

CDO Reference Card

Climate Data Operators
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Syntax

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Options

-a	Convert from a relative to an absolute time axis
-b <i><nbits></i>	Set the number of bits for the output precision (32/64 for nc, nc2, srv, ext, ieg; 1 - 32 for grb)
-f <i><format></i>	Output file format (grb, nc, nc2, srv, ext, ieg)
-g <i><grid></i>	Grid name or file Available grids: t<RES>grid, r<NX>x<NY>
-h	Help information for the operators
-m <i><missval></i>	Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)
-R	Convert GRIB data from reduced to regular grid
-r	Convert from an absolute to a relative time axis
-t <i><table></i>	Set the parameter table name or file Predefined tables: echam4 echam5 mpiom1
-V	Print the version number
-v	Print extra details for some operators

Operators

Information

info infov map	Dataset information listed by code number Dataset information listed by variable name Dataset information and simple map
Syntax	<operator> ifiles
sinfo sinfov	Short dataset information listed by code number Short dataset information listed by variable name
Syntax	<operator> ifile
diff diffv	Compare two datasets listed by code number Compare two datasets listed by variable name
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2
ncode nvar nlevel nyear nmon ndate ntime	Number of codes Number of variables Number of levels Number of years Number of months Number of dates Number of time steps
Syntax	<operator> ifile
showcode showvar showstdname showlevel showyear showmon showdate showtime	Show codes Show variable names Show standard names Show levels Show years Show months Show dates Show time steps
Syntax	<operator> ifile
vardes griddes vct	Variable description Grid description Vertical coordinate table
Syntax	<operator> ifile

File operations

copy cat	Copy datasets Concatenate datasets
Syntax	<operator> ifiles ofile
replace	Replace variables
Syntax	replace ifile1 ifile2 ofile
merge mergetime	Merge datasets with different fields Merge datasets sorted by date and time
Syntax	<operator> ifiles ofile
splitcode splitvar splitlevel splitgrid splitzaxis splitrec	Split codes Split variables Split levels Split grids Split zaxis Split records
Syntax	<operator> ifile oprefix
splithour splitday splitmon splitseas splityear	Split hours Split days Split months Split seasons Split years
Syntax	<operator> ifile oprefix

Selection

selcode delcode	Select codes Delete codes
Syntax	<operator>.codes ifile ofile
selvar delvar	Select variables Delete variables
Syntax	<operator>.vars ifile ofile
selstdname	Select standard names
Syntax	selstdname,stdnames ifile ofile
sellevel	Select levels
Syntax	sellevel,levels ifile ofile
selgrid	Select grids
Syntax	selgrid,grids ifile ofile
selgridname	Select grids by name
Syntax	selgridname,gridnames ifile ofile
selzaxis	Select zaxes
Syntax	selzaxis,zaxes ifile ofile
selzaxisname	Select zaxes by name
Syntax	selzaxisname,zaxisnames ifile ofile
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
Syntax	seltabnum,tabnums ifile ofile
selrec	Select records
Syntax	selrec,records ifile ofile
selimestep	Select time steps
Syntax	selimestep,timesteps ifile ofile
seltime	Select times
Syntax	seltime,times ifile ofile
selhour	Select hours
Syntax	selhour,hours ifile ofile
selday	Select days
Syntax	selday,days ifile ofile
selmon	Select months
Syntax	selmon,months ifile ofile
selyear	Select years
Syntax	selyear,years ifile ofile
selseas	Select seasons
Syntax	selseas,seasons ifile ofile
seldate	Select dates
Syntax	seldate,date1[,date2] ifile ofile
sellonlatbox	Select a longitude/latitude box
Syntax	sellonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile
selindexbox	Select an index box
Syntax	selindexbox,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile

Conditional selection

ifthen ifnotthen	If then If not then
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile
ifthenelse	If then else
Syntax	ifthenelse ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile
ifthenc ifnotthenc	If then constant If not then constant
Syntax	<operator>,.c ifile ofile

Comparison

eq ne le lt ge gt	Equal Not equal Less equal Less than Greater equal Greater than
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eqc nec lec ltc gec gtc	Equal constant Not equal constant Less equal constant Less then constant Greater equal constant Greater then constant
Syntax	<operator>,.c ifile ofile

Modification

setpartab	Set parameter table
Syntax	setpartab,table ifile ofile
setcode	Set code number
Syntax	setcode,code ifile ofile
setvar	Set variable name
Syntax	setvar,name ifile ofile
setlevel	Set level
Syntax	setlevel,level ifile ofile
setdate	Set date
Syntax	setdate,date ifile ofile
settime	Set time
Syntax	settime,time ifile ofile
setday	Set day
Syntax	setday,day ifile ofile
setmon	Set month
Syntax	setmon,month ifile ofile
setyear	Set year
Syntax	setyear,year ifile ofile
setunits	Set time units
Syntax	setunits,units ifile ofile
settaxis	Set time axis
Syntax	settaxis,date,time[,inc] ifile ofile
setreftime	Set reference time
Syntax	setreftime,date,time ifile ofile
setcalendar	Set calendar
Syntax	setcalendar,calendar ifile ofile
shifttime	Shift time steps
Syntax	shifttime,sval ifile ofile
chcode	Change code number
Syntax	chcode,oldcode,newcode[,...] ifile ofile
chvar	Change variable name
Syntax	chvar,ovar,nvar,... ifile ofile
chlevel	Change level
Syntax	chlevel,oldlev,newlev,... ifile ofile
chlevelc	Change level of one code
Syntax	chlevelc,code,oldlev,newlev ifile ofile
chlevelv	Change level of one variable
Syntax	chlevelv,var,oldlev,newlev ifile ofile

setgrid	Set grid
Syntax	setgrid,grid ifile ofile
setgridtype	Set grid type
Syntax	setgridtype,gridtype ifile ofile
setzaxis	Set zaxis
Syntax	setzaxis,zaxis ifile ofile
setgatt	Set global attribute
Syntax	setgatt,attname,attstring ifile ofile
setgatts	Set global attributes
Syntax	setgatts,attfile ifile ofile
invertlat invertlon invertlatdes invertlonides invertlatdata invertlondata	Invert latitude Invert longitude Invert latitude description Invert longitude description Invert latitude data Invert longitude data
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile
masklonlatbox	Mask a longitude/latitude box
Syntax	masklonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile
maskindexbox	Mask an index box
Syntax	maskindexbox,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile
setclonlatbox	Set a longitude/latitude box to constant
Syntax	setclonlatbox,c,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile
setcindexbox	Set an index box to constant
Syntax	setcindexbox,c,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile
enlarge	Enlarge fields
Syntax	enlarge,grid ifile ofile
setmissval	Set a new missing value
Syntax	setmissval,miss ifile ofile
setctomiss setmisstoc	Set constant to missing value Set missing value to constant
Syntax	<operator>,.c ifile ofile
setrtomiss	Set range to missing value
Syntax	setrtomiss,rmin,rmax ifile ofile

Arithmetic

expr	Evaluate expressions
Syntax	expr,instr ifile ofile
exprf	Evaluate expressions from script file
Syntax	exprf,filename ifile ofile
abs int nint sqr sqr exp ln log10 sin cos tan asin acos atan	Absolute value Integer value Nearest integer value Square Square root Exponential Natural logarithm Base 10 logarithm Sine Cosine Tangent Arc sine Arc cosine Arc tangent
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile
addc subc mulc divc	Add a constant Subtract a constant Multiply with a constant Divide by a constant
Syntax	<operator>,.c ifile ofile
add sub mul div min max atan2	Add two fields Subtract two fields Multiply two fields Divide two fields Minimum of two fields Maximum of two fields Arc tangent of two fields
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile

ymonadd	Add multi-year monthly time average
ymonsub	Subtract multi-year monthly time average
ymonmul	Multiply multi-year monthly time average
ymonddiv	Divide multi-year monthly time average
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile
muldpm	Multiply with days per month
divdpm	Divide by days per month
muldpy	Multiply with days per year
divdpy	Divide by days per year
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

Statistical values

ensmin	Ensemble minimum
ensmax	Ensemble maximum
enssum	Ensemble sum
ensmean	Ensemble mean
ensavg	Ensemble average
ensstd	Ensemble standard deviation
ensvar	Ensemble variance
Syntax	<operator> ifiles ofile
enspctl	Ensemble percentiles
Syntax	enspctl,p ifiles ofile
fldmin	Field minimum
fldmax	Field maximum
fldsum	Field sum
fldmean	Field mean
fldavg	Field average
fldstd	Field standard deviation
fldvar	Field variance
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile
fldpctl	Field percentiles
Syntax	fldpctl,p ifile ofile

zonmin	Zonal minimum
zonmax	Zonal maximum
zonsum	Zonal sum
zonmean	Zonal mean
zonavg	Zonal average
zonstd	Zonal standard deviation
zonvar	Zonal variance
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile
zonpctl	Zonal percentiles
Syntax	zonpctl,p ifile ofile

mermin	Meridional minimum
mermax	Meridional maximum
mersum	Meridional sum
mermean	Meridional mean
meravg	Meridional average
merstd	Meridional standard deviation
mervar	Meridional variance
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile
merpctl	Meridional percentiles
Syntax	merpctl,p ifile ofile

vertmin	Vertical minimum
vertmax	Vertical maximum
vertsum	Vertical sum
vertmean	Vertical mean
vertavg	Vertical average
vertstd	Vertical standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

selmin	Time range minimum
selmax	Time range maximum
selsum	Time range sum
selmean	Time range mean
selavg	Time range average
selstd	Time range standard deviation
Syntax	<operator>,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] ifile ofile

selpctl	Time range percentiles
Syntax	selpctl,p,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] in1 in2 in3 out

runmin	Running minimum
runmax	Running maximum
runsum	Running sum
runmean	Running mean
runavg	Running average
runstd	Running standard deviation
Syntax	<operator>,nts ifile ofile

runpctl	Running percentiles
Syntax	runpctl,p,nts ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

timmin	Time minimum
timmax	Time maximum
tisum	Time sum
timmean	Time mean
timavg	Time average
timstd	Time standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

timpctl	Time percentiles
Syntax	timpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

hourmin	Hourly minimum
hourmax	Hourly maximum
hoursum	Hourly sum
hourmean	Hourly mean
houravg	Hourly average
hourstd	Hourly standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

hourpctl	Hourly percentiles
Syntax	hourpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

daymin	Daily minimum
daymax	Daily maximum
daysum	Daily sum
daymean	Daily mean
dayavg	Daily average
daystd	Daily standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

daypctl	Daily percentiles
Syntax	daypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

monmin	Monthly minimum
monmax	Monthly maximum
monsum	Monthly sum
monmean	Monthly mean
monavg	Monthly average
monstd	Monthly standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

monpctl	Monthly percentiles
Syntax	monpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

yearmin	Yearly minimum
yearmax	Yearly maximum
yearsum	Yearly sum
yearmean	Yearly mean
yearavg	Yearly average
yearstd	Yearly standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

yearpctl	Yearly percentiles
Syntax	yearpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

seasmin	Seasonal minimum
seasmax	Seasonal maximum
seassum	Seasonal sum
seasmean	Seasonal mean
seasavg	Seasonal average
seasstd	Seasonal standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles
Syntax	seaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

ydaymin	Multi-year daily minimum
ydaymax	Multi-year daily maximum
ydaysum	Multi-year daily sum
ydaymean	Multi-year daily mean
ydayavg	Multi-year daily average
ydaystd	Multi-year daily standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles
Syntax	ydaypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

ymonmin	Multi-year monthly minimum
ymonmax	Multi-year monthly maximum
ymonsum	Multi-year monthly sum
ymonmean	Multi-year monthly mean
ymonavg	Multi-year monthly average
ymonstd	Multi-year monthly standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles
Syntax	ymonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

yseasmin	Multi-year seasonal minimum
yseasmax	Multi-year seasonal maximum
yseassum	Multi-year seasonal sum
yseasmean	Multi-year seasonal mean
yseasavg	Multi-year seasonal average
yseasstd	Multi-year seasonal standard deviation
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles
Syntax	yseaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

ydrunmin	Multi-year daily running minimum
ydrunmax	Multi-year daily running maximum
ydrunsum	Multi-year daily running sum
ydrunmean	Multi-year daily running mean
ydrunavg	Multi-year daily running average
ydrunstd	Multi-year daily running standard deviation
Syntax	<operator>,nts ifile ofile

ydrunpctl	Multi-year daily running percentiles
Syntax	ydrunpctl,p,nts ifile ofile

Regression

detrend	Detrend
Syntax	detrend ifile ofile

trend	Trend
Syntax	trend ifile ofile1 ofile2

subtrend	Subtract trend
Syntax	subtrend ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile

Interpolation

remapbil	Bilinear interpolation
remapbic	Bicubic interpolation
remapcon	Conservative remapping
remapdis	Distance-weighted averaging
Syntax	<operator>,.grid ifile ofile

genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights
genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights
gencon	Generate conservative interpolation weights
gendis	Generate distance-weighted averaging weights
Syntax	<operator>,.grid ifile ofile

remap	SCRIP grid remapping
Syntax	remap,.grid,weights ifile ofile

interpolate	PINGO grid interpolation
intgridbil	Bilinear grid interpolation
Syntax	<operator>,.grid ifile ofile

ml2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation
Syntax	ml2pl,.plevels ifile ofile

ml2hl	Model to height level interpolation
Syntax	ml2hl,.hlevels ifile ofile

inttime	Time interpolation
Syntax	inttime,date,time[,inc] ifile ofile
intntime	Time interpolation
Syntax	intntime,n ifile ofile

intyear	Year interpolation
Syntax	intyear,years ifile1 ifile2 oprefix

Transformation

sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint
sp2gpl	Spectral to gridpoint linear
gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral
gp2spl	Gridpoint to spectral linear
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile
sp2sp	Spectral to spectral
Syntax	sp2sp,trunc ifile ofile

uv2dv	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity
dv2uv	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

Formatted I/O

input	ASCII input
Syntax	input,.grid ofile
inputsrv	SERVICE input
inputext	EXTRA input
Syntax	<operator> ofile

output	ASCII output
Syntax	output ifiles
outputf	Formatted output
Syntax	outputf,format,nelem ifiles
outputint	Integer output
outputsrv	SERVICE output
outputext	EXTRA output
Syntax	<operator> ifiles

Miscellaneous

gradsdes1	GrADS data descriptor file (version 1 GRIB map)
gradsdes2	GrADS data descriptor file (version 2 GRIB map)
Syntax	<operator> ifile

timsort	Sort over the time
Syntax	timsort ifile ofile

const	Create a constant field
Syntax	const,const,.grid ofile
random	Create a field with random values
Syntax	random,.grid ofile

vardup	Duplicate variables
Syntax	vardup ifile ofile
varmul	Multiply variables
Syntax	varmul,.nmul ifile ofile

rotuvb	Backward rotation
Syntax	rotuvb,u,v,... ifile ofile

mastrfu	Mass stream function
Syntax	mastrfu ifile ofile