

DataSet

Standard Data Object

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Introduction to the Standard DataSet Object

Data sets include far more ancillary information than simple tables of numbers and the **DataSet** object was designed as a standard container that can hold all of this information. The standard **DataSet** object is similar to a **structure** object defined in MATLAB but it is intended to standardize how data is organized and maintained. The purpose of this document is to define standards and conventions for the standard **DataSet** object developed and maintained by Eigenvector Research, Inc. (EVRI). It is the intention of EVRI that the **DataSet** be of an open architecture and independent of any toolboxes. For example, the **DataSet** is used in the PLS_Toolbox written by EVRI, but it does not require any of the PLS_Toolbox functions or scripts. Although the open architecture allows for user modifications, suggestions for modifications and enhancements should be forwarded to EVRI (helpdesk@eigenvector.com) who will make free updates available at (www.eigenvector.com).

The goals of the **DataSet** are: 1) Standardize data set storage into a single compact variable. This includes descriptions, ancillary information, and tools that can be used in the development of data analysis tools. 2) Standardize data function input/output. The **DataSet** offers a compact form for passing data and information. And, 3) allow open and cost free use for MATLAB users.

1. DataSet Installation

1.a. Installing the DataSet Object

The `DataSet` object constructor and methods are contained in the `@dataset` folder. To be available, the `@dataset` folder must be a sub-folder of a folder that is on the MATLAB path. For more information see the MATLAB documentation on setting the path and on object oriented programming.

1.b. Installing DataSet Demonstrations

Demonstrations are not installed into the `@dataset` folder. Instead they must be added to a folder directly on the MATLAB path.

2. Standard DataSet Object Specifications

The design of the `DataSet` object included outside input from data analysts, users, instrument manufacturers, and software developers. Not all of the suggested properties and methods were included in the present version, however many may be included in future versions. Users are encouraged to make suggestions for future versions. The following considerations were implemented in the present version:

1. `DataSet` objects contain single blocks *i.e.* single data arrays. The data arrays can be two-mode (two-way) or multi-mode (N-way). In this document the number of dimensions (*i.e.* the return value from the `NDIMS` function in MATLAB) will be referred to as the number of modes (Kiers, 2000). Thus, a two-way data matrix will consist of 2 modes. The first mode corresponds to rows and the second mode to columns (a third mode is often referred to as tubes).

`DataSet` objects can also contain cell arrays in the data field (the `.type` field is 'batch'). The cell contents can be used for *e.g.* variable length batch data.

2. There can be multiple sample and variable labels, class identifiers, and numerical scales for each mode (*e.g.* pinot noir, cabernet, ... or spectra, process, etc.).
3. Labels, class identifiers, and numerical scales can be given names corresponding to each label set and mode.
4. Each mode can have multiple *corresponding* mode titles (*e.g.* wine or measurement). There are as many titles as modes and usually measurement units are included.
5. The `DataSet` object is open and editable, however suggestions for changes and enhancements should be made to EVRI.
6. The `DataSet` object can be extracted so that all fields become standard MATLAB class objects (*e.g.* double, or cell) in the workspace.

2.a. DataSet Object Properties (Fields)

The following is a list of the **DataSet** object properties (fields). The values in all fields can be assigned or retrieved using direct assignments (See SUBSASGN and SUBSREF in Section 3) or through the **SET** and **GET** methods (also described in Section 3) although direct assignments are the preferred of those two methods.

.name char array ($1 \times C_{name}$)

This is usually the original variable name but can be set by the user. For example:

```
mydata = randn(5);  
h.name = 'mydata';  
h.name  
ans =  
mydata
```

where **ans** is a 1x6 character array.

.type row char array with *only* the following values

'data', 'image', and 'batch'. See field '**.data**' for more information on these data types.

When **.type** = 'image', three additional fields are available in the **DataSet**: **.imagemode**, **.imagesize**, **.imagedata**, and **.imageinclude**. Each of these fields is described below.

.author char array ($1 \times C_{author}$)

Used to assign authorship to a **DataSet**.

.date double array (1x6)

DataSet creation date.

.moddate double array (1x6)

Date of last modification to **DataSet** object.

.data

- 1) Fixed-size array (*i.e.* the data matrix is $N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_M$) of class: double, single, logical, [u]int8, [u]int16, or [u]int32.

When the data are contained in a standard fixed-size array (field **.type** = 'data' or 'image') then M is the number of modes, indices are $n_m = 1, 2, \dots, N_m$, and $m = 1, 2, \dots, M$. This notation follows, but is slightly more general than, the notation proposed by Kiers(2000). For example, A_{N_M} where $M=2$ is $N_1 \times N_2$.

With multi-block analyses, the first mode ($m=1$) of the `.data` array corresponds to the common dimension between blocks (e.g. samples). Any function that changes this convention requires an optional control for sample/object mode.

For example, the following forms a three-slab multiway **DataSet**:

```
mwa(:,:,1) = randn(5);
mwa(:,:,2) = magic(5);
mwa(:,:,3) = sin([1:5])*cos(1:5);
mydatb = dataset(mwa);
size(mydatb.data,3)
ans =
    3
```

For more information on type 'image' **DataSet** objects, see the `.imagemode` field below.

2) cell array (Length I with $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$. Each cell contains a double array $A_{N_{1,i} \times N_m}$ with $m = 2, 3, \dots, M$. The size of mode 1 ($N_{1,i}$) for each array can vary from cell to cell. All other modes must be of equal size from cell to cell.)

This data construct allows for matrices that are all the same size except for in the first mode which can be of variable length. This data can not be stored in a multiway array and instead are stored in a cell array (field `.type = 'batch'`). This results in differences between double array data that are reflected in `SET`, `GET`, and the field `.axis scale`.

`.imagemode` double scalar $\{I \times I\}$

`.imagesize` double vector $\{I \times M_{img}\}$

`.imagedata` double array

These three fields are only available for type 'image' **DataSet** objects. In image **DataSet** objects, the `.data` field contains "unfolded" image data. Image data is usually contained in a 2nd or higher-order matrix in which several modes are used to describe a spatial relationship between pieces of information. For example, many standard JPEG images are three-way images of size $M \times N \times 3$. The first two dimensions are the spatial dimensions in that the actual image is M pixels high by N pixels wide. The third dimension is the wavelength dimension and, in this case, contains 3 slabs – one for each of the Red, Green, Blue image components.

Working with such image data in **DataSet** objects is made easier by unfolding such multi-way images so that all the spatial modes are stacked on top of each other in a single mode. Unfolding is done so that all the spatial information is contained in a single mode and can be handled together – often so that each pixel can be analyzed as an individual sample (or even sometimes as variables). Individual pixels in an unfolded image are independent and can be individually included and excluded (see

.include field) or assigned particular classes (see .class field), for example. In the case of the JPEG mentioned above, the unfolded image would be stored as an (MN) x 3 matrix where the first mode was M times N elements (i.e. pixels) in size.

The .imagemode field contains a scalar value indicating which mode of the .data field contains the spatial information. In the JPEG example, .imagemode would be 1 (one). Similarly the .imagesize field contains a vector describing the original size of the spatial mode before unfolding. The JPEG example would contain the two-element vector: [M N] Note: that .imagesize contains **only** the size of the image mode, not the entire data matrix. Note that the product of the .imagesize field must be equal to the size of the .imagemode mode of the .data field. That is, the number of pixels contained in the spatial mode of the data must be appropriate that it can be reshaped into a matrix of size .imagesize.

The .imagedata field is a special *read-only* field which returns the contents of the .data field refolded back into the original image-sized matrix. In the JPEG example, the .data field would return a matrix of size (MN) x 3 (the unfolded image) but the .imagedata field would return the original M x N x 3 matrix. Any changes you make to the contents of the .data field will automatically be reflected in the contents returned by .imagedata. .imagedata, however, can not be written to.

To create a type 'image' DataSet object:

(a) Unfold the spatial mode of the original data (the following example is for three way data but is easily extended to multi-way images):

```
sz = size(x);  
x = reshape(x, sz(1)*sz(2), sz(3));
```

(b) Create the standard DataSet object (type='data') from the unfolded data:

```
imgdso = dataset(x);
```

(c) Change the DataSet object type to 'image':

```
imgdso.type = 'image';
```

(d) And store the original image size in the DataSet

```
imgdso.imagemode = 1;  
imgdso.imagesize = sz(1:2);
```

Note that although this example shows the image being unfolded into the first mode, there is no requirement that the first mode be the pixel mode. The first mode is, however, the most consistent with the concept that individual pixels are often considered separate samples. Use the permute function on x prior to creating the DataSet (before step (b) above) to move the spatial mode to a different dimension.

.label cell array $\{M \times S_{lbs}\}$

Each column of the cell contains char arrays of labels for each mode of **‘.data’** (the cell entries may be empty.) The first row corresponds to labels for the first mode of **‘.data’** and contains char arrays with N_l rows. Subsequent rows of the cell contain labels for corresponding modes of **‘.data’** each of which are char arrays with N_m rows. Additional columns contain alternate sets of labels for all modes.

Assignments to individual cell elements may be a character array or a cell array. Labels are always converted to character arrays when retrieved.

For example, suppose there is a **DataSet** object **x**. Its labels for the m_{th} mode are contained in **x.label{m,1}**. If there is a second set of labels for this mode, they are contained in **x.label{m, 2}**. The following sets the second set of labels for the first mode of **DataSet x** assuming **size(x.data,1) = 3**

```
x.label{1,2} = {'firstlabel','secondlabel','thirdlabel'};
```

.labelname cell array $\{M \times S_{lbs}\}$

Each column of the cell is associated with the corresponding column of **‘.label’** and contains string descriptions (each a row char array) of the corresponding labels for each mode of **‘.data’** (e.g. **‘Mode 1 Lbls’**, **‘Mode 2 Lbls’**, ...). Additional columns contain alternate sets of label names.

For example, the label name associated with the first set of labels for mode m is contained in **x.labelname{m,1}**.

.axisscale

1) cell array $\{M \times S_{scale}\}$ (when **‘.data’** is a fixed-size array)

When **‘.data’** is a fixed-size array (other than cell), each column of the cell contains a set of axis scales (a total of $M \times I$ vectors, each $N_m \times I$ of class double) for each mode of **‘.data’** (e.g. a time axis, or sample number). Rows of the cell correspond to modes of **‘.data’** (e.g. a wavelength axis, or variable number). Additional columns of **‘.axisscale’** contain alternate sets of axis scales for all modes.

For example, suppose there is a **DataSet** object **x**. Its axis scale for the m_{th} mode are contained in **x.axisscale{m,1}**. If there is a second set of axis scales they are contained in **x.axisscale{m,2}**. The following sets the first set of axisscales for the third mode of **DataSet x** assuming **size(x.data,3) = 10**

```
x.axisscale{3,1} = 1:10;
```

2) cell array $\{M \times S_{scale}\}$ (when **‘.data’** is a cell array)

When **‘.data’** is class cell, the contents of **‘.axisscale’** are similar to those described

above, except for mode 1 (*i.e.* first row of the `‘.axisscale’` cell). In this case, the contents of the first row contain *cell arrays* (in contrast to vectors of class double) whose contents are axis scales ($N_{n1 \times 1}$ vectors). Each axis scale corresponds to the first mode of each cell of `‘.data’` (*e.g.* a time axis, or sample number). This allows for variable axis scales when the data matrices are of variable length in the first mode. Subsequent rows of the cell contain scales (N_{mx1} vectors) for corresponding modes of `‘.data’` (*e.g.* a wavelength axis, or variable number) just as when `‘.data’` is a fixed-size array.

`.axisscalename` cell array $\{MxS_{scale}\}$

Each column of the cell is associated with the corresponding column of `‘.axisscale’` and contains string descriptions (each a row char array) of the corresponding axis scale for each mode of `‘.data’` (*e.g.* ‘Mode 1 Axis’, ‘Mode 2 Axis’, ...). Multiple columns contain alternate sets of axis scale names.

For example, the axis scale name associated with the first set axis scale for mode m is contained in `x.axisscalename{m,1}`.

`.title` cell array $\{MxS_{title}\}$

Each column of the cell contains a set of mode titles (each a char array) for each mode of `‘.data’`. Rows of the cell correspond to modes of `‘.data’` and additional columns of `‘.title’` contain alternate sets of mode titles for all modes.

For example, suppose there is a **DataSet** object `x`. Its mode title for the m_{th} mode is contained in `x.title{m,1}`. If there is a second set of mode titles they are contained in `x.title{m,2}`.

`.titlename` cell array $\{MxS_{title}\}$

Each column of the cell is associated with the corresponding column of `‘.title’` and contains string descriptions (each a row char array) of the corresponding mode titles for each mode of `‘.data’` (*e.g.* ‘Mode 1 Title’, ‘Mode 2 Title’, ...). Additional columns contain alternate sets of mode title names.

For example, the mode title name associated with the first set mode title for mode m is contained in `x.titlename{m,1}`.

`.class` cell array $\{MxS_{class}\}$

Each column of the cell contains a set of class identifiers (each an N_{mx1} vector) for each mode of `‘.data’`. Rows of the cell correspond to modes of `‘.data’` and additional columns contain alternate sets of class identifiers for all modes.

For example, suppose there is a **DataSet** object `x`. Its class identifier for the m_{th} mode is contained in `x.class{m,1}`. If there is a second set of class identifiers they are contained in `x.class{m,2}`. See example for `axisscale` field.

.classname cell array $\{M \times S_{class}\}$

Each column of the cell is associated with the corresponding column of **‘.class’** and contains string descriptions (each a row char array) of the corresponding class identifiers for each mode of **‘.data’** (e.g. ‘Mode 1 Classes’, ‘Mode 2 Classes’, ...). Additional columns contain alternate sets of class identifier names.

For example, the class name associated with the first set class identifiers for mode m is contained in **x.classname{m,1}**.

.include cell array $\{M \times I\}$ with vector contents

Each row of **‘.include’** contains a vector of indices indicating which samples or variables to use in an analysis. When first constructed the contents of each cell in **‘.include’** is $[1:N_m]$. The **‘.include’** field allows for sample or variable exclusion (e.g. soft delete) of **‘.data’** rows or columns without actually removing or modifying the raw data in the data set. Note: In earlier versions of the DataSet object this field was named **‘.includ’**. Although that field name will be translated into **‘.include’**, use of the full field name is recommended.

.description char array containing a description of the data set.

.history running history of commands that have modified the **DataSet** contents.

.userdata can contain any class and is a container for additional user data.

Note that when **DataSet** objects are concatenated this can be turned into a cell array containing user data from each concatenated object in the cell containers.

3. DataSet Object Methods

cat

Purpose

Generic concatenation of **DataSet** objects.

Synopsis

```
z = cat(dim,a, b, c, ... );
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method CAT use `help dataset/cat`

Generic concatenation implies combination of **DataSet** objects along some specified dimension, `dim`. Any number of **DataSet** objects can be concatenated. When `dim` is 1 or 2, this command is equivalent to `[a; b; ...]` or `[a b ...]`, respectively (see `dataset/vertcat` and `dataset/horzcat`).

For this operation to be defined the following must be true:

- 1) All inputs must be valid **DataSet** objects or convertible to a **DataSet** object.
- 2) The **DataSet** `'type'` fields must all be the same.
- 3) Concatenation is along the specified dimension (`dim`). All other dimension sizes must match.

This is similar to matrix concatenation, but each field is treated differently. In structure notation this is:

```
z.name = name fields from all DataSet objects are concatenated.  
z.type = a.type;  
z.author = author fields from all DataSet objects are concatenated.  
z.date = date of concatenation  
z.moddate = date of concatenation  
z.data = cat(dim,a.data,b.data,c.data);  
z.label = mode dim label sets are concatenated, and new label sets are  
          created for all other modes  
z.axisscale = mode dim axisscale sets are made empty, and new axisscale  
             sets are created for all other modes  
z.title = new label sets are created  
z.class = mode dim class sets are made empty, and new class sets are  
          created for all other modes
```

`z.description` = concatenates all descriptions
`z.userdata` = if more than one input has userdata it is filled into a cell array, if only one input has userdata it is returned, else it is empty

Example: The following concatenates two `DataSet` objects, `a` and `b`, along the third dimension (slabs):

```
z = cat(3,a,b); %join a and b in the third dimension
```

See Also

`dataset`, `datasetdemo`, `dataset/horzcat`, `dataset/vertcat`

delsamps

Purpose

Deletes or excludes the specified samples, rows, or other dimension from a **DataSet** object.

Synopsis

```
eddata = delsamps(data,inds,vdim,flag)
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method DELSAMPS use `help dataset/delsamps`.

DELSAMPS modifies the `include` field of a **DataSet** to mark rows or columns to be "excluded" keeping the data in the **DataSet** (i.e. soft delete). It can also be used to permanently remove rows or columns from a **DataSet** object (i.e. hard delete).

Inputs are the original **DataSet** object, **data**, and the indices to mark, **inds**. Optional input **vdim** is the mode/dimension to mark

1=rows {default}, and

2=columns, etc.

Optional input (**flag**) indicates to mark/soft delete when set to 1 {default}, hard delete when set to 2, or hard "keep" when set to 3. The output is the edited **DataSet** object (**eddata**).

Examples:

The first example returns a **DataSet** object with the first two rows (samples) excluded (soft delete), the second hard-deletes the first two columns:

```
a = delsamps(a,[1 2]); %soft delete rows 1 and 2
```

```
a = delsamps(a,[1 2],2,2); %hard delete columns 1 and 2
```

When **flag** = 3, the function of **inds** is inverted and indicates the indices to *keep* (all others are deleted). The order the indices appear in **inds** specifies the new order of the rows/columns/etc. in the result. Thus, the `delsamps` command

```
eddata = delsamps(data,inds,2,3);
```

is equivalent to performing the operation (see `dataset/subsref`):

```
eddata = data(:,inds);
```

See Also

[datasetdemo](#), [dataset/subsref](#)

explode

Purpose

Extract all variables from a **DataSet** object.

Synopsis

```
explode(x,txt)
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method **EXPLODE** use `help dataset/explode`.

EXPLODE writes the fields of a **DataSet** input **x** to variables in the workspace with the same variable names as the field names. The optional string input *txt* appends a string *txt* to the variable outputs.

Example:

```
explode(h,'01')
```

See also

`dataset/get`, `dataset/subsref`

get

Purpose

Get field/property values from a **DataSet** object.

Synopsis

```
value = get(x,'field',vdim);
```

Description

`dataset/get` is a depreciated function. See `dataset/subsref` for the preferred method of extracting values from a **DataSet** object.

For help on the overloaded method **GET** use `help dataset/get`.

The I/O for **GET** depends on whether the data are of class `double` or `cell`. The more common usage is when the data are of class `double` and this is discussed under subheading 1. In this case the data can be contained in a double array of 2 or higher modes/dimensions. Differences for data of class `cell` are discussed under subheading 2.

1) The following is used when the data field is a fixed-size array (`.type = 'data'` or `'image'`)

```
value = get(x,'field');
```

For **DataSet** `x` this returns the value (`value`) of the property `'field'`. This syntax is used for the following fields:

- `name`: value is a char vector.
- `author`: value is a char vector.
- `date`: value is a 6 element vector (see **CLOCK**).
- `moddate`: value is a 6 element vector (last modified date).
- `type`: value is either `'data'` or `'image'`.
- `data`: value is a double array.
- `description`: value is a char array.
- `userdata`: user defined.
- `description`: value is a char array.
- `history`: cell array of char (*e.g.* `char(get(h,'history'))`)
- `datasetversion`: dataset object version.

Example:

```
get(x,'data(:,1)')
```

 extracts the first column of the double array.

`value = get(x,'field',vdim);`

This syntax is used with the following fields:

include: value is row vector of indices for mode *vdim*.

`value = get(x,'field',vdim,vset);`

Returns the value **value** for the property 'field' for the specified dimension/mode *vdim* and optional set *vset* {default: *vset*=1}. *E.g.* *vset* is used when multiple sets of labels are present in **x**. This syntax is used for the following fields:

label: value is a char array with `size(x.data,vdim)` rows.

labelname: value is a char row vector.

axisscale: value is a row vector with `size(x.data,vdim)` real elements.

axisscalename: value is a char row vector.

title: value is a char row vector.

titlename: value is a char row vector.

class: value is a row vector with `size(x.data,vdim)` integer elements.

classname: value is a char row vector.

2) For cases when the data set consists of multiple matrices of variable length (*e.g.* each data matrix is $N_{l,i} \times N_m$, $m = 2, \dots, M$; and $N_{l,i} \times N_{l,j}$ for $i \neq j$) the field 'data' can contain a cell array and the field '.type' is 'batch'. The following are specific to GET when the data field is of class cell (*.type* = 'batch'). For fields not listed below use the I/O syntax listed under subheading 1.

`value = get(x,'field');`

Returns the value **value** of the property 'field'. This syntax is used for the following fields:

type: value is 'batch'.

data: value is a cell array (extracts entire data set).

Example:

`get(x,'data{3}(:,1)')` %extracts the first column of the third cell

`get(x,'data{2}')` %extracts the entire contents of the second cell.

`value = get(x,'field',vdim,vset);`

Returns the value **value** of the property 'field' for the specified dimension/mode *vdim* and optional set *vset* {default: *vset*=1}. *E.g.* *vset* is used when multiple sets of labels are present in **x**. This syntax is used for the following fields:

axisscale: value is a row vector with `size(x.data,vdim)` real elements. For all but the first mode the I/O syntax is identical to that for data of class double discussed under subheading 1. For mode 1 **vdim** is either scalar value 1 (*i.e.* **vdim=1**), or a two element vector with **vdim(1)=1** and **vdim(2)=i** where $i = 1, \dots, N_1$.

Example:

`get(x,'axisscale',1,2)` extracts the entire cell array of axis scales for mode 1 from the second set

`get(x,'axisscale',[1 3])` extracts the axis scales for mode 1 of the 3rd cell from the first set

See also:

`datasetdemo`, `dataset/set`, `dataset/subsref`, `dataset/explode`

horzcat

Purpose

Horizontal concatenation of **DataSet** objects.

Synopsis

```
z = [a, b, c, ... ];
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method **HORZCAT** use `help dataset/horzcat/`

[a b] is the horizontal concatenation of **DataSet** objects **a** and **b**. Any number of **DataSet** objects can be concatenated within the brackets. For this operation to be defined the following must be true:

- 1) All inputs must be valid **DataSet** objects or convertible to a **DataSet** object.
- 2) The **DataSet** '.type' fields must all be the same.
- 3) Concatenation is along the second dimension. The first and, for multiway, remaining dimension sizes must match.

This is similar to matrix concatenation, but each field is treated differently. In structure notation this is:

```
z.name = name fields from all DataSet objects are concatenated.  
z.type = a.type;  
z.author = author fields from all DataSet objects are concatenated.  
z.date = date of concatenation  
z.moddate = date of concatenation  
z.data = [a.data b.data c.data ...];  
z.label = mode 2 label sets are concatenated, and new label sets are  
          created for all other modes  
z.axisscale = mode 2 axisscale sets are made empty, and new axisscale  
             sets are created for all other modes  
z.title = new label sets are created  
z.class = mode 2 class sets are made empty, and new class sets are  
          created for all other modes  
z.description = concatenates all descriptions  
z.userdata = if more than one input has userdata it is filled into a cell  
             array, if only one input has userdata it is returned, else it is  
             empty
```

See Also

`dataset`, `datasetdemo`, `dataset/cat`, `dataset/vertcat`

length

Purpose

Returns the length of the data field in a `DataSet` object.

Synopsis

```
l = length(x);
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method `LENGTH` use `help dataset/length`.

Returns the length of a `DataSet` `.data` field. It is equivalent to `MAX(SIZE(X))` for non-empty arrays and 0 for empty ones. See built-in Matlab function `LENGTH` for more information.

See Also

`dataset/end`, `dataset/size`, `dataset/subsref`, `dataset/ndims`

ndims

Purpose

Returns the number of dimensions of the data field in a **DataSet** object.

Synopsis

```
D = ndims(x);
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method **NDIMS** use `help dataset/ndims`.

Returns the number of dimensions (i.e. modes) of a **DataSet** `.data` field.

Example: The following returns the number of dimensions in the `.data` field of a three-way **DataSet** object, `a`:

```
>>ndims(a)
ans =
     3
```

See Also

`dataset/size`

permute

Purpose

Permute array dimensions of a DataSet object.

Synopsis

```
x = permute(x,order);
```

Description

Rearranges the dimensions of **x** so that they are in the order specified by the vector **order**. The **DataSet** produced has the same values of **x** but the order of the subscripts needed to access any particular element are rearranged as specified by **order**. The elements of **order** must be a rearrangement of the numbers from 1 to N (where N is the number of modes of **x**). All informational fields are also reordered as necessary.

PERMUTE is a generalization of TRANSPOSE (.) for N-D arrays.

Example: The following demonstrates the permutation of a **DataSet** object, **a**:

```
>> a.data
ans(:,:,1) =
    1    30
    2    40
ans(:,:,2) =
    1    30
    2    40
>> a=permute(a,[3 1 2]);
>> a.data
ans(:,:,1) =
    1     2
    1     2
ans(:,:,2) =
   30   40
   30   40
```

See Also

[dataset/transpose](#)

set

Purpose

Set field/property values for a **DataSet** object.

Synopsis

```
set(x, 'field', value, vdim, vset)
```

Description

dataset/set is a depreciated function. See **dataset/subsasgn** for the preferred method of assigning values to a **DataSet** object.

For help on the overloaded method **SET** use **help dataset/set**.

The I/O for **SET** depends on whether the data are of class **double** or **cell**. The more common usage is when the data are of class **double** and this is discussed under subheading 1. In this case the data can be contained in a double array of 2 or higher modes/dimensions. Differences for data of class **cell** are discussed under subheading 2.

1) The following is used when the data field is of class **double** (**.type** = 'data' or 'image').

set(x) displays all field names and possible values for the input **x** which is a **DataSet**.

set(x, 'field') displays the possible values for input 'field'.

set(x, 'field', value) sets the field for a **DataSet** object to **value**.

This syntax is used for the following fields:

name: char vector or cell of size 1 with char contents.

author: char vector or cell of size 1 with char contents.

date: 6 element vector (see **CLOCK**).

type: field '**data**' must not be empty to set '**.type**', can have value '**data**' or '**image**'.

data: double array.

description: char array or cell with char contents.

userdata: filled with user defined data.

```
set(x, 'field', value, vdim)
```

This syntax is used for the following fields:

include: row vector of max length `size(x.data,vdim)` e.g.
`1:size(x.data,vdim)`.

`set(x,'field',value,vdim,vset)`

sets the field for a **DataSet** object to **value** for the specified dimension **vdim** and optional set **vset** {default: **vset=1**}, e.g. the **vset** input allows for multiple sets of labels to be used. The field '**.data**' must not be empty to set the values. This syntax is used for the following fields:

label: character or cell array with `size(x.data,vdim)` rows containing labels for the **vdim** dimension/mode.

labelname: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the label set.

axisscale: vector of class double (real elements) with `size(x.data,vdim)` elements. Each contains an axis scale to plot against for the **vdim** mode (e.g. `x.axisscale{2,1}` is a numerical scale for columns, and `x.axisscale{1,1}` is a numerical scale for rows).

axisscalename: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the axis scale.

title: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a title for the **vdim** dimension/mode.

titlename: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the title.

class: vector of class double (integer elements) and `size(x.data,vdim)` elements. Each element is a class identifier that can be used in plotting, classification, or cross-validation.

classname: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the class set.

2) For cases when the data set consists of multiple matrices of variable length (e.g. each data matrix is $N_{l,i} \times N_m$, $m = 2, \dots, M$; and $N_{l,i} \times N_{l,j}$ for $i \neq j$) the field '**.data**' can contain a cell array and the field '**.type**' is '**batch**'.

The following are specific to **SET** when the data field is of class cell (**.type = 'batch'**). For fields not listed below use the I/O syntax listed under subheading 1.

`set(x,'field',value)`

sets the property/field for a **DataSet** object to **value**. This syntax is used for the following fields:

type: value '**batch**' set automatically when field is class cell

data: value is a cell array (extracts entire data set).

Example:

```
g = dataset; %constructs a DataSet object
```

```
set(g,'data',y) %where y is a  $N_I \times I$  cell
```

SET will check all the sizes of the contents of **y** to ensure that only the size of mode 1 varies from cell to cell and will also set the **‘.type’** field to **‘batch’**.

```
set(x,'field',value,vdim,vset)
```

Set the field for a **DataSet** object to **value** for the specified dimension **vdim** and optional set **vset** {default: **vset=1**}, *e.g.* the **vset** input allows for multiple sets of labels to be used. The field **‘.data’** must not be empty to set the values. This syntax is used for the following fields:

axisscale: value is a row vector with **size(x.data,vdim)** real elements.

For all but the first mode the I/O syntax is identical to that for data of class double discussed under subheading 1. For mode 1 **vdim** is either scalar value 1 (*i.e.* **vdim=1**), or a 2 element vector with **vdim(1)=1** and **vdim(2)=i** where $i = 1, \dots, N_I$. When **vdim=1** then **value** is a cell array of length N_I and the contents of cell i is a vector of length $N_{I,i}$. When **vdim** is a 2 element vector and **vdim(2)=i** then **value** is a vector of length $N_{I,i}$.

Example:

```
set(g,'axisscale',y2,1) %where y2 is a  $N_I \times I$  cell array and the contents of each cell  $y2\{i\}$  ( $i=1, \dots, N_I$ ) is a vector of length  $N_{I,i}$  (i.e. size(get(g,'data{i}'),1)) sets the mode 1 axis scale for all data arrays in ‘.data’.
```

```
set(x,'axisscale',[1:N13],[1 3]) %where  $N13 = \text{size}(\text{get}(g,'data\{3\}'),1)$  sets the mode 1 axis scale for the 3rd data array (i.e. contents of data{3}).
```

```
set(x,'axisscale',[1:N12],[1 2],2) %where  $N12 = \text{size}(\text{get}(g,'data\{2\}'),1)$  sets the mode 1 axis scale for the 2nd data array (i.e. contents of data{2}) for the second set.
```

See also:

dataset/get, dataset/subsasgn, dataset/subsref

size

Purpose

Returns the size of the data field in a `DataSet` object.

Synopsis

```
D = size(x,dim);
```

```
[M,N,...] = size(x);
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method `SIZE` use `help dataset/size`.

Returns the size of a `DataSet` `.data` field for the specified dimension `dim`. If dimension is not specified, sizes for all non-singleton dimensions are returned, either as multiple outputs, `M`, `N`, etc, or a single vector.

Example: The following returns the number of columns in the `.data` field of a `DataSet` object, `a`:

```
cols = size(a,2);
```

See Also

`dataset/end`, `dataset/length`, `dataset/subsref`, `dataset/ndims`

subsasgn

Purpose

Assign for **DataSet** objects using Structure and index notation.

Synopsis

```
x.field{vdim,vset} = value;
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method **SUBSASGN** use `help dataset/subsasgn`.

```
x.field = value;
```

sets the field for a **DataSet** object to **value**. This syntax is used for the following fields:

- name**: char vector or cell of size 1 with char contents.
- author**: char vector or cell of size 1 with char contents.
- date**: 6 element vector (see **CLOCK**).
- type**: field **'data'** must not be empty to set **'type'**, can have value **'data'** or **'image'**. See documentation for type **'batch'**.
- data**: double, single, logical, int or uint array, or cell array (type **'batch'** see documentation).
- imagemode**: scalar double.
- imagesize**: variable-length vector of double.
- description**: char array or cell with char contents.
- userdata**: filled with user defined data.

```
x.field{vdim} = value;
```

This syntax is used for the following fields:

- include**: row vector of maximum length `size(x.data,vdim)` e.g. `1:size(x.data,vdim)`.

```
x.field{vdim,vset} = value;
```

sets the field for a **DataSet** object to **value** for the specified dimension **vdim** and optional set **vset** {default: **vset=1**}, e.g. the **vset** input allows for multiple sets of labels to be used. The field **'data'** must not be empty to set the values. This syntax is used for the following fields:

label: character or cell array with `size(x.data,vdim)` rows containing labels for the *vdim* dimension/mode.

labelname: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the label set.

axisscale: vector of class double (real elements) with `size(x.data,vdim)` elements. Each contains an axis scale to plot against for the *vdim* dimension/mode (e.g. `x.axisscale{2,1}` is a numerical scale for columns, and `x.axisscale{1,1}` is a numerical scale for rows). See documentation for type 'batch'.

axisscalename: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the axis scale.

title: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a title for the *vdim* dimension/mode.

titlename: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the title.

class: vector of class double (integer elements) and `size(x.data,vdim)` elements. Each element is a class identifier that can be used in plotting, classification, or cross-validation.

classname: row vector of class char or 1 element cell containing a name for the class set.

Examples:

```
mydataset.author = 'James Joyce';
```

```
mydataset.axisscale{2} = [1:5:25]; %2nd dim axis scale
```

```
mydataset.title{1,2} = 'Second title for first dim';
```

See also:

`dataset/get`, `dataset/set`, `dataset/subsref`

subsref

Purpose

Subindex for DataSet objects using Structure and index notation.

Synopsis

```
value = x.field{vdim,vset}
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method SUBSREF use `help dataset/subsref`.

```
value = x.field;
```

returns the value (**value**) of the **DataSet** object field **field**. This syntax is used for the following fields:

name: value is a char vector.

author: value is a char vector.

date: value is a 6 element vector (see **CLOCK**).

moddate: value is a 6 element vector (last modified date).

type: value is either 'data' or 'image'.

data: value is a double,single, or [u]int8/16/32 array.

imagemode: value is a scalar double.

imagesize: value is a variable-length vector of double.

label: value is the cell of all labels.

labelname: value is the cell of all label names.

axisscale: value is the cell of all axis scales.

axisscalename: value is the cell of all axis scale names.

title: value is the cell of all mode titles.

titlename: value is the cell of all mode title names.

class: value is the cell of all class identifiers.

classname: value is the cell of all class identifier names.

include: value is a cell with vectors for all included indices for all modes.

userdata: user defined.

description: value is a char array.

history: cell array of char (*e.g.* `char(x.history)`)

datasetversion: **DataSet** object version.

```
value = x.field{vdim};
```

returns the value (*value*) for the field (*field'* for the specified dimension/mode *vdim*.

include: value is row vector of indices for mode *vdim*

`value = x.field{vdim,vset};`

returns the value (*value*) for the field (*field'* for the specified dimension/mode *vdim* and optional set *vset* {default: *vset=1*}. *E.g. vset* is used when multiple sets of labels are present in *x*. This syntax is used for the following fields:

label: value is a char array with `size(x.data, vdim)` rows.

labelname: value is a char row vector.

axisscale: value is a row vector with `size(x.data, vdim)` real elements.

axisscalename: value is a char row vector.

title: value is a char row vector.

titlename: value is a char row vector.

class: value is a row vector with `size(x.data, vdim)` integer elements.

classname: value is a char row vector.

Examples:

`plot(mydataset.axisscale{2})` %second dim axis scale

`xlabel(mydataset.title{1,2})` %second title for first dim

`disp(['Made by: ' mydataset.author])`

All calls can be further indexed using standard Matlab notation.

Example:

`mydataset.class{2}(5)` %give *only* the class for the *fifth* column (item 5 from dim 2)

See also

`dataset/subsasgn`, `dataset/get`, `dataset/explode`

transpose

Purpose

Performs a transpose (rows become columns and columns become rows) on a two-way DataSet object.

Synopsis

```
x = x';
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method TRANSPOSE use `help dataset/transpose`.

Returns the transposed DataSet object `x` in which rows are now columns and vice versa (mode 1 becomes mode 2 and mode 2 becomes mode 1). All fields are transposed as necessary. This specific command only operates on vector and two-way DataSet objects. To modify multi-way DataSet objects (more than 2 modes), use the PERMUTE method.

Example: The following demonstrates the transpose of a DataSet object, `a`:

```
>> a.data
ans =
    1    2
   30   40
>> a=a';
>> a.data
ans =
    1   30
    2   40
```

See Also

`dataset/permute`

vertcat

Purpose

Vertical concatenation of **DataSet** objects.

Synopsis

```
z = [a; b; c; ... ];
```

Description

For help on the overloaded method **VERTCAT** use `help dataset/vertcat`.

[a; b] is the vertical concatenation of **DataSet** objects **a** and **b**. Any number of **DataSet** objects can be concatenated within the brackets. For this operation to be defined the following must be true:

- 1) All inputs must be valid **DataSet** objects or convertible to a **DataSet** object.
- 2) The **DataSet** '.type' fields must all be the same.
- 3) Concatenation is along the first dimension. The second and, for multiway, remaining dimension sizes must match.

This is similar to matrix concatenation, but each field is treated differently. In structure notation this is:

```
z.name = name fields from all DataSet objects are concatenated.  
z.type = a.type;  
z.author = author fields from all DataSet objects are concatenated.  
z.date = date of concatenation  
z.moddate = date of concatenation  
z.data = [a.data; b.data; c.data ...];  
z.label = mode 1 label sets are concatenated, and new label sets are  
          created for all other modes  
z.axisscale = mode 1 axisscale sets are made empty, and new axisscale  
             sets are created for all other modes  
z.title = new label sets are created  
z.class = mode 1 class sets are made empty, and new class sets are  
          created for all other modes  
z.description = concatenates all descriptions  
z.userdata = if more than one input has userdata it is filled into a cell  
             array, if only one input has userdata it is returned, else it is  
             empty
```

See also

`dataset/cat`, `dataset/horzcat`

4. Example

The following shows an example using the ‘wine’ data set in the PLS_Toolbox. Other examples can be found in the `datasetdemo.m` script.

The first step in the example is to load the ‘wine’ data set and examine the variables. The MATLAB commands are:

```
»load wine_raw
»whos
  Name   Size  Bytes  Class
  dat    10x5   400    double array
  names  10x6   120    char array
  vars   5x6    60     char array
```

The variable ‘**dat**’ contains the data array corresponding to the 5 variables wine, beer, and liquor consumption, life expectancy, and heart disease for 10 samples (countries).

The country names are contained in the variable ‘**names**’ and the variable names are contained in ‘**vars**’. The next step creates a **DataSet** object, gives it a name, authorship, and description.

```
»wined = dataset(dat);
»wined.name = 'Wine';
»wined.author = 'A.E. Newman';
»wined.description= ...
char('Wine, beer, and liquor consumption (gal/yr)',...
'life expectancy (years), and heart disease rate', ...
'(cases/100,/yr) for 10 countries. ');
»wined.label{1} = names;
»wined.label{2} = vars;
```

Additional assignments can also be made. Here the label for the first mode (rows) is shown explicitly next to the data array (like sample labels). Also, titles, axis, and titles are assigned.

```
»wined.labelname{1} = 'Countries';
»wined.label{1} = ...
char('France' ...
'Italy', ...
'Switz', ...
'Austra', ...
'Mexico');
»wined.title{1} = 'Country';
»wined.class{1} = [1 1 1 2 3];
»wined.classname{1} = 'Continent';
»wined.axisscale{1} = 1:5;
»wined.axisscalename{1} = 'Country Number';
```

Additional assignments can also be made for mode 2. Here the label for the second mode (columns) is shown explicitly above the data array (like column headings). Also, titles, axis, and titles are assigned.

```
»wined.labelname{2} = 'Variables';  
»wined.label{2} = ...  
char('Liquor','Wine','Beer','LifeExp','HeartD');
```

If the data matrix is N-way the assignment process can be extended to Mode 3, Mode 4, ... Mode N. It can also be extended to using multiple sets of labels and axis scales *e.g.*

```
»wined.labelname{2,2} = 'Alcohol Content and Quality';  
»wined.label{2,2} = ...  
char('high','medium','low','good','bad');
```

Sub-portions of the **DataSet** can be retrieved by indexing into the main **DataSet** object. For example, here the first three columns ('Liquor', 'Wine', and 'Beer') are extracted into a new **DataSet** named "alcohol":

```
»alcohol = wined(:,1:3);
```

Additionally, any field in the **DataSet** can also be indexed into directly. Here the second country name is pulled out of the labels by extracting the entire second row of the mode 1 labels:

```
»country2 = wined.label{1}(2,:);
```

5. Future Modifications

Potential additions and enhancements are listed here. This does not imply a guarantee of future implementation or obligate EVRI to incorporate these additions or enhancements, but instead serves as a working document of suggestions and ideas.

5.a. Field Modifications and Enhancements

data collection format (*e.g.* numerical precision, exception reported, integer, continuous, ...)

“variable units” field

filename and path to spectra

sample/variable/data element uncertainty (presently uses a separate `DataSet`)

fractional values for class (fuzzy class identifiers)

class descriptions

5.b. Methods Modifications and Enhancements

overloading of various plot operations

concatenation for ‘batch’?

mathematical operators

method to remove a set (*e.g.* remove a label set)

method to swap sets or “activate” an alternate set

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