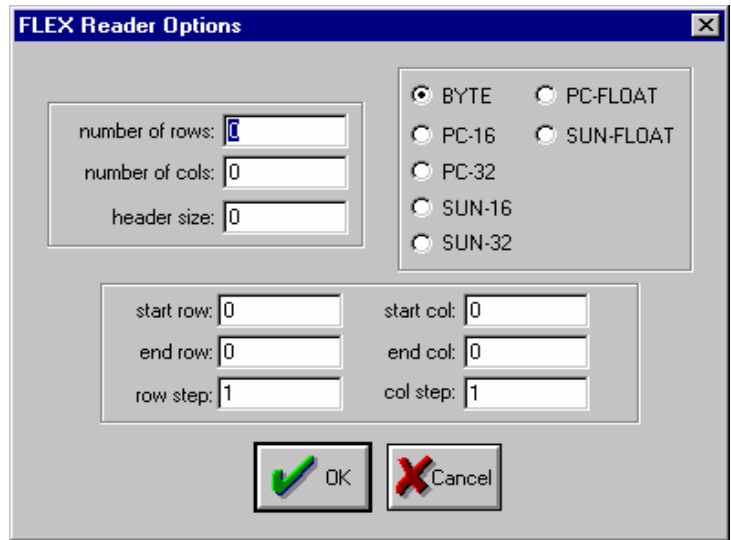


Figure 4 - Charflex dialog box

This format is easier to use from the menu with the **File|Image Open** option since a dialog box, illustrated in Figure 4, is provided to facilitate entry of the data read criteria.

**float** The **float** format is similar to the char format but the data is stored in floating point using 4 bytes/pixel.

**Example:** Creating, writing, and then reading in a file in **float** format,

```
[ready]: y = writea("out.flt", randu(3,3), "float")
[ready]: x = reada("out.flt","float")
```

**ascii**            The **ascii** format stores images in ASCII. A typical ASCII file will look like:

```
          3      3      0
-1      0      1
-2      0      2
-1      0      1
```

where the first row is a three element header containing the number of rows, the number of columns, and the real-complex flag (0 = real, 1 = complex). This header is followed by the image data stored lexicographically in ASCII. This format can be used for both the reading and writing of data.

**Example:**        Creating, writing, and then reading in a file in **ascii** format,

```
[ready]: y = writea("out.asc", randu(3,3), "ascii")
[ready]: x = reada("out.asc","ascii")
```

**asciiflex**        The **asciiflex** format permits you to load selected rows and columns from an **ascii** file. Note that the elements in the **ascii** file must be comma delimited. A typical ASCII(flex) could look like **test.asc**, below:

```
          This is a sample user file
  3,  1,  gain=  2,  tint=3
-1,  0,  gain= 22,  tint=3
-2,  1,  gain=n/a,  tint=3
  0,  2,  gain=  3,  tint=0
          This is the end of the file
```

where **ascii** text can be mixed in with the numerical data to be extracted. Note that this read process searches for and accepts the first number it encounters after a delimiter. The syntax is similar to that of **char(flex)**, using a control vector, 'cntvec' to provide the specific read parameters. The control vector structure, which is differs from that of **charflex**, is formatted as follows:

```
          first_row:: /* first row to read */ \\
last_row:: /* last row, if -1 read to last row */ \\
nnchar:: /* non numeric character flag */ \\
hdrsubset:: /* vector of column numbers to read */ \\
cntvec = firstrow::lastrow::nnchar::colvec
cntvec.text = ","
```

The text portion of the control vector contains the delimiter to use for **ascii** reading. Note that the non-numeric charecter flag value, 'nnchar' is assigned to any array entry encountered in the read process that does not contain an **ascii** numeric data. The syntax for this format is then:

```
          reada("test.asc","asciiflex",cntvec)
```

**Example:**        Reading a portion of the **test.asc** file.

```
[ready]: cntvec = 1::-1::-999::0::2 //read rows 1 to end, columns 0 and 2
[ready]: cntvec.text = ", "
[ready]: data = reada("test.asc", "asciiflex", cntvec)
[ready]: data
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  3.00  2.00
row 1 =
 -1.00 22.00
row 2 =
 -2.00 -999.00
row 3 =
  0.00  3.00
row 4 =
-999.00 -999.00
```

Note that in the above example, only the numeric data was extracted from the array entries of column 2; in those cases, rows 3 and 5, that contained non numeric data the designated 'nnchar' value has been assigned. This flexibility in extraction of numeric information from ascii text commented data arrays is a very powerful processing tool.

**bmp** The **bmp** format is the windows Bit Map Format (BMP). This format can be used for both the reading and writing of images.

**Example:** Reading a file in **bmp** format,

```
[ready]: x = reada("mandel.bmp", "bmp")
```

**PDS** The **PDS** format used is the implementation of the Planetary Data System Format adopted by the Clementine mission.

**Example:** Reading a file in **PDS** format,

```
[ready]: // reads image object
[ready]: x = reada("lua1472h.202", "clemen_pds_image_uncorr")
[ready]: // reads browse image object
[ready]: x=reada("lua1472h.202", "clemen_pds_browse_uncorr")
[ready]: // reads histogram object
[ready]: x=reada("lua1472h.202", "clemen_pds_hist_uncorr")
```

## ***readf*** ***Formatted File Read***

**Syntax:** **readf**(unit,"format",arrayname) or  
**readf**(unit,"format",stringname)

**Description:** This function is used to perform a formatted read of a scalar or a string from a file unit which has already been opened using the **openf** command. Only one value or string can be read at a time. The format string follows a similar form to the "C" language formatting options, where %s is used for strings, and %f, %g, %e are used for floating point numbers. The first command above is used for reading a value into an already existing array. After executing the **readf** the array will have dimensions of 1x1, i.e. a scalar. The second command above is used for reading a string into an already existing string variable. If

the **readf** is successful it will return a value of 0. On end-of-file (eof) a value of -1 is returned.

**See Also:** **openf** on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** and **M\_path** under "**M\_Error! Reference source not found.**" on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

**Example:** Assuming that unit 1 has been already open with an **openf** statement, and that the variables 'x' and 'name' are respectively, an array variable and a string variable, then the following MSHELL statements are legal **readf** statements,

```
[ready]: status = readf(1,"%s",$name);
[ready]: status = readf(1,"%f",x);
[ready]: status = readf(1,"%4.2f",x);
[ready]: status = readf(1,"%g",x);
[ready]: status = readf(1,"%e",x); .
```

### *readtext*                      *Loads Text File*

**Syntax:**                      **readtext(\$fname)**

**Description:** This function is used to load a text file into memory.

**Example:** Read then display the script file flyby.msh,

```
[ready]: $x = readtext("c:/proview/msh/flyby.msh")
[ready]: $x
V = Vopen("d:/clemen/mview/uvvisn/fe_0to18.chr" "\\
          5760::11521::1::0,wdef(0,0,1,1),0);
flyby = 0
view flyby;
time
i=0;
while(i<35){
    meter("flyby demo completion",i/35*100);
    angle = i/35*6.28
    roi = wdef(2336+128*cos(angle),6926+128*sin(angle),256,256)
    flyby = V(roi)
    i = i+1
}
meter("",-1);
time
[ready]: evaltext $x
```

### *real*                                      *Real Part of an Array*

**Syntax:**                      **real(a) or a.real**

**Description:** Returns real part for each element in the array 'a'.

**Example:** The following MSHELL statement will extract the real part of the Fourier Transform of 'a', and store the result in 'c',

```
                    c = real( fft2(a) );
[ready]: evaltext $x
```

### *regionand*                      *Defines a ROI as Common of Two*

**Syntax:**                      **regionand(roi,roi2)**

**Description:** Defines a new region of interest which is the common (overlapping) area of two other regions of interest (roi **and** roi2).

**return** *Returns From an Include File*

**Syntax:** `return`

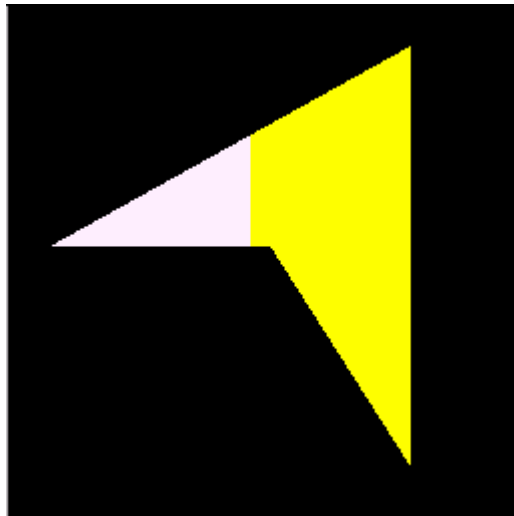
**Description:** Stops the execution of an include file and returns control to the calling process.

**rfill** *Fills a subregion*

**Syntax:** `rfill(a,b)`

**Description:** Finds the subregion of an image('b') which is all points contained within a created groi from a list of polygonal vertices('a').

**Example:**



```
[ready]: groi = complex(20,120)::complex(200,20)::complex(200,230)::complex(100,200)::complex(20,120)
[ready]: x = zeros(255,255)
[ready]: groi2 = rfill(groi,wdef(0,0,255,255))
[ready]: x(groi2) = 100
[ready]: groi3 = rfill(groi,wdef(0,0,120,120))
[ready]: x(groi3) = 200
[ready]: _
```

**rindex** *Range Index*

**Syntax:** `rindex(a,minval,maxval)`

**Description:** This function finds the location of all the elements of an input array which fall within a specified range of values, where 'a' is the input array, and 'minval' and 'maxval' are scalar values specifying the selection range. This function returns a (1 x M) complex array, where M is the number of points equal to the specified value and whose array elements contain the coordinates of each point encoded as follows: the real part contains the column index, and the imaginary part

contains row index of the point. If no elements are matched, the value -1 is returned.

**Example:** The following illustrates the function using the array 'a'.

```
[ready]: a = randu(2,6) // create random 2x6 matrix
[ready]: a
row 0 =
  0.08  0.59  0.23  0.46  0.93  0.13
row 1 =
  0.79  0.19  0.39  0.33  0.71  0.67
[ready]: rindex(a,.4,.5)
3 + 0i
```

### ***rmirror*** ***Row Mirror***

**Syntax:** **rmirror(a)** or **a.rmirror**

**Description:** This function yields the mirror image of the input array over its rows, e.g., the last row will become the first row.

**See Also:** **cmirror**

**Example:** Creates array 'a' and then does the row reflection,

```
[ready]: a = randu(3,3)
[ready]: a
row 0 =
  0.96  0.42  0.93
row 1 =
  0.17  0.31  0.90
row 2 =
  0.75  0.58  0.65
[ready]: rmirror(a)
row 0 =
  0.75  0.58  0.65
row 1 =
  0.17  0.31  0.90
row 2 =
  0.96  0.42  0.93
```

### ***rowplot*** ***Plots a Row from Array***

**Syntax:** **rowplot(array,row#)**

**Description:** Used to plot a particular row from an array.

### ***rs\_availWipeServers*** ***Returns available WIPE Server.***

**Syntax:** **\$WipeServers = rs\_availWipeServers(rs1)**

**Description:** This function returns a list of names of available WIPE Servers.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $WipeServers = rs_availWipeServers(rs1)
[ready]:
```

***rs\_availDataSets*** Returns list of available data sets.

**Syntax:** rs\_AvailDataSets(rs1,"ACTTest")

**Description:** This function returns a list of available data sets in a particular WIPE Server.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $DataSets = rs_AvailDataSets(rs1,"ACTTest")
[ready]:
```

***rs\_extractData*** extract data from the Wipe Server.

**Syntax:** rs\_extractData(rs1,

**Description:** This function is used to extract data from the WIPE Server. The input arguments are the remote server handle, the WIPE Server name, the data item id you wish to extract data from, the layer number, the ROI (subregion), the output image dimensions, the format to save the data in and the filename to save the data into. If the ROI has all the values set to 9999.0, it means we want the whole region the data item occupies. If this function succeeds, the return value is 1, otherwise is 0.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $RecId = " TEDS_3Dtemp|nwlan_1999071200_tfin"
[ready]: bbox = ones(1,4)*9999.0
[ready]: dim = 41::181
[ready]: layer = 0
[ready]: $format = "netCDF"
[ready]: $fname = "d:\\temp\\temp.nc"
[ready]: ret=rs_extractData(rs1,"ACTTest", $RecId, layer, bbox, dim, $format, $
fname)
```

***rs\_getMetaData*** Extract the metadata request

**Syntax:** rs\_getMetaData(,,,,,,)

**Description:** This function takes as parameters the remote server handle, the name of the WIPE Server, a string containing a list of data set names (comma separated), a string containing the field names to extract from the SQL table, the ROI (ullon::ullat::lrlon::lrlat), start time and end time. The output is a string containing the metadata requested for all the data items in the SQL table that meets the ROI and TOI constraints.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $MetaData=rs_getMetaData(rs1,"ACTTest", "Sar, TEDS_3Dtemp", "DataSe
t, ID", -180::90::180::-90, "", "")
[ready]:
```

***rs\_init*** loads msh32rs.dll

**Syntax:** rs\_init()

**Description:** This function loads (dynamically) msh32rs.dll. This DLL contains all the CORBA client code to connect and invoke methods on a remote WIPE Object server . If it succeeds it returns 0, otherwise -1.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: status = rs_init()
[ready]:
```

***rs\_connect connect to a remote WIPE Object***

**Syntax:** `rs_connect("erie.actgate.com",12000)`

**Description:** This function is used to connect to a remote WIPE object. It takes two parameters: a string containing the ip address of the WIPE Object host machine, and a port number ( this is where WIPE Object Factory Server is set up to listen in). If Successful it returns a handle number, otherwise it returns -1. The handle number is used as a parameter in the other functions.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: rs1 = rs_connect("erie.actgate.com", 12000)
[ready]:
```

***rs\_release closesconnection with a WIPE Object***

**Syntax:** `rs_release(rs1)`

**Description:** This function is used to close the connection with a remote WIPE Object.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: rs_release(rs1)
[ready]:
```

***rs\_exec Executes command in the remote server***

**Syntax:** `rs_exec(rs1,$cmd)`

**Description:** This function is used to execute an MSHELL command string in the remote WIPE Object server. It returns 0 if the command executed properly on the remote machine, otherwise it returns the MTOOL error code generated during execution.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $cmd = "x = scale255(hammiw(128,128))\n"
[ready]: retval = rs_exec(rs1,$cmd)
```

***rs\_exec\_async***      ***Same as rs\_exec ( does not block)***

**Syntax:**                      **rs\_exec\_async(rs1,\$cmd)**

**Description:** This function is similar to `rs_exec`, excepts that it does not block. The local thread of execution is free to process other commands while the command passed in `rs_exec_async` executes in the remote server. If succesfull it returns 0.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $cmd = "include \"bigloop\""\n"
[ready]: retval = rs_exec_async(rs1,$cmd)
```

***rs\_getString***              ***Retrieves the content of a string variable.***

**Syntax:**                      **rs\_getString(rs1,\$varname)**

**Description:** This function is used to retrieve the contents of a string variable in the remote WIPE Object server. If the string variable does not exists, the function returns a NULL value.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $cmd = "$name=\"Hello World!\""\n"
[ready]: retval = rs_exec(rs1,$cmd)
[ready]: $varname = "$name"
[ready]: $temp = rs_getArray(rs1,$varname)
```

***rs\_getArray***              ***Retrieves the content of an Array variable***

**Syntax:**                      **rs\_getArray(rs1,\$varname)**

**Description:** This function is used to retrieve the content of an array variable in the remote WIPE Object server. If the array variable does not exists, the function returns a NULL array.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $cmd = "x =scale255(hammiw(128,128))\n"
[ready]:retval = rs_exec(rs1,$cmd)
[ready]: $varname = "x"
[ready]: x = rs_getArray(rs1,$varname)
```

***rs\_wait***                      ***Waits the number of specified seconds***

**Syntax:**                      **rs\_wait(rs1, #of seconds)**

**Description:** This function is used after a call to `rs_exec_async`. The number of seconds to wait is passed in to the function. If it is `-1`, this function blocks until the remote server is finished executing the command. Otherwise it waits the number of seconds specified. If the remote server has not finished executing the command when the number of seconds elapsed it returns 1, otherwise it returns 0.

**Example:**

```
[ready]://wait for 5 seconds; loop until server is finished executing  
command  
[ready]:while (rs_wait(rs1,5)){  
                "server is not finished yet... \n"  
}  
}
```

### *\$string*      *String Access Control*

**Syntax:**                    `$string(##,##)`

**Description:** This is used to extract a particular area of text out of a large string. The first ## identifies the line range, and the second ## determines the column range within the string.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $string = " This is an example of string extraction\nFirst, one may create a
[ready]: $string
This is an example of string extraction
First, one may create a string and then
will later pick a region to extract.
[ready]: $string(0:1,12:18)
example
ay crea
[ready]: _
```

### *save*                    *Saves Arrays or Strings to Disk*

**Syntax:**                    `save $savefile array1 array2 array3 ...`

**Description:** Used to save arrays to disk wherby one specifies the desired path and array names to use separated by spaces. To save all of the ARRAY variables use `save $savefile all`. To save all the string variables use `save $savefile allstr`.

**See Also:**      `load`

### *scale255*                *Scale to 8-bit Range*

**Syntax:**                    `scale255(a) or a.scale255`

**Description:** Scale the input array values to fall in the range [0,255]. This function is particularly useful for scaling an array prior to copying it to an 8 bit image frame buffer.

Note that the input to scale255 must be real.

**Example:**      Given that 'a' is a valid array,

```
    f = scale255(a);
```

will scale 'a' and copy it into image 'f'.

### *setcwd*                 *Sets the current working directory*

**Syntax:**                    `setcwd($string)`

`status = setcwd($string)`

**Description:** This is used to set the current working directory from the command line or within a script. The advantage of using this function over the typical `M_cwd` command is that this captures the state of the change. If status is <0> then the cwd request was successful; if equal to <-1> then it was unsuccessful. This could be because the directory

specified does not exist or simply that access permissions have not been met.

**Example:** The following sets the current working directory to “C:\Temp”. Since status = 0, we know that the request was successful.

```
[ready]: status = setcwd("C:\\Temp")
[ready]: status
      0
[ready]:
```

### *select*            **Selects an Output Look-Up Table**

**Syntax:**            **select wolut#**

**Description:** This is used to select the desired look-up table. The # sign will be replaced with the corresponding number for the look-up table desired.

**Example:**        The following will select look-up table 2.,

```
[ready] select wolut2
```

### *setroi*            **Interactively sets an ROI from**

**Syntax:**            **setroi(image)**

**Description:** This is used to set a roi from the screen using the mouse for input. After having released the left mouse button and clicking the right button, the roi will be saved as the rectangular region selected.

**Example:**        The following sets the variable ‘roi’ equal to the complex array of pixels defining the dragged out contained region within ‘image’.

```
[ready] roi = setroi(image)
```

### *shiftc*            **Cyclic Shift of an Image**

**Syntax:**            **shiftc(a,row,col)**

**Description:** This function is used to shift or translate an input array or image by a specified number of columns and rows. The shift is cyclic, i.e., border pixels will wrap around. Note that the values of ‘row’ and ‘col’ must be non-negative.

**Example:**        Included with example of **shifft**.

### *Shp2contour*        **Shapefile to Contour Image**

**Syntax:**            **shp2contour(\$filename, bbox, size, recn)**

**Description:** This function generates an image containing a view of the shapefile for a given region and number of records. ‘\$filename’ is a string containing the name of the shapefile file, ‘bbox’ is a 1x4 array

containing the bounding box of the region of interest (Xmin, Ymin, Xmax, Ymax), 'size' is a 1x2 array containing the desired image size (rows, columns), and 'recn' is either a Nx2 array or 0. If 'recn' is a Nx2 array, the first column contains the shapefile record id and the second column contains the value to use when drawing the contour for that record; if it is 0, then all the shapefile records are used and the value contained in the system variable M\_plotcolor is used for the contour. The generated image can be used as an overlay to another image..

**Example:** The following example illustrates the function.

```
c = shp2contour("d:\\temp\\admin98.shp", -180::-90::180::90, 180::360, 0)
view c
```

## *shp2image*      *Shapefile to Image*

**Syntax:**      **shp2image**(\$filename, image, bbox, recn, mode)

**Description:** This function is useful when performing polygon fill of shapefile records of type 5 (polygons). '\$filename' is a string containing the name of the shapefile file, 'image' is an array variable used as input to the polygon fill routine (it serves as a background image), 'bbox' is a 1x4 array containing the bounding box of the region of interest (Xmin, Ymin, Xmax, Ymax), 'recn' can be a Nx2 array, a Nx1 array or 0, and 'mode' is a value that determines the type of output generated: '0' – fill polygon, '1' – fill polygon using shapefile record id as the fill value, and '2' – region add. The following examples show the different modes in action.

### **Mode 0 : Polygon Fill**

This mode works exactly as shp2fillimage. If 'recn' is a Nx2 array, for each row, the first column contains the shapefile record id and the second column contains the value to use to fill in the corresponding polygons; if it is a Nx1 array, the column vector contains the shapefile ids to extract from the shapefile; and if it is 0, then all the shapefile records are extracted. The value used to fill in the polygons in the second and third case is determined by the content of the system variable M\_plotcolor. The returned image is a combination of the input image and the filled in polygons.

**Example:** The following example illustrates the function.

```
z = ones(180,360)*100
c = shp2image("d:\\temp\\admin98.shp", z, -180::-90::180::90, 0, 0)
view c
```

### **Mode 1 – Polygon Fill using Shapefile Record Id**

In this mode the record id is used to fill in the polygons. If 'recn' is a Nx1 array, the column vector contains the record ids to extract from the shapefile; if 'recn' is 0 then all the records are extracted. Note that if 'recn' is a Nx2 array the second column is ignored.

**Example:** The following example illustrates the function.

```
z = ones(256,256)*100
c = shp2image("d:\\temp\\sed.shp", z, -78.015::33.001::-74.992::36.009,
0, 1)
view c
show c
--- c ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 256
number of columns = 256
maximum value    = 598
minimum value    = 0
// in this case 598 records were extracted
```

## Mode 2 – Polygon Fill with Region Add

This mode is useful when trying to determine overlapping regions. As each polygon is being filled in, the value of the pixels inside the polygon gets increment by the fill value for that record. In this way if you assign the same fill value to every record, areas of overlap will have a greater value than the fill value.

**Example:** The following example illustrates the function.

```
z = ones(256,256)*100
M_plotcolor = 1
c = shp2image("d:\\temp\\sed.shp", z, -78.015::33.001::-74.992::36.009,
0, 2)
view c
show c
--- c ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 256
number of columns = 256
maximum value    = 6
minimum value    = 0
// the maximum value of 6 indicates there were overlapping regions;
// otherwise the maximum value would have been 1
```

## *shp2fillimage*      *Shapefile Image Fill*

**Syntax:**            **shp2fillimage(\$filename, image, bbox, recn)**

**Description:** This function is useful when performing polygon fill of shapefile records of type 5 (polygons). ‘\$filename’ is a string containing the name of the shapefile file, ‘image’ is an array variable used as input to the polygon fill routine (it serves as a background image), ‘bbox’ is a 1x4 array containing the bounding box of the region of interest (Xmin, Ymin, Xmax, Ymax), and ‘recn’ can be a Nx2 array, a Nx1 array or 0. If ‘recn’ is a Nx2 array, for each row, the first column contains the shapefile record id and the second column contains the value to use to fill in the corresponding polygon; if it is a Nx1 array, the column vector contains the shapefile ids to extract from the shapefile; and if it is 0, then all the shapefile records are extracted. The value used to fill in the polygons in the second and third case is determined by the content of the system variable M\_plotcolor. The returned image is a combination of the input image and the filled in polygons.

**Example:** The following example illustrates the function.

```
z = ones(180,360)*100
c = shp2fillimage("d:\\temp\\admin98.shp", z, -180::-90::180::90, 0)
view c
```

### *shp2vector*                      *Retrieve verticies from a shapefile*

**Syntax:**                              **shp2vector(\$dbf\_filename, ID)**

**Description:** Given a shapefile name (\*.shp), return the verticies for the given shapefile object identifier, ID.

### *shpwriteroi*                      *Copy a subset of a shapefile*

**Syntax:**                              **shpwriteroi(\$shpfile, \$dstshpfile,  
xmin::ymin::xmax::ymax)**

**Description:** Copies the specified bounding box from \$shpfile to a newly created shape file, \$dstshpfile.

### *shifft*                              *Shift an Array or Image*

**Syntax:**                              **shifft(a,row,col)**

**Description:** This function is used to shift or translate an input array or image by a specified number of columns and rows. The shift is non-cyclic, i.e., border pixels will not wrap-around. Note that the values of ‘row’ and ‘col’ must be non-negative.

**Example:**                      The example on the next page generates an array and then applies the **shiftc** and **shifft** functions.

```

[ready]: x = int(randu(3,3)*10) // generate a 3 x 3 array of random
[ready]: x // integers between 1 and 10
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  3.00  1.00  2.00
row 1 =
  9.00  3.00  1.00
row 2 =
  2.00  5.00  8.00
[ready]: shiftc(x,1,0) // cyclic shift one row down
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  2.00  5.00  8.00
row 1 =
  3.00  1.00  2.00
row 2 =
  9.00  3.00  1.00
[ready]: shiftt(x,0,1) // translation one column right
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  0.00  3.00  1.00
row 1 =
  0.00  9.00  3.00
row 2 =
  0.00  2.00  5.00

```

## *show* **Display Variables Information**

**Syntax:** `show variable [ or list of variables]`

**Description:** Display basic parameters of a list of arrays, or of all arrays in memory. Also have **show all**. Note that this command can not be used within an expression.

**Example:** Generate some variables and then invoke **show**,

```

[ready]: ramp = (0,255,1,256)
[ready]: a = randg(3,100)
[ready]: name = "Carlos"
[ready]: x = 5.00
[ready]: show all
  a      : 3  100 real   defined at level = 0
  x      : 1  1  real   defined at level = 0
  ramp   : 256 256 real  defined at level = 0
  name   : 1  6      string
[ready]: show a
  --- a ---
data type is      : real
number of rows   = 3
number of columns = 100
maximum value    = 2.75168
minimum value    = -2.92469

```

## *sign* **Sign of Array Elements**

**Syntax:** `sign(a)` or `a.sign`

**Description:** Compute the sign of each element in the array. For every element in 'a' it returns **+1** if the element is greater than or equal to zero, and **-1** otherwise. This function does not accept complex inputs.

**Example:** Generate a vector and then apply the **sign** function to the vector.

```
[ready]: a = geo(-2,7)           // generate a row vector
[ready]: sign(a)                // example of sign
row 0 =
  1.00 -1.00  1.00 -1.00  1.00 -1.00  1.00
```

***sin***                      ***Sine***

**Syntax:**                      **sin(a)** or **a.sin**

**Description:** Compute the sine of each array element. Note that the input is expected in radians.

***sinc***                      ***Sinc Function***

**Syntax:**                      **sinc(a)** or **a.sinc**

**Description:** Evaluates the **sinc** function for each element in the input array. The **sinc** function is defined as

Note that sinc(0) is evaluated as 1.

***sinh***                      ***Hyperbolic Sine***

**Syntax:**                      **sinh(a)** or **a.sinh**

**Description:** Computes the hyperbolic sine of each array element.

The hyperbolic sine of x is evaluated as

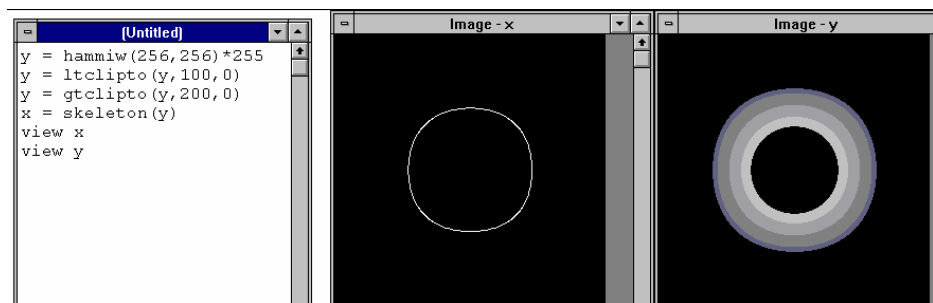
$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}.$$

***skeleton***                      ***Binary Conversion Filter***

**Syntax:**                      **skeleton(array)**

**Description:** Converts an image to all 0's and 1's depending upon their amplitude. This is used to show lines of maximum amplitude.

**Example:**



***smodify***                      ***String Replace***

**Syntax:**                      **smodify(\$string,\$from,\$to)**

**Description:** This replaces all occurrences of \$from with \$to in the string \$string.

The output of this function can be set to a resultant string also.

**Example:** This replaces the 'F' in 'Fun' with a 'G' to form "Gun".

```
[ready]: smodify("Fun","F","G") // replaces "F" with "G"
Gun
```

### *sortr* **Row Wise Sorting**

**Syntax:** `sortr(a)` or `a.sortr`

**Description:** Returns a sorted version, on a row basis, of the input array. The sorting algorithm utilized is 'Heapsort'. The sorting is performed from small number to large number.

**Example:** Create an array and then perform a row wise sort of the array.

```
[ready]: a=randu(2,7) // create random 2x7 matrix
[ready]: a
row 0 =
  0.41  0.72  0.63  0.39  0.62  0.50  0.98
row 1 =
  0.79  0.17  0.01  0.20  0.42  0.10  0.28
[ready]: sortr(a) // example of sort
row 0 =
  0.39  0.41  0.50  0.62  0.63  0.72  0.98
row 1 =
  0.01  0.10  0.17  0.20  0.28  0.42  0.79
```

### *spatf* **Spatial Filter**

**Syntax:** `spatf(a,n,m,function)`

**Description:** Applies a user selected (or user defined) spatial filter to the input array. The filter is implemented over a moving window through out the whole input array. The dimensions of the window are (N x M). The window must be able to fit within the dimensions of 'a', otherwise an error message will be generated. The final argument, 'function', is the name of a single argument internal MSHELL function which returns a scalar value, e.g., var, mean, max, min, ...

**Example:** This module provides significant flexibility for performing arbitrary spatial filtering functions. For example, the local mean and variance over the array 'a', using a N x N window, can be computed, respectively, using the following MSHELL calls,

```
spatf(a,N,N,mean)
spatf(a,N,N,var).
```

Likewise, the local maximum over a 9 x 9 window can be computed with

```
spatf(a,9,9,max).
```

### *sqrt* **Square Root**

**Syntax:** `sqrt(a)` or `a.sqrt`

**Description:** Computes the square root of each array element in 'a'. If any of the entries in the input array are negative the output of the square root will be complex, i.e.  $\text{sqrt}(-1) = 0+1i$ , where i implies that the number is imaginary. Taking the square root of a complex array is a valid operation.

**stats**                      *Computes Basic Statistics*

**Syntax:**                      `stats(a)` or `a.stats`

**Description:** Returns a row vector whose first element is the minimum value in 'a', its second element is the maximum value in 'a', its third element is the mean value of the elements of 'a', and its last element is the standard deviation of the elements of 'a'.

**STDOUT**                      *Standard out identifier*

**Syntax:**                      `writecolor(STDOUT, r, g, b, "TIFF")`

**Description:** Reserved word used to specify the "Standard Out" instead of a file name. (Only works for the console and web versions of ProVIEW, not the GUI)

**Example:**                      The following MSHELL code will write a JPEG image for a web request coming from an `<IMG SRC=...>` tag.

```
print "Content-type: image/jpeg\n\n"
writecolor(STDOUT, red_plane, green_plane, blue_plane, "JPEG")
```

**str2float**                      *Converts Numeric String to Float*

**Syntax:**                      `str2float($string)`

**Description:** Returns a 1 x 1 array with float value equal to that of the numeric string '\$string'.

**See Also:**                      `str2int`, `strlen`

**Example:**                      The following is an example of `str2float` usage with a 2x3 array creation.

```
ready]: $str = "4.56,34.25,67.02\n12.28,34.64,3.23"                      //define
string variable
[ready]: str2float($str)                      // example of str2float

(10^0) X
row 0 =
   4.56  34.25  67.02
row 1 =
  12.28  34.64   3.23
```

**str2int**                      *Converts Numeric String to Integer*

**Syntax:**                      `str2int($string)`

**Description:** Returns a 1 x 1 array with integer value equal to that of the numeric string '\$string'.

**See Also:** **str2float, strlen**

**Example:** With example for **strlen**.

### ***strlen*** ***Computes the Length of a String***

**Syntax:** **strlen(\$string)**

**Description:** Returns a 1 x 1 array with the number of characters in a \$string.

**See Also:** **str2float, str2ind**

**Example:** The following generates a string variable and then calculates **str2float**, **sstr2ind**, and **strlen** of the variable.

```
[ready]: $strvalue = "4.356"           // define string variable
[ready]: str2float($strvalue)         // example of str2float
      4.356
[ready]: str2int($strvalue)           // example of str2int
      4
[ready]: strlen($strvalue)           // example of strlen
      5
```

### ***strlow2up*** ***Converts lowercase to uppercase***

**Syntax:** **strlow2up(\$lowercase)**

**Description:** The output is a string whereby all lowercase characters have been changed to uppercase.

### ***strup2low*** ***Converts uppercase to lowercase***

**Syntax:** **strup2low(\$uppercase)**

**Description:** The output is a string whereby all uppercase characters have been changed to lowercase.

### ***sum*** ***Sum All Elements***

**Syntax:** **sum(a)** or **a.sum**

**Description:** Sum all the elements in the input array. The output of this operation is a scalar, i.e. a 1 x 1 array.

**Example:** With example for **sumr**.

### ***sumc*** ***Sum Column Vectors in an Array***

**Syntax:** **sumc(a)** or **a.sumc**

**Description:** For each row in the input array, sum the values along the row. The output is a column vector.

**Example:** With example for **sumr**.

## *sumcum*                      *Row Wise Cumulative Sum*

**Syntax:**                      **sumcum(a)** or **a.sumcum**

**Description:** For each row in the input array, compute the cumulative sum of values along the row. The output will have the same dimensions as the input.

**Example:**                      With example for **sumr**.

## *sumr*                              *Sum Row Vectors in an Array*

**Syntax:**                      **sumr(a)** or **a.sumr**

**Description:** For each column in the input array, sum the values along the column. The output is a row vector.

**Example:**                      The following generates an array and then calculates **sum**, **sumc**, **sumcum**, and **sumr** of that array.

```
[ready]: x = randu(3,3)*10            // generate a 3 x 3 array of random
[ready]: x = nint(x)                 // integers in the range of 1 to 10
row 0 =
  2.00  4.00  2.00
row 1 =
  1.00  7.00 10.00
row 2 =
  5.00  5.00  5.00
[ready]: sum(x)                       // example of sum(x)
  41.00
[ready]:
[ready]: sumc(x)                     // example of sumc(x)
row 0 =
  8.00
row 1 =
 18.00
row 2 =
 15.00
[ready]:
[ready]: sumcum(x)                  // example of sumcum(x)
row 0 =
  2.00  6.00  8.00
row 1 =
  1.00  8.00 18.00
row 2 =
  5.00 10.00 15.00
[ready]: sumr(x)                     // example of sumr(x)
row 0 =
  8.00 16.00 17.00 [ready]:
```

## *svd*                              *Singular Value Decomposition*

**Syntax:**                      **svd(A,U,D,V)**

**Description:** Computes the singular value decomposition of an input matrix. The routine used for this computation is derived from “Numerical Recipes in C”, see page 3, “**References and Further Readings**”. This routine takes the input matrix, 'A', and returns 'U', 'D', and 'V', which contain the singular value decomposition of 'A'. The following equalities will hold:

```

      U'*U = 1
V'*V = 1
A = U*D*V'

```

Note that all the input variables must exist before calling this function.

**Example:** Performs the operation and then checks the result.

```

[ready]: a = randu(2,2) // create a 2 x 2 random array
[ready]: a
row 0 =
    0.23  0.36
row 1 =
    0.16  0.55
[ready]: u=0; d=0; v=0 // initialize u,d,v prior to svd call
[ready]: svd(a,u,d,v) // call svd function
[ready]: u*d*v' // test output
row 0 =
    0.23  0.36
row 1 =
    0.16  0.55

```

## *system Issues Operating System Command*

**Syntax:** system string

**Description:** This function allows you to issue an operating system command. It invokes the operating system command processor to execute an operating system command, batch file, or other program named by the string command. To be located and executed, the program must be in the current directory or in one of the directories listed in the PATH string in the environment. In the case of the string consisting of a an executable command, batch file, or program, you will be returned to the ProVIEW prompt upon completion of the executable. If the the string consists of a non-executable statement or is null then return to ProView will require you to type " exit" at the DOS prompt. The COMSPEC environment variable is used to find the command processor program file, so that file need not be in the current directory.

**Example:** The following operations illustrate the function.

```

[ready]: system "edit c:/autoexec.bat" // go to DOS, edit the file
[ready]: // when done returns to the
[ready]: // ProVIEW prompt directly.
[ready]:
[ready]: system // opens a DOS window:
c:\>rem at the DOS prompt you can execute operating
c:\>rem system commands, batch files, or other DOS
c:\>rem programs; when done type EXIT
c:\>exit rem to return to the ProVIEW prompt

[ready]: // ready to continue working
[ready]: // in ProVIEW
[ready]:
[ready]: system "dir/s/b > dir.lst" // creates and stores a listing
[ready]: $list = readtext("dir.lst") // of files in a directory

```

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***tan***                      ***Tangent***

**Syntax:**                      **tan(a)** or **a.tan**

**Description:** Compute the tangent of each array element. Note that the input is expected in radians.

***tanh***                      ***Hyperbolic Tangent***

**Syntax:**                      **tanh(a)** or **a.tanh**

**Description:** Compute the hyperbolic tangent of each array element.

The hyperbolic tangent of 'a' is evaluated as

$$\tanh(a_{j,i}) = \sinh(a_{j,i}) / \cosh(a_{j,i}) \quad \text{for all } i, j;$$

where j and i are, respectively, row and column indices.

***text***                      ***Adds Text to an Array***

**Syntax:**                      **text(array,\$text)**

**Description:** Used to add text to an array versus just the screen image as in the following command "textoverlay"; this command actually writes the text to the array.

***textoverlay***      ***Annotates an Image with Text***

**Syntax:**                      **textoverlay(image, \$text, "Font",  
PointSize::row#:: col#:: color:: overlay::  
orientation)**

**Description:** This is used to place a text overlay on an image where \$text is the string to be displayed, and "Font" is a string specifying the font to use. Row # and column# are the corresponding starting pixels for the text on the image. Color is the color of the text with the following possibilities:

- 0 = black
- 1 = dark gray
- 2 = blue
- 3 = cyan
- 4 = gray
- 5 = yellow
- 6 = magenta
- 7 = red
- 8 = green
- 9 = white

The actual image is not modified with use of this function. It is just an overlay.

Overlay determines the background of the text where 0 gives a background of white or 1 gives a transparent background. Orientation specifies whether the text is vertical (0) or horizontal (1).

### ***textremove***      ***Removes Text annotation***

**Syntax:**                      **textremove(image,\$text)**

**Description:** Used to remove the desired string (\$text) from an image if it was created using the command **textoverlay**.

### ***text2image***      ***Converts Text to an Image***

**Syntax:**                      **text2image( \$sexpr )**

**Description:** Given a single line input string, **text2image** converts the input string into a two dimensional array, where 'sexpr' is a string expression. Once the text exists in image form it can be manipulated just as any other image.

**Example:**      The ProVIEW screen of Figure 5 illustrates this application.

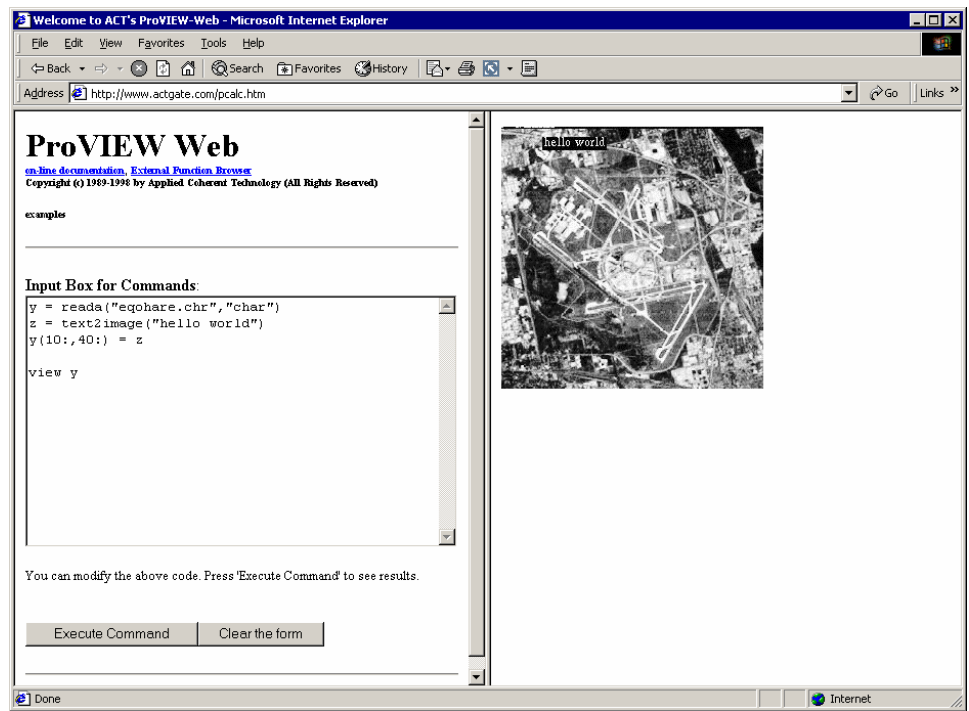


Figure 5

***trace***                      ***Sum Diagonal Elements***

**Syntax:**                      **trace(a)** or **a.trace**

**Description:** Sums the elements on the diagonal of the input square array.

**Example:**                  Generate a square array and calculate **trace**.

```
[ready]: x = randg(3,3)
[ready]: x
row 0 =
   -0.85      0.94      0.16
row 1 =
    1.23     -1.08     -0.46
row 2 =
   -0.88     -0.80      0.41
[ready]: trace(x)
   -1.52219
```

***V***                      ***Virtual Variable***

**Syntax:**                      **V**

**Description:** This variable is used to hold the virtual variable. All access to any array opened virtually will be performed using this variable.

***var***                      ***Variance***

**Syntax:**                      **var(a)** or **a.var**

**Description:** Given an input array, 'a', **var(a)** computes the variance of the elements in 'a'. The variance is computed using the following expression,

$$\text{var}(a) = \frac{1}{J \cdot I} \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} (a_{j,i} - \bar{a})^2 \quad \text{where,}$$

$$\bar{a} = \frac{1}{J \cdot I} \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} (a_{j,i}) \text{ is the sample mean of 'a', for all } j, i;$$

where j and i are, respectively, row and column indices.

***varname***                      ***Returns the Variable Name***

**Syntax:**                      **varname(variable)**

**Description:** This command returns the name of the highlighted variable as a string. This can be used after having used a user-defined menu command with an inputfocus call. This will allow for the name of the variable to be known.

***vartype***                      ***Returns the Variable Type***

**Syntax:**                      **vartype(variable)**

**Description:** This is used to pass the "type" of the specified variable to the screen so that the user knows what "type" a particular variable is. "Type" is a number which can be one of the following possibilities:

- 0 = means that the variable does not exist
- 1 = signifies an integer or array
- 2 = signifies a string

***Vclose***                      ***Closes Virtual Variable Link***

**Syntax:**                      **Vclose(V)**

**Description:** This function is used to close the link between the virtual variable 'V' and the disk file it was previously attached to by **Vopen**.

**See Also:** **Vnew**, and **Vopen**.

***vec2image***                      ***Vector Format to Image Format***

**Syntax:**                      **vec2image()**

**Description:** From the command line or from a script file, use this command to enable the display of any image variable, i.e. 'myimage', that already exists in memory.

***viewout***                      ***Closes array viewing window***

**Syntax:**                      **viewout image**

**Description:** Closes array viewing window associated with the image variable. (GUI only).

***view***                      ***Enables Screen Display of an Image***

**Syntax:**                      **view myimage**

**Description:** From the command line or from a script file, use this command to enable the display of any image variable, i.e. 'myimage', that already exists in memory.

***view4d***                      ***Amplitude Enhanced Image***

**Syntax:**                      **view4d(image,0,z,rot::tilt::nout::ns)**

**Description:** Use this command to amplitude enhance any 'image' with 'z' values with a rotation of 'rot', a tilt of 'tilt', and with number of rows and columns of 'nout'. Also, one can specify the sampling accuracy using the parameter 'ns' from 1 - 8, where 1 is most accurate and 8 is the least.

**Example:** Within the view4d entry in the script file below, the 'uvvis750.flt' file corresponds to the lower image; in the top image this file has been altitude enhanced with the topography image 'lunto/4'.

### Clementine Global Lunar Image Combined With Derived Altimetry Data

UV-VIS 750nm calibrated image mosaic, spatial resolution = 50Km

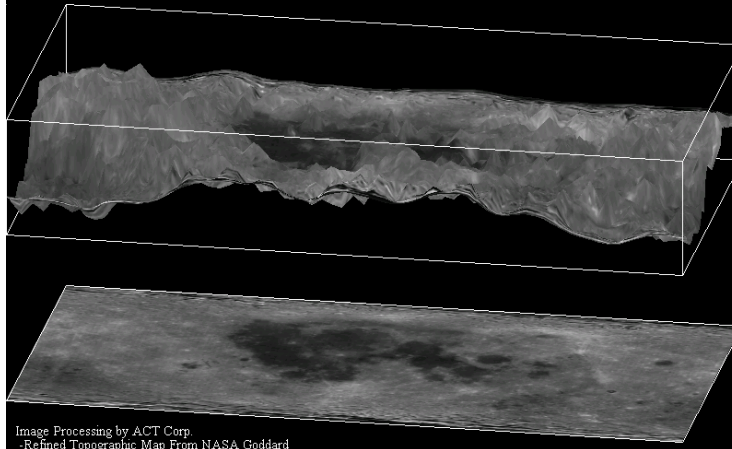


Image Processing by ACT Corp.  
-Refined Topographic Map From NASA Goddard

```

C:\PROVIEW\MESH\CLEMTOP.MSH
M_cwd = "C:/PROVIEW/IMAGES/CLEMEN/MEANMAP"
lunto = reada("lunto.flt","float")

uvvis750 = reada("uvvis750.chr","char")
uvvis750 = decimate(uvvis750,2,2)

lunto = shiftc(lunto,0,180)

lunto = scale255(lunto)
view lunto
MOON = view4d(uvvis750,0,lunto/4,-10::70::800::5)
MOON.m_viewflag=0

MOON = zeropad(MOON,MOON.nrows+100,MOON.ncols)
MOON = shiftc(MOON,100,0)

MOON.m_viewx0=0
MOON.m_viewy0=0
MOON.m_viewwidth=MOON.ncols+50
MOON.m_viewheight=MOON.nrows+50
MOON.m_viewflag=1 // make image visible

// *****ADD TEXT TO OUTPUT IMAGE
row=10; col=10
$text = "Clementine Global Lunar Image Combined With Derived Altimetry Data"
textoverlay(MOON,$text,"Times New Roman",24::col::row::9::1::1)

row=40; col=10
$text = "UV-VIS 750nm calibrated image mosaic, spatial resolution = 50Km"
textoverlay(MOON,$text,"Times New Roman",18::col::row::9::1::1)

row = MOON.nrows-30; col=10
$text = "Image Processing by ACT Corp."
textoverlay(MOON,$text,"Times New Roman",18::col::row::9::1::1)

row = MOON.nrows-15; col=10
$text = "-Refined Topographic Map From NASA Goddard"
textoverlay(MOON,$text,"Times New Roman",18::col::row::9::1::1)

```

***Vnew***                      ***Makes Disk Space for Virtual Image***

**Syntax:**                      **Vnew(\$fname, nrows,ncols,bytes\_per\_pixel)**

**Description:** This function is used to allocate disk space in a disk file, where: '\$fname' is the string variable holding the file name to use, 'nrows' is the number of rows in \$fname, 'ncols' is the number of columns in \$fname, and 'bytes\_per\_Pixel' is the number of bytes per pixel in '\$fname'. Returns status of **0** for **good**.

**See Also:**        **Vclose, Vopen.**

***Vopen***                      ***Makes Virtual Variable Link to File***

**Syntax:**                      **V =**  
**Vopen(\$fname,M::N::format::offset,roi,access);**

**Description:** This function establishes a link between the Virtual Variable 'V' and a disk file '\$fname', where: M is the number of rows in '\$fname', 'N' is the number of columns in '\$fname', byte 'format' is determined by the list below, 'offset' is the header size in bytes, and 'roi' is a valid rectangular region of interest within '\$fname'. Also the access parameter has been added to allow just read (access = 0) or read and write (access = 1).

**ProVIEW Virtual variable formats:**

- Format 1:        Byte
- Format 2:        PC16
- Format 3:        Sun16
- Format 4:        PC float
- Format 5:        Sun float
- Format 6:        PC32
- Format 7:        Sun32
- Format 8:        PC16 unsigned
- Format 9:        Sun16 unsigned

**See Also:**        **Vclose, Vnew.**

**Note** that 'V' is a special variable in ProVIEW, a virtual variable. With this variable you can manipulate an image file which can be as large as the whole disk space available in the system. If the user has a huge image in a file or is going to be working with an image that can not be easily hold in memory, then he or she can still manipulate pieces of the large image using ProVIEW's virtual variable.

Once a link is established between a file in disk and the virtual variable 'V', then the user can access rectangular regions of interest in the disk file for read or write operations (the user must always provide a rectangular region of interest when writing or reading from the 'V'). The following example illustrates the use of a virtual variable. It corresponds to the script file **flyby.msh** located in the ProVIEW **msh** distribution directory.

```

M_cwd = "/proview/images/clemen/moonbrus"
roi = wdef(0,0,1,1)
V = Vopen("allmoon.chr",5760::11521::1::0,roi,0);
flyby = 0
view flyby
i=0
while(i<35){
    meter("flyover virtual image",i/35*100)
    angle = i/35*6.28
    roi = wdef(2336+128*cos(angle), 6926+128*sin(angle),
256,256)
    flyby = V(roi)
    i = i+1
}
meter("",-1)

```

***vpftblinfo***                      ***Virtual Region of Interest***

**Syntax:**                      image.vroi

**Description:** Used to store a previously defined region of interest (make it virtual).

***vroi***                      ***Virtual Region of Interest***

**Syntax:**                      image.vroi

**Description:** Used to store a previously defined region of interest (make it virtual).

- W -

**wclose**                    *Closes all Screen Windows*

**Syntax:**                    **wclose**

**Description:** Closes all the windows presently opened in the ProVIEW environment.

**wcolut[#]**                *Color Look up Table*

**Syntax:**                    **wcolut[#]**

**Description:** Used to list and define all three rows (red, green, blue) of a color look up table. Use the **select** command or the **m\_viewlut** intrinsic with **wolut#** to choose one of the palettes for viewing.

0=gray  
1=inverse gray  
2=pseudocolor  
3=inverse pseudocolor  
4=user defined

**wdef**                      *Define a Region of Interest*

**Syntax:**                    **wdef**(ul\_row,ul\_col,nrows,ncols)

**Description:** This function is used to define a region of interest or window, where: 'ul\_row' and 'ul\_col' are the upper left pixel coordinates of the region of interest; 'nrows' and 'ncols' are, respectively, the number of rows and columns contained in the region of interest.

**Example:**                The following command defines **roi1** to be a 16 x 16 rectangular region of interest with upper left corner at row = 8 and col = 6.

```
[ready]: roi1 = wdef(8,6,16,16)
[ready]: froi = f(roi1)     // extracts subimage
```

**while**                    *While Loop*

**Syntax:**                    **while** (*condition*) {  
                                  *statements*  
                                  *counter*  
                                  }

**Description:** This is a type of loop which runs until the condition stated is no longer met.

***wmove***                      ***Move a Region of Interest***

**Syntax:**                      **wmove(roi,row,col)**

**Description:** Given a valid rectangular region of interest, 'roi', originally defined using **wdef** this function will generate a new region of interest which is a translated version of the input ROI, where 'row' and 'col' are the row and column coordinates of the upper left of the translated region of interest, and 'roi' is the input region of interest.

***wolut[#]***                      ***Wide Open Look Up Table***

**Syntax:**                      **wolut[#]**

**Description:** This is used to apply one of the look-up-tables to a particular image. The **wolut[#]** system variables are used with the **select** command or **m\_viewlut** intrinsic to choose a lookup table to use. For example: **select wcolut0** will select the grayscale lookup table. To read or modify the lookup tables RGB values, use the **wcolut[#]** system variables.

0=gray  
1=inverse gray  
2=pseudocolor  
3=inverse pseudocolor  
4=user-defined

***writea***                      ***Write Array to Disk***

**Syntax:**                      **writea("fname",a,"mode")**

**Description:** Write an array, 'a', to file 'fname' on the disk in the indicated 'mode', using any of the supported formats

**See Also:**                      Error! Reference source not found. on page **Error!**  
**Bookmark not defined.**

***writecolor***                      ***Writes a Color Image***

**Syntax:**                      **writecolor("path/filename.ext", r, g ,b, "image type")**

**Description:** Used to write a color image to disk using the three red(r), green(g), blue(b) image color arrays. The image type string is simply the type of image to be written (*bmp*, *tiff*, or *ppm*).

***writef***                      ***Formatted File Write***

**Syntax:**                      **writef(unit,"format",arrayname) or  
writef(unit,"format",stringname)**

**Description:** This function is used to perform a formatted write to a file unit which has already been open using the **openf** command. Note that only one value or string can be written at a time. The first command above is used for doing a formatted write of an already existing 1 x 1 array into a file. The second command above is used for doing a formatted string write into an already open file. The format string follows a similar form to the 'C' language formatting options, where %s is used for strings, and %f, %g, %e are used for floating point numbers.

**Example:** Given that unit 1 has been already open with an **openf** statement, and that 'x' is an array variable and 'name' is a string variable, then the following MSHELL statements are legal **writeln** statements,

```
status=writeln(1,"Hello my name is %s \n",name);
status=writeln(1,"The temperature is %f degrees",x);
status=writeln(1,"The value is \n %4.2f",x);
status=writeln(1,"%g",x);
status=writeln(1,"%e",x); .
```

### *wsize*                      *Size of a Region of Interest*

**Syntax:**                      **wsize(roi) or roi.wsize**

**Description:** Given a valid rectangular region of interest, this function will return the dimensions of the rectangular window defining the ROI.

### *wtile*                      *Tiles all Screen Windows*

**Syntax:**                      **wtile**

**Description:** Tiles all the windows presently opened in the ProVIEW environment.

***xcorr***                      ***Cross Correlation***

**Syntax:**                      **xcorr(a,b)**

**Description:** Perform the cross-correlation between two input arrays. There are no specific restrictions on the two input arrays: they can be either real or complex and one or two dimensional. If 'a' has dimensions (N x M), and 'b' has dimensions (P x Q) the resulting ARRAY will have dimensions (N+P-1, M+Q-1). The implementation used in 'xcorr' is computationally efficient for small arrays. For large array sizes, an FFT implementation should be considered.

**See Also:**                      **xcortt**

**Example:**                      Example with **xcortt**.

***xcorrfft***                      ***Cross-correlation of two FFT's***

**Syntax:**                      **xcorrfft(FFT1, FFT2)**

**Description:** This is used to find the cross-correlation between two computed FFT's of certain previous arrays. This command is especially advantageous where a cross-correlation of two large arrays would be processor comsumptive; therefore, an FFT (being much smaller) would be much faster to compare.

***xcortt***                      ***Truncated Cross Correlation***

**Syntax:**                      **xcortt(a,b)**

**Description:** This function is similar to **xcorr** except that it only evaluates the cross correlation in the range of the second array. This function, **xcortt**, truncates the cross-correlation results by only evaluating the cross-correlation over the range of 'b'. Note that 'a' is assumed to have odd dimensions.

**Example:**                      The following illustrates the use of **xcorr** and **xcortt**,

```
[ready]: x = 2::4::2
[ready]: y = (0,2,1)
[ready]: z = xcorr(x,y)                      // example of xcorr
row 0 =
   0.00   2.00   8.00  10.00   4.00
[ready]: zp = xcortt(x,y)                   // example of xcortt
[ready]: zp
row 0 =
   2.00   8.00  10.00
```

### *xline*            *Extract Pixel Values along Line Segment*

**Syntax:**                    **xline(a,row1,col1,row2,col2)**

**Description:** This function extracts the pixel values along a line segment in an array. The coordinates (row1, col1) and (row2, col2) are, respectively, the start and end points of the line segment. Note that **xline(a,row1,col1,row2,col2)** is equivalent to the following MSHELL instruction based on the **bresen** and **complex** functions:  
**bresen(complex(col1::col2,row1::row2)).**

**See Also:**            **bresen.**

**Example:**            For the given an array, the following will calculate both the xline and the a(besen(complex(0::3, 0::3))) transformations of the array.

```
a = hammiw(4,4)                    // generate a 4 x 4 array
a
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  0.0064        0.0432        0.0800        0.0432
row 1 =
  0.0432        0.2916        0.5400        0.2916
row 2 =
  0.0800        0.5400        1.0000        0.5400
row 3 =
  0.0432        0.2916        0.5400        0.2916
xline(a,0, 0, 3 ,3)               // example of xline
(10^0) X
row 0 =
  0.0064        0.2916        1.0000        0.2916
0.0432
a(bresen(complex(0::3,0::3)))
  0.0064        0.2916        1.0000        0.2916
```

### *xlinec*            *Extracts Coordinates of Line*

**Syntax:**                    **xlinec(image)**

**Description:** Used to list the coordinates along a linear region of interest. Once the command has been issued in the command window, then one is prompted to click the endpoints of the desired linear region within the image of interest.

### *xlinev*            *Extracts Vertices of Line*

**Syntax:**                    **xlinev(image)**

**Description:** Used to list the vertices or end point of a linear region of interest. Once the command has been issued in the command window, then one is prompted to click the endpoints of the desired linear region within the image of interest.

### *xlut*                *Look-Up-Table Transformation*

**Syntax:**                    **xlut(a,lut)**

**Description:** Performs a permanent look up table transformation on the given input array 'a' using a user supplied look-up-table, 'lut'.

**Example:** Suppose it is desired to transform an array region of interest in image f using an inverse ramp mapping. This can be done using,

```
f = reada("eqohare.chr", "char")
roi = wdef(0,0,20,30)
f(roi) = xlut( f(roi) , (255,0,1) );
```

### *xmlattrvalues*      *Extracts the attribute values*

**Syntax:**            **xmlattrvalues("keyword","value")**

**Description:** this function is used to extract the attribute values associated with tags that share the same name. The input arguments are the tag name and the attribute name.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: //tag name: "keyword", attribute name:"value"
[ready]: $attr = xmlattrvalues("keyword","value")
```

### *xmlparse*                    *parse an XML string.*

**Syntax:**            **xmlparse(\$meta)**

**Description:** This function is used to parse an XML string. When executed it loads dynamically (behind the scene) msh32xml.dll. The input argument is an XML string. It returns 1 if the parsing was successful, otherwise it returns 0.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: status = xmlparse($meta) //$meta is an XML string
[ready]:
```

### *xmltextvalue*      *Extracts the text value of a*

**Syntax:**            **xmltextvalue("metadata.idinfo.spdom.bounding.northbc")**

**Description:** This function is used to extract the text values of a particular node in the DOM tree. The input argument is a string where the node names in the hierarchy are separated by '.'.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $nbc = xmltextvalue("metadata.idinfo.spdom.bounding.northbc")
[ready]:
```

### *xmltextvalues*      *Extracts the text values*

**Syntax:**            **xmltextvalues("northbc")**

**Description:** This function is used to extract the text values associated with tags that share the same name. The input argument is a string containing the tag name.

**Example:**

```
[ready]: $txtvals = xmltextvalues("northbc")  
[ready]:
```

***xpolyc***                      ***Extracts Coordinates of a Polygon***

**Syntax:**                      **xpolyc(image)**

**Description:** Used to list the coordinates along a polygonal region of interest. Once the command has been issued in the command window, then one is prompted to click the vertices of the desired polygonal region within the image of interest.

***xpolyv***                      ***Extracts Vertices of a Polygon***

**Syntax:**                      **xpolyv(image)**

**Description:** Used to list the vertices of a polygonal region of interest. Once the command has been issued in the command window, then one is prompted to click the vertices of the desired polygonal region within the image of interest.

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***zeropad***                      ***Expand an Image with Zeroes***

**Syntax:**                      **zeropad(a,n,m)**

**Description:** Add zeros to the input array 'a', where n is the number of rows and m is the number of columns.

**Example:**                      Takes a 2 x 2 array and pads it to a 3 x 5 array.

```
[ready]: x = (1::2)#(3::4)
[ready]: x
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00
row 1 =
  3.00  4.00
[ready]: y = zeropad(x,3,5)
[ready]: y
row 0 =
  1.00  2.00  0.00  0.00  0.00
row 1 =
  3.00  4.00  0.00  0.00  0.00
row 2 =
  0.00  0.00  0.00  0.00  0.00
```

***zeros***                              ***Initialize Array to all Zeros***

**Syntax:**                      **zeros(n,m)**

**Description:** Create an array in memory with all the elements set to 0.

**Example:**                      The following MSHELL statement will create the 512 x 512 array 'c' in memory with all entries set to 0.

```
c = zeros(512,512);
```

***zinterp***                              ***Zero Order Interpolation***

**Syntax:**                      **zinterp(f,x)**

**Description:** This is used to perform zero-order interpolation on an array "f", by expanding the data to a range specified by the "x" array which will list the abscissa and ordinate indices for each new desired element.

# Appendix C: Remote Access

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## Introduction

A new feature **under development** is the communication between two MSHELL engines located in different machines. This is done via CORBA. The following table contains the present set of function calls that are being tested and that have been added to the MSHELL language.

The following internal functions (defined in Appendix B) support remote invocations of MSHELL (using CORBA):

- rs\_init
- rs\_connect
- rs\_release
- rs\_exec
- rs\_exec\_async
- rs\_wait
- rs\_getString
- rs\_getArray
- rs\_availWipeServers
- rs\_availDataSets
- rs\_getMetaData
- rs\_extractData

The following internal functions to support XML parsing and extraction of values (these functions rely on msh32xml.dll):

- xmlparse
- xmltextvalue
- xmltextvalues
- xmlattrvalues

The following internal functions to support reading of DBF files:

- dbfopen
- dbfclose
- dbfgetfieldcnt
- dbfgetrecordcnt
- dbfgetrecords

Misc functions:  
Diskfreespace

# Appendix D: Cartographic Library

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## PROJ

The ProVIEW function Geo2Cart is based on the PROJ cartographic program/library. PROJ manual description follows:

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## NAME

**proj** - forward cartographic projection filter  
**invproj** - inverse cartographic projection filter

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## SYNOPSIS

**proj** [ **-bceEfillmorsStTvVwW** [ *args* ] ] [ **+args** ] file[s]  
**invproj** [ **-bceEfillmorsStTwW** [ *args* ] ] [ **+args** ] file[s]

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## DESCRIPTION

*Proj* and *invproj* perform respective forward and inverse transformation of cartographic data to or from cartesian data with a wide range of selectable projection functions.

The following control parameters can appear in any order:

**-b**

Special option for binary coordinate data input and output through standard input and standard output. Data is assumed to be in system type *double* floating point words. This option is to be used when **proj** is a *son* process and allows bypassing formatting operations.

**-i**

Selects binary input only (see **-b option**).

**-I**

alternate method to specify inverse projection. Redundant when used with **invproj**.

- o**  
Selects binary output only (see **-b option**).
- ta**  
*A* specifies a character employed as the first character to denote a control line to be passed through without processing. This option applicable to ascii input only. (# is the default value).
- e string**  
*String* is an arbitrary string to be output if an error is detected during data transformations. The default value is: \*\t\*. Note that if the **-b**, **-i** or **-o** options are employed, an error is returned as HUGE\_VAL value for both return values.
- E**  
causes the input coordinates to be copied to the output line prior to printing the converted values.
- l/p|P|=|e|u/id**  
List projection identifiers with **-l**, **-lp** or **-lp (expanded)** that can be selected with **+proj**. **-l=id** gives expanded description of projection *id*. List ellipsoid identifiers with **-le**, that can be selected with **+ellps** or **-lu** list of cartesian to meter conversion factors that can be selected with **+units**.
- r**  
This options reverses the order of the expected input from longitude-latitude or x-y to latitude-longitude or y-x.
- s**  
This options reverses the order of the output from x-y or longitude-latitude to y-x or latitude-longitude.
- S**  
Causes estimation of *meridinal* and *parallel* scale factors, *area* scale factor and *angular distortion*, and *maximum* and *minimum* scale factors to be listed between <> for each input point. For conformal projections meridinal and parallel scales factors will be equal and angular distortion zero. Equal area projections will have an area factor of 1.
- m mult**  
The cartesian data may be scaled by the *mult* parameter. When processing data in a forward projection mode the cartesian output values are multiplied by *mult* otherwise the input cartesian values are divided by *mult* before inverse projection. If the first two characters of *mult* are 1/ or 1: then the reciprocal value of *mult* is employed.
- f format**  
*Format* is a *printf* format string to control the form of the output values. For inverse projections, the output will be in degrees when this option is employed. If a format is specified for inverse projection the output data will be in decimal degrees. The default format is "%.2f" for forward projection and DMS for inverse.
- [w|W]n**  
*N* is the number of significant fractional digits to employ for seconds output (when the option is not specified, **-w3** is assumed). When **-W** is employed the fields will be constant width and with leading zeroes.
- v**  
causes a listing of cartographic control parameters tested for and used by the program to be printed prior to input data. Should not be used with the **-T** option.
- V**

This option causes an expanded annotated listing of the characteristics of the projected point. -  
**v is implied with this option.**

**-T** *ulow,uhi,vlow,vhi,res[,umax,vmax]*

This option creates a set of bivariate Chebyshev polynomial coefficients that approximate the selected cartographic projection on *stdout*. The values *low* and *hi* denote the range of the input where the *u* or *v* prefixes apply to respective longitude-x or latitude-y depending upon whether a forward or inverse projection is selected. *Res* is an integer number specifying the power of 10 precision of the approximation. For example, a *res* of -3 specifies an approximation with an accuracy better than .001. *Umax*, and *vmax* specify maximum degree of the polynomials (default: 15). See also: [fproj\(1\)](#).

The **+args** run-line arguments are associated with cartographic parameters and usage varies with projection and for a complete description see *Cartographic Projection Procedures for the UNIX Environment---A User's Manual* ) and supplementary documentation for Release 4.

Additional projection control parameters may be contained in two auxiliary control files: the first is optionally referenced with the **+init=file:id** and the second is always processed after the name of the projection has been established from either the run-line or the contents of **+init** file. The environment parameter **PROJ\_LIB** establishes the default directory for a file reference without an absolute path. One or more *files* (processed in left to right order) specify the source of data to be transformed. A - will specify the location of processing standard input. If no files are specified, the input is assumed to be from *stdin*. For ASCII input data the two data values must be in the first two white space separated fields and when both input and output are ASCII all trailing portions of the input line are appended to the output line.

Input geographic data (longitude and latitude) must be in DMS format and input cartesian data must be in units consistent with the ellipsoid major axis or sphere radius units. Output geographic coordinates will be in DMS (if the **-w** switch is not employed) and precise to 0.001" with trailing, zero-valued minute-second fields deleted.

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## EXAMPLE

The following script

```
proj +proj=utm +lon_0=112w -r <<EOF
45d15'33.1"    111.5W

45d15.551666667N    -111d30

+45.25919444444    111d30'000w

EOF
```

will perform UTM forward projection with a standard UTM central meridian nearest longitude 112°W. The geographic values of this example are equivalent and meant as examples of various forms of DMS input. The x-y output data will appear as three lines of:

```
460769.27    5011648.45
```

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## SEE ALSO

*Cartographic Projection Procedures for the UNIX Environment---A User's Manual*, (Evenden, 1990, Open-file report 90-284).

*Map Projections Used by the U. S. Geological Survey* (Snyder, 1984, USGS Bulletin 1532).

*Map Projections---A Working Manual* (Synder, 1988, USGS Prof. Paper 1395).

*An Album of Map Projections* (Snyder & Voxland, 1989, USGS Prof. Paper 1453).

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