N-Dimensional Independent Variable Table Format

The format to use for inputting an N-D Table into Arches is similar to the current format, and in fact is *completely unchanged for the utilization of a 3-D table.*

The front end is exactly the same, header, variable names, grid numbers, etc. After the units row the grids for each of the independent variables must be listed in reverse order from iN to i2. If i1 has dependence on another independent variable, that variable must be used as iN.

The grid list of i1 must be put at the top of the section when iN changes. The sections between these i1 grid lists should be formatted similar to the Matlab listing of an N-D table. Consider a list of matrices of one dependent variable in-between each of the i1 lists. Rows across should vary in i1 and columns down in i2. (A space after this first tabulation makes it easier to read.) The next matrix should then vary the i3 index to the next value and again vary in i1 across rows and i2 in columns. Repeat over all i3, then change i4 and repeat, until all blocks over i(N-1) are written. Then insert the next i1 grid list over the next value of iN, and list the matrices again with this value for iN.

When this is completed for 1 dependent variable, repeat for all others in the same way.

Example 4D/5D layouts shown

- -list indicates a grid row
- -indentation with "vary arrows" are not in table but shown for illustration
- -blocks are matrices of one dependent variable

#Header
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#
no.indepvars
name indepvars
grid sizes
no. depvars
name depvars
uint depvars
i4 list ----->
i3 list ----->
i2 list ----->



