

COVID-19 Cases during the first 40 days

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Worksheet 10

The purpose of this worksheet is to practice the implicit DO loop construct to read (and then manipulate) data from an input file.

Tasks

1. Download the gzipped archive `COVID19Cases.tgz` from the class website.
2. Use `tar -tzvf` to inspect the content of this archive.
3. Use `tar -xzvf` to extract the content of the archive. This will create a sub-directory named `COVID19Cases` which contains the data file `COVID19.dat`. Use `more` and `tail` to display the first/last 10 lines of data of this data file. The data show the number of COVID-19 cases reported in the US from 1 March 2020 through 7 April 2020. The first column lists the time in days, the second column shows the number of COVID-19 cases.
4. Write a structured and well-commented Fortran program which uses the implicit DO loop construct to read the data from `COVID19.dat`, computes the base-10 log of the number of COVID-19 cases, and writes the logarithmic values of the COVID-19 cases as a function of time to an output data file. The syntax will be something like this:

```
      DO
      READ (100, *, end=20) time, COVID19_cases
      WRITE(200, *) time, LOG10(COVID19_cases)
      END DO
20 CONTINUE
```

5. If `python` or `python3` is installed on your machine, create a plot which shows the data of `COVID19.dat` graphically. This is done by executing the following command in a terminal

```
$ python COVID19.py
```

where `COVID19.py` is a short python plotting script that looks as follows:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Create a new figure of size 8x6 points
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6), dpi=100)

x, y = np.loadtxt('COVID19.dat', unpack=True)
plt.plot(x,y, color='blue', linewidth=2.0, linestyle='--', label='Data set 1')

plt.xlabel('Time (Days)', fontsize=15)
plt.ylabel('COVID-19 Cases Reported in the US', fontsize=15)
plt.legend(loc='upper left', fontsize=15)
plt.title('COVID-19 Cases', fontsize=15)
plt.text(1, 10000, 'March 1, 2020', rotation=90, fontsize=10)
plt.text(38, 250000, 'April 7, 2020', rotation=90, fontsize=10)
```

```
plt.savefig('COVID19.dat.pdf')  
plt.show()
```

The script can be downloaded from the class website. If it runs successfully on your machine, a plot will be created that is named `COVID19.dat.pdf`.

Rename your Fortran source code to `LastFirst_WS10.f90` and email this file together with `COVID19.dat.pdf` to `ewhart317@gmail.com`. Put `PHYS 317 WS 10` in the subject line.