

# Manipulating data and metadata in cf-python

Homepage <https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python>) for background, tutorial, reference, and installation

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## 1. Read, inspect and write files

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/function/cf.read.html> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/function/cf.read.html>)

In [1]:

```
import cf
cf.__version__
```

Out[1]:

```
'3.0.6'
```

In [2]:

```
f = cf.read('ncas_data/IPSL-CM5A-LR_r1i1p1_tas_n96_rcp45_mnth.nc')[0]
```

In [3]:

```
f
```

Out[3]:

```
<CF Field: air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>
```

In [4]:

```
print(f)
```

```
Field: air_temperature (ncvar%tas)
-----
Data           : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K
Cell methods   : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day
                  : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north
                  : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east
                  : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.dump.html> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.dump.html>)

In [5]:

```
f.dump()
```

```
-----
Field: air_temperature (ncvar%tas)
```

```

-----
CDI = 'Climate Data Interface version 1.7.0 (http://mpimet.mpg.de/cdi)'
CDO = 'Climate Data Operators version 1.7.0 (http://mpimet.mpg.de/cdo)'
Conventions = 'CF-1.5'
_FillValue = 1.0000000200408773e+20
associated_files = 'baseURL: http://cmip-pcmdi.llnl.gov/CMIP5/dataLocation
                    gridspecFile: gridspec_atmos_fx_IPSL-
                    CM5A-LR_historical_r0i0p0.nc areacella: areacella_fx_IPSL-
                    CM5A-LR_historical_r0i0p0.nc'

branch_time = 1850.0
cmor_version = '2.5.1'
comment = 'This 20th century simulation include natural and anthropogenic
          forcings.'
contact = 'ipsl-cmip5_at_ipsl.jussieu.fr Data manager : Sebastien Denvil'
creation_date = '2011-02-23T17:52:35Z'
experiment = 'historical'
experiment_id = 'historical'
forcing = 'Nat,Ant,GHG,SA,Oz,LU,SS,Ds,BC,MD,OC,AA'
frequency = 'mon'
history = "Thu May 26 15:47:13 2016: cdo mergetime /data/cr1/hadlg/helix/IPSL-
          CM5A-LR_rcp45_tmp_output_1_hist.nc /data/cr1/hadlg/helix/IPSL-
          CM5A-LR_rcp45_tmp_output_1_fut.nc /data/cr1/hadlg/helix/IPSL-
          CM5A-LR_r1i1p1_tas_merged_rcp45.nc\n2011-06-24T02:32:44Z altered by
          CMOR: Treated scalar dimension: 'height'. 2011-06-24T02:32:44Z
          altered by CMOR: replaced missing value flag (9.96921e+36) with
          standard missing value (1e+20). 2011-06-24T02:32:45Z altered by
          CMOR: Inverted axis: lat."

initialization_method = 1
institute_id = 'IPSL'
institution = 'IPSL (Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, Paris, France)'
long_name = 'Near-Surface Air Temperature'
missing_value = 1e+20
model_id = 'IPSL-CM5A-LR'
modeling_realm = 'atmos'
original_name = 't2m'
parent_experiment = 'pre-industrial control'
parent_experiment_id = 'piControl'
parent_experiment_rip = 'r1i1p1'
physics_version = 1
product = 'output'
project_id = 'CMIP5'
realization = 1
references = 'Model documentation and further reference available here :
             http://icmc.ipsl.fr'
source = 'IPSL-CM5A-LR (2010) : atmos : LMDZ4 (LMDZ4_v5, 96x95x39); ocean :
          ORCA2 (NEMOV2_3, 2x2L31); seaIce : LIM2 (NEMOV2_3); ocnBgchem :
          PISCES (NEMOV2_3); land : ORCHIDEE (orchidee_1_9_4_AR5)'
standard_name = 'air_temperature'
table_id = 'Table Amon (31 January 2011) 53b766a395ac41696af40aab76a49ae5'
title = 'IPSL-CM5A-LR model output prepared for CMIP5 historical'
tracking_id = '826ee5e9-3cc9-40a6-a42b-d84c6b4aad97'
units = 'K'

Data(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) = [[[244.82579040527344, ..., 244.52688598632812
]]] K

Cell Method: time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)

Domain Axis: height(1)
Domain Axis: latitude(145)
Domain Axis: longitude(192)
Domain Axis: time(120)

Dimension coordinate: time
    axis = 'T'
    calendar = '365_day'
    long_name = 'time'
    standard_name = 'time'
    units = 'days since 1850-1-1 00:00:00'
    Data(time(120)) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day
    Bounds:calendar = '365_day'
    Bounds:units = 'days since 1850-1-1 00:00:00'
    Bounds:Data(time(120), 2) = [[1959-12-01 00:00:00, ..., 1969-12-01 00:00:00]] 365_day

Dimension coordinate: latitude
    axis = 'Y'
    long_name = 'latitude'
    standard_name = 'latitude'
    units = 'degrees_north'
    Data(latitude(145)) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north

```

```
Bounds:units = 'degrees_north'  
Bounds:Data(latitude(145), 2) = [[-90.0, ..., 90.0]] degrees_north
```

```
Dimension coordinate: longitude  
axis = 'X'  
long_name = 'longitude'  
standard_name = 'longitude'  
units = 'degrees_east'  
Data(longitude(192)) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
Bounds:units = 'degrees_east'  
Bounds:Data(longitude(192), 2) = [[-0.9375, ..., 359.0625]] degrees_east
```

```
Dimension coordinate: height  
axis = 'Z'  
long_name = 'height'  
positive = 'up'  
standard_name = 'height'  
units = 'm'  
Data(height(1)) = [2.0] m
```

## Properties

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.properties.html> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.properties.html>)

In [6]:

```
f.properties()
```

Out[6]:

```
{'Conventions': 'CF-1.5',
 'comment': 'This 20th century simulation include natural and anthropogenic forcings.',
 'model_id': 'IPSL-CM5A-LR',
 'CDI': 'Climate Data Interface version 1.7.0 (http://mpimet.mpg.de/cdi)',
 'parent_experiment_id': 'piControl',
 'creation_date': '2011-02-23T17:52:35Z',
 'frequency': 'mon',
 'references': 'Model documentation and further reference available here : http://icmc.ipsl.fr'
,
 'title': 'IPSL-CM5A-LR model output prepared for CMIP5 historical',
 'original_name': 't2m',
 'contact': 'ipsl-cmip5_at_ipsl.jussieu.fr Data manager : Sebastien Denvil',
 'source': 'IPSL-CM5A-LR (2010) : atmos : LMDZ4 (LMDZ4_v5, 96x95x39); ocean : ORCA2 (NEMOV2_3,
2x2L31); seaIce : LIM2 (NEMOV2_3); ocnBgchem : PISCES (NEMOV2_3); land : ORCHIDEE (orchidee_1_9
4_AR5)',
 'experiment': 'historical',
 'realization': 1,
 'project_id': 'CMIP5',
 'institute_id': 'IPSL',
 'initialization_method': 1,
 'product': 'output',
 'tracking_id': '826ee5e9-3cc9-40a6-a42b-d84c6b4aad97',
 'cmor_version': '2.5.1',
 'parent_experiment': 'pre-industrial control',
 'branch_time': 1850.0,
 'institution': 'IPSL (Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, Paris, France)',
 'forcing': 'Nat,Ant,GHG,SA,Oz,LU,SS,Ds,BC,MD,OC,AA',
 'CDO': 'Climate Data Operators version 1.7.0 (http://mpimet.mpg.de/cdo)',
 'physics_version': 1,
 'associated_files': 'baseUrl: http://cmip-pcmdi.llnl.gov/CMIP5/dataLocation gridspecFile: grid
spec_atmos_fx_IPSL-CM5A-LR_historical_r0i0p0.nc areacella: areacella_fx_IPSL-CM5A-LR_historical
_r0i0p0.nc',
 'modeling_realm': 'atmos',
 'table_id': 'Table Amon (31 January 2011) 53b766a395ac41696af40aab76a49ae5',
 'experiment_id': 'historical',
 'history': "Thu May 26 15:47:13 2016: cdo mergetime /data/cr1/hadlg/helix/IPSL-CM5A-LR_rcp45_t
mp_output_1_hist.nc /data/cr1/hadlg/helix/IPSL-CM5A-LR_rcp45_tmp_output_1_fut.nc /data/cr1/hadl
g/helix/IPSL-CM5A-LR_r1i1p1_tas_merged_rcp45.nc\n2011-06-24T02:32:44Z altered by CMOR: Treated
scalar dimension: 'height'. 2011-06-24T02:32:44Z altered by CMOR: replaced missing value flag (
9.96921e+36) with standard missing value (1e+20). 2011-06-24T02:32:45Z altered by CMOR: Inverte
d axis: lat.",
 'parent_experiment_rip': 'r1i1p1',
 '_FillValue': 1.0000000200408773e+20,
 'long_name': 'Near-Surface Air Temperature',
 'standard_name': 'air_temperature',
 'missing_value': 1e+20,
 'units': 'K'}
```

In [7]:

```
f.get_property('project_id')
```

Out[7]:

'CMIP5'

In [8]:

```
f.set_property('project_id', 'banana')
f.get_property('project_id')
```

Out[8]:

'banana'

In [9]:

```
f.del_property('project_id')
f.get_property('project_id') # This should fail!
```

```
-----
KeyError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
~/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/cfdm/core/abstract/properties.py in get_property(self,
prop, default)
    190         try:
--> 191             return self._get_component('properties')[prop]
    192         except KeyError:
```

KeyError: 'project\_id'

During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:

```
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-9-cb231cbd51a2> in <module>
      1 f.del_property('project_id')
----> 2 f.get_property('project_id') # This should fail!

~/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/cf/mixin/properties.py in get_property(self, prop, default)
    531
    532         # Still here? Then get a non-special property
--> 533         return super().get_property(prop, default=default)
    534
    535

~/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/cfdm/core/abstract/properties.py in get_property(self,
prop, default)
    193         return self._default(default,
    194                               "{!r} has no {!r} property".format(
--> 195                               self.__class__.__name__, prop))
    196
    197

~/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/cfdm/core/abstract/container.py in _default(self, default,
message)
     87         default.args = (message,)
     88
--> 89         raise default
     90
     91         return default
```

ValueError: 'Field' has no 'project\_id' property

In [10]:

```
f.get_property('project_id', 'UNSET')
```

Out[10]:

'UNSET'

[https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.get\\_property.html](https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.get_property.html) ([https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.get\\_property.html](https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.get_property.html))

In [11]:

```
help(f.get_property)
```

Help on method get\_property in module cf.mixin.properties:

get\_property(prop, default=ValueError()) method of cf.field.Field instance  
Get a CF property.

.. seealso:: ``clear_properties``, ``del_property``, ``has_property``,  
              ``properties``, ``set_property``

.. versionadded:: 3.0.0

:Parameters:

prop: ``str``  
      The name of the CF property.

\*Parameter example:\*  
    ``prop='long_name'``

default: optional  
      Return the value of the `*default*` parameter if the  
      property does not exist. If set to an ``Exception`` instance  
      then it will be raised instead.

:Returns:

      The value of the named property or the default value, if  
      set.

**\*\*Examples:\*\***

```
>>> f.set_property('project', 'CMIP7')
>>> f.has_property('project')
True
>>> f.get_property('project')
'CMIP7'
>>> f.del_property('project')
'CMIP7'
>>> f.has_property('project')
False
>>> print(f.del_property('project', None))
None
>>> print(f.get_property('project', None))
None
```

## Shorthand for named CF properties

<http://cfconventions.org/Data/cf-conventions/cf-conventions-1.7/cf-conventions.html#attribute-appendix>  
(<http://cfconventions.org/Data/cf-conventions/cf-conventions-1.7/cf-conventions.html#attribute-appendix>)

In [12]:

```
print(f.standard_name)
f.standard_name = 'banana'
print(f.standard_name)
del(f.standard_name)
f.standard_name = 'air_temperature'
print(f.standard_name)
```

```
air_temperature
banana
air_temperature
```

## Reading many files

In [13]:

```
fl = cf.read('ncas_data/data[2-7].nc')
fl
```

Out[13]:

```
[<CF Field: air_temperature(long_name=t(1), long_name=p(1), latitude(160), longitude(320)) K>,
 <CF Field: air_temperature(long_name=t(1), long_name=p(1), long_name=latitude(256), long_name=
longitude(512)) K>,
 <CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(37), latitude(256), longitude(512)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(160), longitude(320)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: northward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: air_temperature(time(1680), latitude(73), longitude(96)) K>]
```

## A FieldList object inherits all of the usual Python list functionality

In [14]:

```
for x in fl:
    print('IDENTITY:', x.identity(), 'SHAPE:', x.shape, 'UNITS:', x.units)
```

```
IDENTITY: air_temperature SHAPE: (1, 1, 160, 320) UNITS: K
IDENTITY: air_temperature SHAPE: (1, 1, 256, 512) UNITS: K
IDENTITY: eastward_wind SHAPE: (1, 23, 36, 48) UNITS: m s**-1
IDENTITY: eastward_wind SHAPE: (1, 37, 256, 512) UNITS: m s**-1
IDENTITY: eastward_wind SHAPE: (1, 23, 160, 320) UNITS: m s**-1
IDENTITY: northward_wind SHAPE: (1, 23, 36, 48) UNITS: m s**-1
IDENTITY: air_temperature SHAPE: (1680, 73, 96) UNITS: K
```

## Select by list position

In [15]:

```
g = fl[0]
g
```

Out[15]:

```
<CF Field: air_temperature(long_name=t(1), long_name=p(1), latitude(160), longitude(320)) K>
```

In [16]:

```
fl[4:]
```

Out[16]:

```
[<CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(160), longitude(320)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: northward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: air_temperature(time(1680), latitude(73), longitude(96)) K>]
```

## Select by metadata

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#sorting-and-selecting-from-field-lists> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#sorting-and-selecting-from-field-lists>)

In [17]:

```
fl.select('air_temperature')
```

Out[17]:

```
[<CF Field: air_temperature(long_name=t(1), long_name=p(1), latitude(160), longitude(320)) K>,
 <CF Field: air_temperature(long_name=t(1), long_name=p(1), long_name=latitude(256), long_name=
longitude(512)) K>,
 <CF Field: air_temperature(time(1680), latitude(73), longitude(96)) K>]
```

In [18]:

```
fl.select('northward_wind')
```

Out[18]:

```
[<CF Field: northward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>]
```

In [19]:

```
fl.select_by_units('km h-1')
```

Out[19]:

```
[]
```

In [20]:

```
fl.select_by_units('km h-1', exact=False)
```

Out[20]:

```
[<CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(37), latitude(256), longitude(512)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(160), longitude(320)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: northward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>]
```

In [21]:

```
import re
fl.select(re.compile('(east|north)ward_wind'))
```

Out[21]:

```
[<CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(37), latitude(256), longitude(512)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: eastward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(160), longitude(320)) m s**-1>,
 <CF Field: northward_wind(time(1), pressure(23), latitude(36), longitude(48)) m s**-1>]
```

## Write fields to a netCDF file

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/function/cf.write.html> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/function/cf.write.html>)

In [22]:

```
cf.write(f, 'new_file.nc')
```

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.equals.html> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/method/cf.Field.equals.html>)

In [23]:

```
g = cf.read('new_file.nc')[0]
f.equals(g)
```

Out[23]:

```
True
```

## 2. Subspace a field

### Index-space: [square brackets]

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#subspacing-by-index> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#subspacing-by-index>)

In [24]:

```
print(f)
```

```
Field: air_temperature (ncvar%tas)
```

```
-----
```

```
Data          : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K
Cell methods   : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```



In [25]:

```
print(f[0, 0, 0])
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(1), latitude(1), longitude(1)) K  
Cell methods   : time(1): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(1) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(1) = [-90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(1) = [0.0] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [26]:

```
print(f[0:6, :, :])
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(6), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(6): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(6) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1960-05-16 12:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

## Metadata-space: (subspace method)

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#subspacing-by-metadata> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#subspacing-by-metadata>)

In [27]:

```
print(f)
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [28]:

```
print(f.subspace(longitude=180))
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(1)) K  
Cell methods   : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(1) = [180.0] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

## cf.lt(30) is a "query" that means *less than 30*

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#encapsulating-conditions> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#encapsulating-conditions>)

In [29]:

```
print(f.subspace(latitude=cf.lt(30)))
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(96), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(96) = [-90.0, ..., 28.75] degrees_north  
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

## cf.wi(90, 270) is a query that means *within the range [90, 270]*

In [30]:

```
print(f.subspace(longitude=cf.wi(90, 270)))
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(97)) K  
Cell methods   : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
               : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
               : longitude(97) = [90.0, ..., 270.0] degrees_east  
               : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [31]:

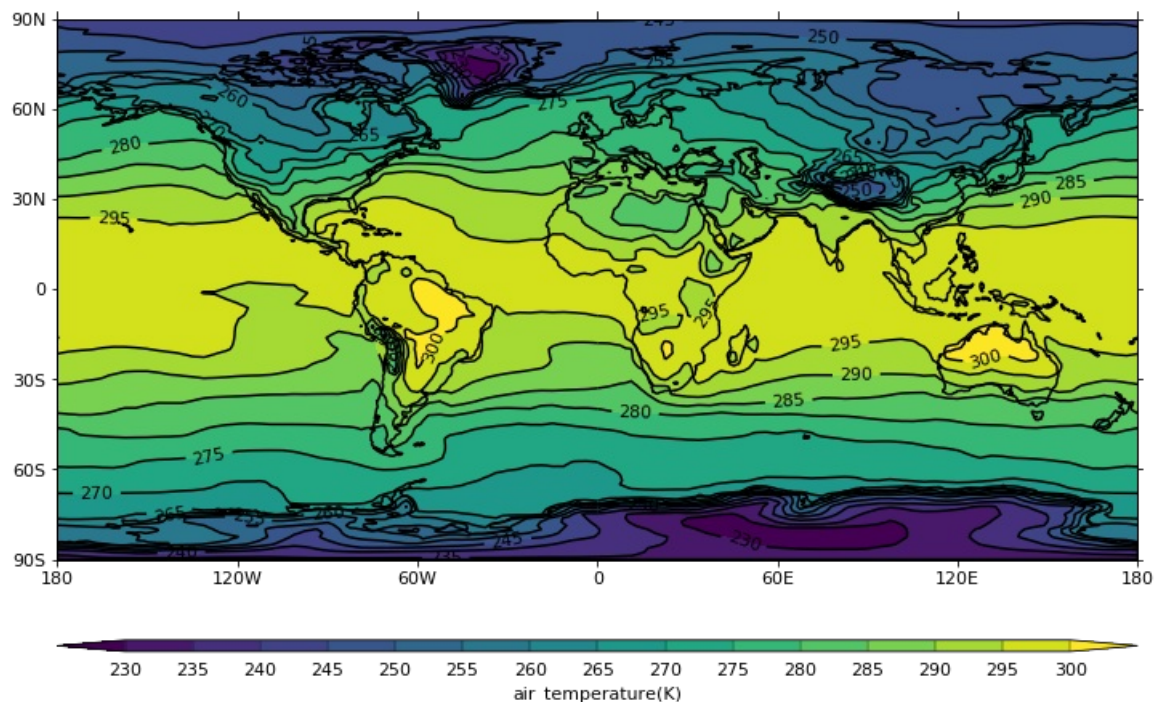
```
g = f.subspace(time=cf.dt('1965-11-16'))  
print(g)
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(1), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(1): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(1) = [1965-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
               : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
               : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
               : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [32]:

```
# In-line images  
%matplotlib inline  
# Turn off warnings  
#import warnings  
#warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")  
  
import cfplot as cfp  
cfp.con(g)
```



**T** is shorthand for *time*

In [33]:

```
print(f.subspace(T=cf.ge(cf.dt('1967-2-18'))))
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(33), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(33): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(33) = [1967-03-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [34]:

```
print(f.subspace(T=cf.month(4)))
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(10), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(10): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(10) = [1960-04-16 00:00:00, ..., 1969-04-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [35]:

```
print(f.subspace(time=cf.dt('1965-11-16'), Y=cf.gt(30)))
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(1), latitude(48), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(1): mean (interval: 30 minutes)  
Dimension coords: time(1) = [1965-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(48) = [31.25, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

## 3. The field's data

In [36]:

```
f.data
```

Out[36]:

```
<CF Data(120, 145, 192): [[[244.82579040527344, ..., 244.52688598632812]]] K>
```

### Get the data as a numpy array

In [37]:

```
print(type(f.array))
```

```
<class 'numpy.ndarray'>
```

In [38]:

```
f.array
```

Out[38]:

```
array([[[244.82579041, 244.82579041, 244.82579041, ..., 244.82579041,  
        244.82579041, 244.82579041],  
       [245.76259871, 245.64571488, 245.52913189, ..., 246.10911099,  
        246.01224121, 245.88722523],  
       [246.0103291 , 245.86191647, 245.71379773, ..., 246.47294155,  
        246.33730691, 246.17361118],  
       ...,  
       [246.92743832, 246.92339943, 246.91909425, ..., 246.96167234,  
        246.95784869, 246.94273518],  
       [246.83550681, 246.83572591, 246.8362101 , ..., 246.84365246,  
        246.84140166, 246.83832122],  
       [246.11326599, 246.11326599, 246.11326599, ..., 246.11326599,  
        246.11326599, 246.11326599]],  
      [[246.98564148, 246.98564148, 246.98564148, ..., 246.98564148,  
        246.98564148, 246.98564148]
```

```

248.68722049, 248.57679331],
[248.94832661, 248.81420465, 248.68104777, ..., 249.34295834,
249.23124955, 249.08926564],
...,
[244.75140282, 244.79450904, 244.83979468, ..., 244.6257257 ,
244.63474002, 244.69223537],
[244.26617971, 244.26601925, 244.26605184, ..., 244.25610468,
244.26110323, 244.26354541],
[243.73991394, 243.73991394, 243.73991394, ..., 243.73991394,
243.73991394, 243.73991394]],

[[238.64672852, 238.64672852, 238.64672852, ..., 238.64672852,
238.64672852, 238.64672852],
[240.90044159, 240.79150484, 240.68335504, ..., 241.2274457 ,
241.13952195, 241.01954646],
[241.5250896 , 241.37456484, 241.22489827, ..., 241.95320127,
241.8409942 , 241.68252141],
...,
[248.00269058, 248.04255923, 248.08195776, ..., 247.92383843,
247.93659988, 247.96997174],
[248.07975765, 248.09382317, 248.10796599, ..., 248.03324901,
248.0463194 , 248.06300552],
[247.88311768, 247.88311768, 247.88311768, ..., 247.88311768,
247.88311768, 247.88311768]],

...,

[[218.3809967 , 218.3809967 , 218.3809967 , ..., 218.3809967 ,
218.3809967 , 218.3809967 ],
[222.51105005, 222.37146927, 222.23335266, ..., 222.92622521,
222.80920679, 222.65934352],
[223.39134329, 223.18564669, 222.98016442, ..., 224.08781177,
223.9088083 , 223.64966105],
...,
[263.3827055 , 263.41147103, 263.44018716, ..., 263.32895833,
263.32190459, 263.35243633],
[263.36784083, 263.3719884 , 263.37622917, ..., 263.35296469,
263.34722803, 263.35749049],
[263.11798096, 263.11798096, 263.11798096, ..., 263.11798096,
263.11798096, 263.11798096]],

[[224.6340332 , 224.6340332 , 224.6340332 , ..., 224.6340332 ,
224.6340332 , 224.6340332 ],
[228.74383178, 228.61669429, 228.49101809, ..., 229.09874974,
228.99826944, 228.87027344],
[229.74313793, 229.55913786, 229.37601502, ..., 230.33489247,
230.19045123, 229.96608959],
...,
[256.26714909, 256.28421392, 256.30294055, ..., 256.20159163,
256.20182277, 256.23381276],
[255.77698867, 255.77362267, 255.77060791, ..., 255.79799041,
255.7896479 , 255.78314092],
[254.81634521, 254.81634521, 254.81634521, ..., 254.81634521,
254.81634521, 254.81634521]],

[[233.46508789, 233.46508789, 233.46508789, ..., 233.46508789,
233.46508789, 233.46508789],
[235.90397092, 235.80538782, 235.7076634 , ..., 236.19998278,
236.11504753, 236.00904252],
[236.57557625, 236.44044317, 236.30624061, ..., 237.00251856,
236.88045565, 236.72743849],
...,
[243.62023857, 243.68235199, 243.74373306, ..., 243.47283281,
243.50055213, 243.56089229],
[243.91050955, 243.93941386, 243.96810263, ..., 243.8179779 ,
243.85034625, 243.88054648],
[244.52688599, 244.52688599, 244.52688599, ..., 244.52688599,
244.52688599, 244.52688599]]])

```

In [39]:

```
print(type(f.array))
f.array[-1, 3, -2]
```

```
<class 'numpy.ndarray'>
```

Out[39]:

```
237.56118774414062
```

In [40]:

```
g = f.subspace[-1, 3, -2]
print(g)
```

```
Field: air_temperature (ncvar%tas)
```

```
-----
```

```
Data          : air_temperature(time(1), latitude(1), longitude(1)) K
Cell methods   : time(1): mean (interval: 30 minutes)
Dimension coords: time(1) = [1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day
                  : latitude(1) = [-86.25] degrees_north
                  : longitude(1) = [356.25] degrees_east
                  : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [41]:

```
g.array
```

Out[41]:

```
array([[[237.56118774]]])
```

In [42]:

```
x = f.copy()
x[0, 0, 0] = -999
x[0, 0, 0].array
```

Out[42]:

```
array([[-999.]])
```

In [43]:

```
x.subspace[-1, ...] = 888
x.subspace[-1, ...].array
```

Out[43]:

```
array([[[888., 888., 888., ..., 888., 888., 888.],
        [888., 888., 888., ..., 888., 888., 888.],
        [888., 888., 888., ..., 888., 888., 888.],
        ...,
        [888., 888., 888., ..., 888., 888., 888.],
        [888., 888., 888., ..., 888., 888., 888.],
        [888., 888., 888., ..., 888., 888., 888.]])
```

In [44]:

```
import numpy
y = numpy.arange(145*192).reshape(145, 192)
print('Field shape:', x.shape)
print('Array shape:', y.shape)
```

```
Field shape: (120, 145, 192)
```

```
Array shape: (145, 192)
```

In [45]:

```
x[0, ...] = y
print(x[0, ...].array)
```

```
[[[0.0000e+00 1.0000e+00 2.0000e+00 ... 1.8900e+02 1.9000e+02 1.9100e+02]
  [1.9200e+02 1.9300e+02 1.9400e+02 ... 3.8100e+02 3.8200e+02 3.8300e+02]
  [3.8400e+02 3.8500e+02 3.8600e+02 ... 5.7300e+02 5.7400e+02 5.7500e+02]
  ...
  [2.7264e+04 2.7265e+04 2.7266e+04 ... 2.7453e+04 2.7454e+04 2.7455e+04]
  [2.7456e+04 2.7457e+04 2.7458e+04 ... 2.7645e+04 2.7646e+04 2.7647e+04]
  [2.7648e+04 2.7649e+04 2.7650e+04 ... 2.7837e+04 2.7838e+04 2.7839e+04]]]
```

In [46]:

```
print(x[1].array)
```

```
[[[246.98564148 246.98564148 246.98564148 ... 246.98564148 246.98564148
    246.98564148]
 [248.46694996 248.35942057 248.25239525 ... 248.76876914 248.68722049
    248.57679331]
 [248.94832661 248.81420465 248.68104777 ... 249.34295834 249.23124955
    249.08926564]
 ...
 [244.75140282 244.79450904 244.83979468 ... 244.6257257 244.63474002
    244.69223537]
 [244.26617971 244.26601925 244.26605184 ... 244.25610468 244.26110323
    244.26354541]
 [243.73991394 243.73991394 243.73991394 ... 243.73991394 243.73991394
    243.73991394]]]
```

## Modify the data where a condition is met

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#encapsulating-conditions> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/tutorial.html#encapsulating-conditions>)

In [47]:

```
print(f)
```

```
Field: air_temperature (ncvar%tas)
```

```
-----
Data          : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K
Cell methods  : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

In [48]:

```
f.data.stats()
```

Out[48]:

```
{'minimum': <CF Data(): 203.62451171875 K>,
 'mean': <CF Data(): 276.5847382914912 K>,
 'median': <CF Data(): 280.7393942529291 K>,
 'maximum': <CF Data(): 311.89597497768546 K>,
 'range': <CF Data(): 108.27146325893546 K>,
 'mid_range': <CF Data(): 257.7602433482177 K>,
 'standard_deviation': <CF Data(): 20.816570165513593 K>,
 'root_mean_square': <CF Data(): 277.3669898333767 K>,
 'sample_size': 3340800}
```

## Set values below 290 to missing data

In [49]:

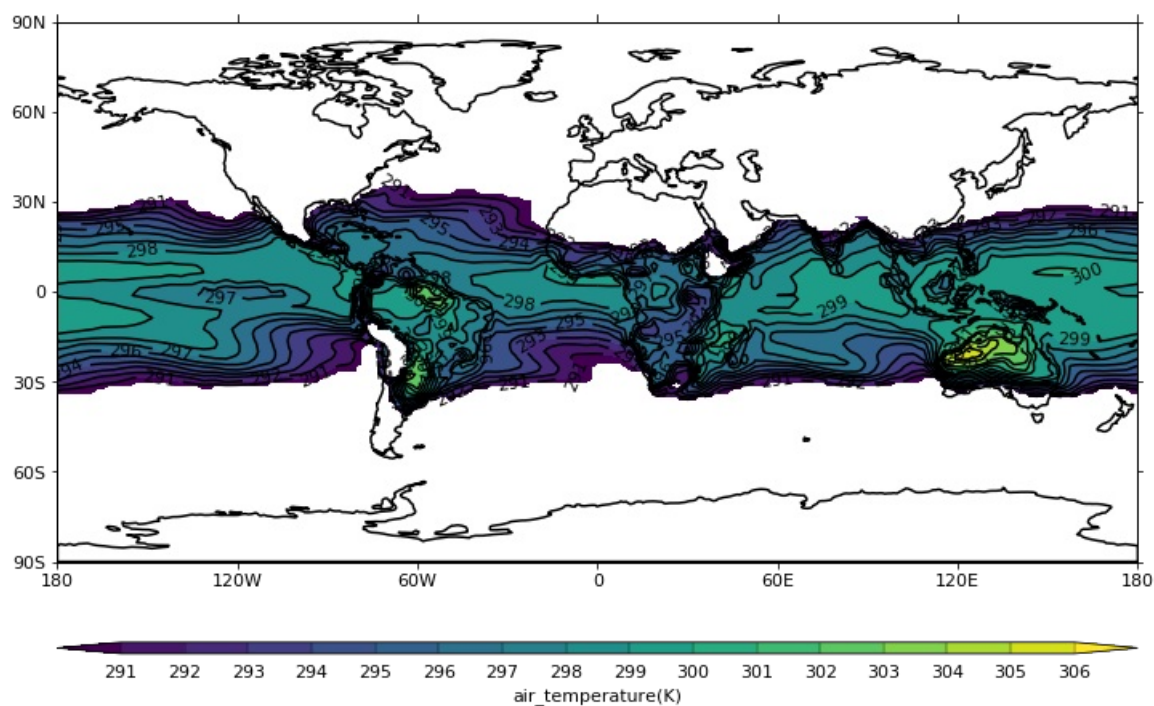
```
x = f.where(cf.lt(290), cf.masked)
x.data.stats()
```

Out[49]:

```
{'minimum': <CF Data(): 290.00001682247773 K>,
 'mean': <CF Data(): 296.502288030716 K>,
 'median': <CF Data(): 297.0859381465523 K>,
 'maximum': <CF Data(): 311.89597497768546 K>,
 'range': <CF Data(): 21.895958155207722 K>,
 'mid_range': <CF Data(): 300.9479959000816 K>,
 'standard_deviation': <CF Data(): 3.0873025594916057 K>,
 'root_mean_square': <CF Data(): 296.51836072078834 K>,
 'sample_size': 1139992}
```

In [50]:

```
cfp.con(x.subspace[0])
```



## Manipulate the axes

In [51]:

```
f.transpose(['X', 'T', 'Y'])
```

Out[51]:

```
<CF Field: air_temperature(longitude(192), time(120), latitude(145)) K>
```

## Modifying the units

In [52]:

```
f = cf.read('ncas_data/IPSL-CM5A-LR_r1i1p1_tas_n96_rcp45_mnth.nc')[0]  
f.units, f.mean()
```

Out[52]:

```
('K', <CF Data(): 276.5847382914912 K>)
```

In [53]:

```
f.units = 'degC'  
f.units, f.mean()
```

Out[53]:

```
('degC', <CF Data(): 3.434738291491425 degC>)
```

In [54]:

```
f.Units # Upper case "U" gives a units object that we can manipulate
```

Out[54]:

```
<Units: degC>
```

In [55]:

```
f.Units += 273.15  
f.Units, f.units, f.mean()
```

Out[55]:

(<Units: K>, 'K', <CF Data(): 276.5847382914912 K>)

## Field arithmetic

In [56]:

```
f
```

Out[56]:

<CF Field: air\_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>

In [57]:

```
f.data.stats()
```

Out[57]:

```
{'minimum': <CF Data(): 203.62451171875 K>,  
'mean': <CF Data(): 276.5847382914912 K>,  
'median': <CF Data(): 280.7393942529291 K>,  
'maximum': <CF Data(): 311.89597497768546 K>,  
'range': <CF Data(): 108.27146325893546 K>,  
'mid_range': <CF Data(): 257.7602433482177 K>,  
'standard_deviation': <CF Data(): 20.816570165513593 K>,  
'root_mean_square': <CF Data(): 277.3669898333767 K>,  
'sample_size': 3340800}
```

In [58]:

```
g = f + 2  
g
```

Out[58]:

<CF Field: air\_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>

In [59]:

```
g.data.stats() #min(), g.mean(), g.max()
```

Out[59]:

```
{'minimum': <CF Data(): 205.62451171875 K>,  
'mean': <CF Data(): 278.5847382914912 K>,  
'median': <CF Data(): 282.7393942529291 K>,  
'maximum': <CF Data(): 313.89597497768546 K>,  
'range': <CF Data(): 108.27146325893546 K>,  
'mid_range': <CF Data(): 259.7602433482177 K>,  
'standard_deviation': <CF Data(): 20.816570165513593 K>,  
'root_mean_square': <CF Data(): 279.3613896056407 K>,  
'sample_size': 3340800}
```

In [60]:

```
g = f - f  
g
```

Out[60]:

<CF Field: air\_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>



In [61]:

```
g.data.stats()
```

Out[61]:

```
{'minimum': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'mean': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'median': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'maximum': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'range': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'mid_range': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'standard_deviation': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'root_mean_square': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'sample_size': 3340800}
```

In [62]:

```
x = f.copy()  
x.units = 'degC'  
x.data
```

Out[62]:

```
<CF Data(120, 145, 192): [[[ -28.32420959472654, ..., -28.623114013671852]]] degC>
```

**Subtract the celcius field from the Kelvin field and check that the result is zero**

In [63]:

```
(f - x).mean()
```

Out[63]:

```
<CF Data(): 0.0 K>
```

In [64]:

```
g = f * x  
g
```

Out[64]:

```
<CF Field: ncvar%tas(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K2>
```

**Find the anomalies relative to the first time**

In [65]:

```
first_time = f.subspace[0]  
first_time = first_time.transpose(['Y', 'T', 'X'])  
first_time
```

Out[65]:

```
<CF Field: air_temperature(latitude(145), time(1), longitude(192)) K>
```

In [66]:

```
g = f - first_time  
g
```

Out[66]:

```
<CF Field: air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>
```

In [67]:

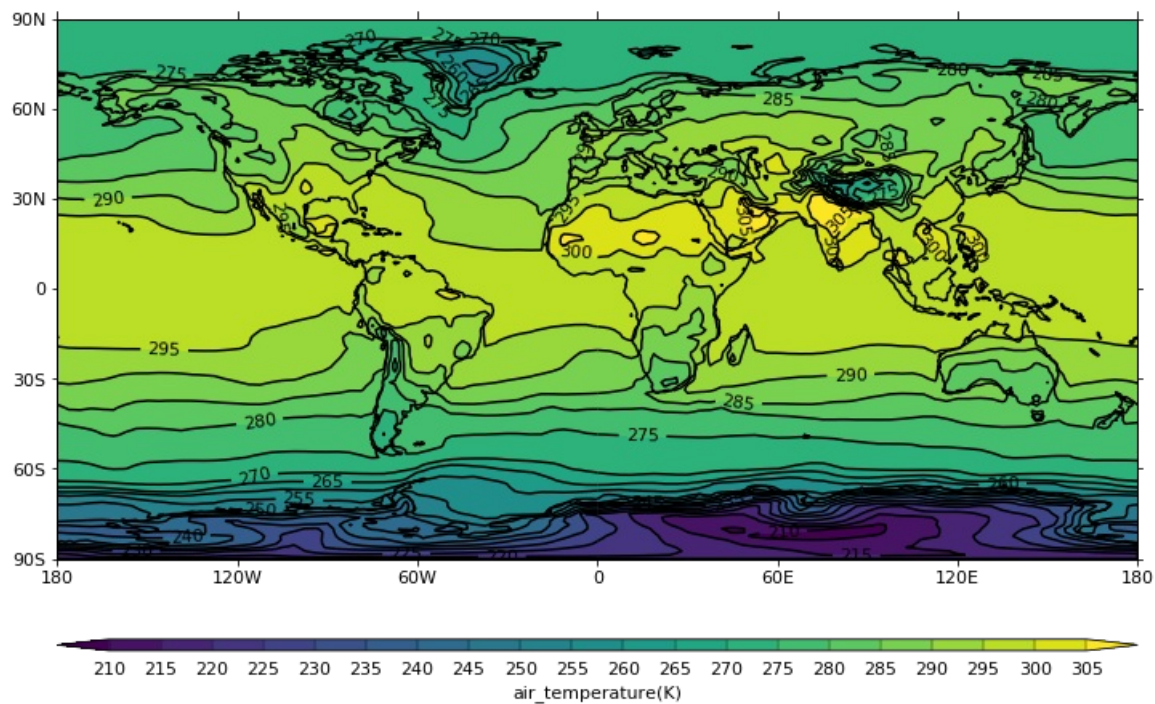
```
g.data.stats()
```

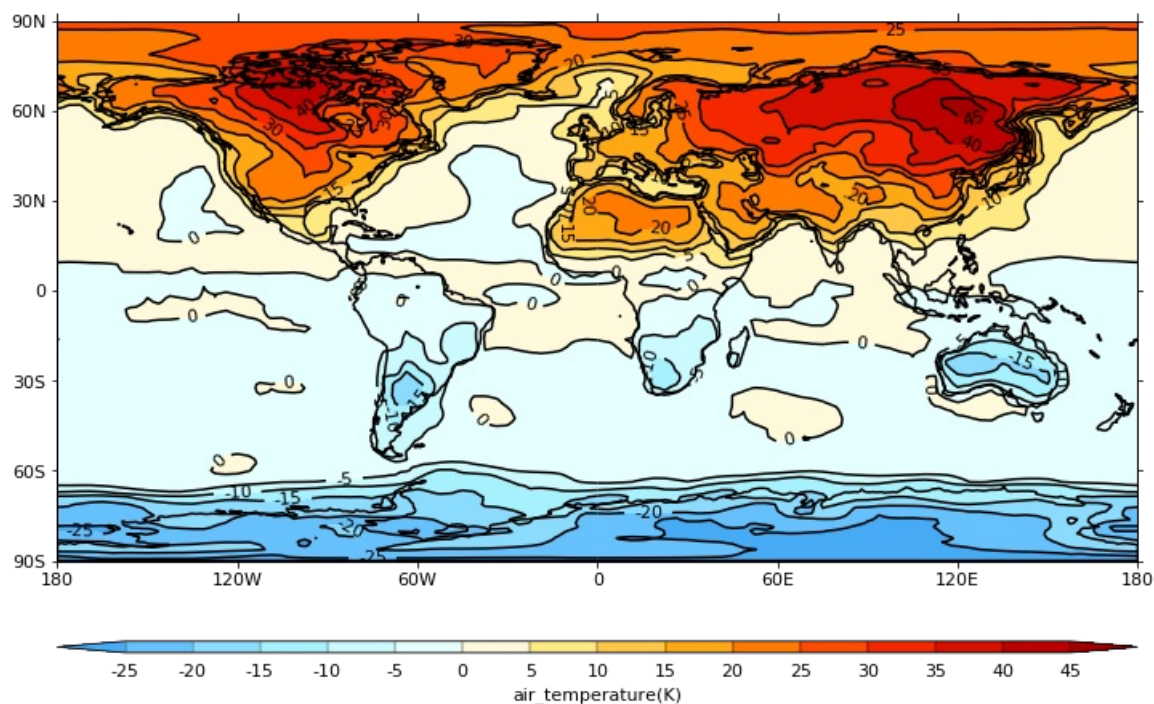
Out[67]:

```
{'minimum': <CF Data(): -32.62007141113281 K>,  
'mean': <CF Data(): 1.441687174432139 K>,  
'median': <CF Data(): 0.0 K>,  
'maximum': <CF Data(): 53.50559997558594 K>,  
'range': <CF Data(): 86.12567138671875 K>,  
'mid_range': <CF Data(): 10.442764282226562 K>,  
'standard_deviation': <CF Data(): 10.874943957481905 K>,  
'root_mean_square': <CF Data(): 10.970089698233751 K>,  
'sample_size': 3340800}
```

In [68]:

```
cfp.con(f.subspace(T=cf.contains(cf.dt('1962-06-04'))))  
cfp.con(g.subspace(T=cf.contains(cf.dt('1962-06-04'))))
```





## 4. Statistical operations

<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/analysis.html#statistical-collapses> (<https://ncas-cms.github.io/cf-python/analysis.html#statistical-collapses>)

In [69]:

```
g = f.collapse('max')
g
```

Out[69]:

```
<CF Field: air_temperature(time(1), latitude(1), longitude(1)) K>
```

In [70]:

```
g.data
```

Out[70]:

```
<CF Data(1, 1, 1): [[[311.89597497768546]]] K>
```

In [71]:

```
g = f.collapse('T: mean')
print(g)
print('data values:\n', g.data)
print('\ntime bounds:\n', g.coord('T').bounds.dtarray)
```

```
Field: air_temperature (ncvar%tas)
```

```
-----
Data          : air_temperature(time(1), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K
Cell methods   : time(1): mean (interval: 30 minutes)
Dimension coords: time(1) = [1964-12-01 00:00:00] 365_day
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

```
data values:
```

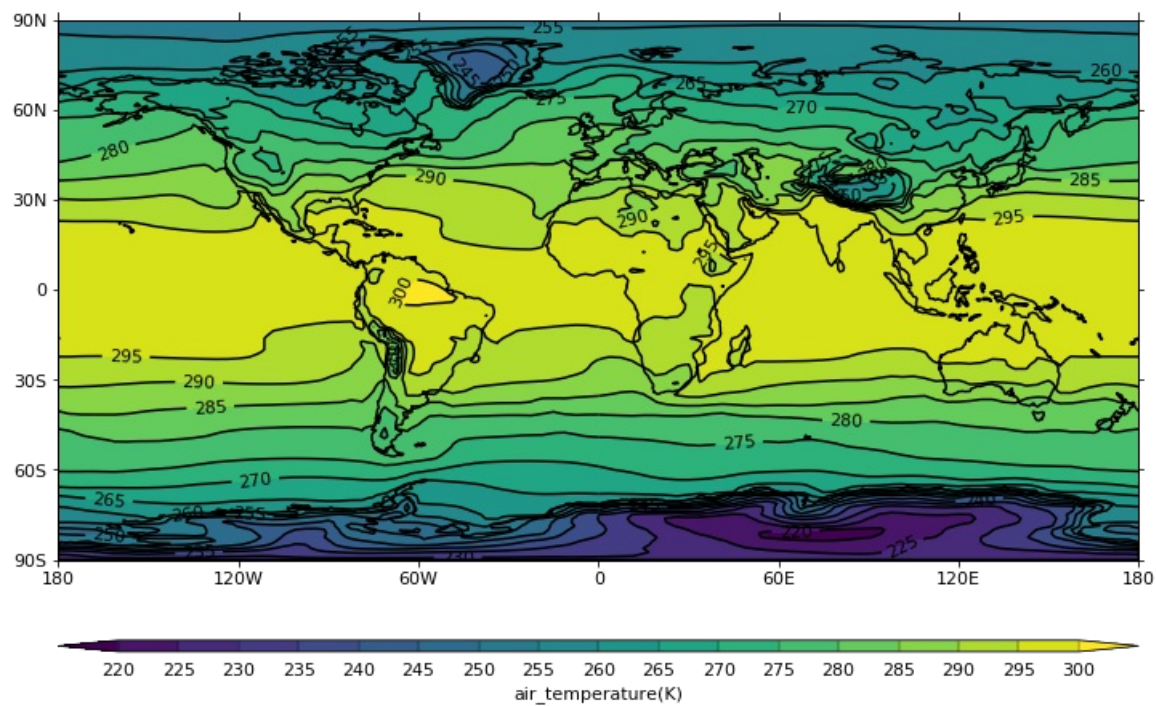
```
[[[227.6330727895101, ..., 254.5096071879069]]] K
```

```
time bounds:
```

```
[[cftime.DatetimeNoLeap(1959-12-01 00:00:00)
  cftime.DatetimeNoLeap(1969-12-01 00:00:00)]]
```

In [72]:

```
cfp.con(g)
```



### Collapse multiple axes simultaneously

In [73]:

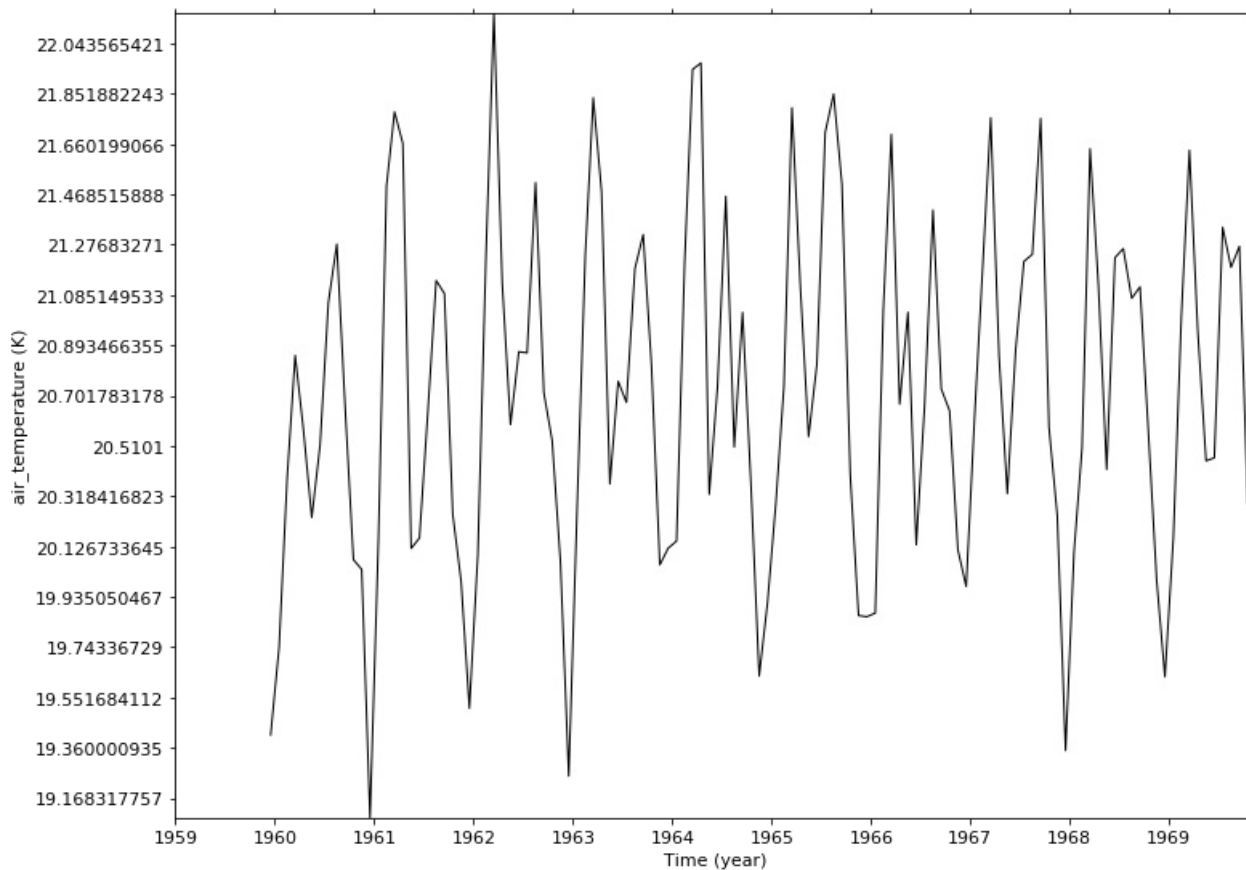
```
g = f.collapse('X: Y: sd')  
g
```

Out[73]:

```
<CF Field: air_temperature(time(120), latitude(1), longitude(1)) K>
```

In [74]:

```
cfp.lineplot(g)
```



**Collapse an axis into groups, rather than a single value**

In [75]:

```
g = f.collapse('T: mean', group=cf.seasons())  
print(g)
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----  
Data          : air_temperature(time(40), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K  
Cell methods   : time(40): mean (interval: 30 minutes) time(40): mean  
Dimension coords: time(40) = [1960-01-15 00:00:00, ..., 1969-10-16 12:00:00] 365_day  
                : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north  
                : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east  
                : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

**cf.seasons() is a list of queries, each of which defines a range of months**

In [76]:

```
cf.seasons()
```

Out[76]:

```
[<CF Query: month[(ge 12) | (le 2)]>,  
<CF Query: month(wi (3, 5))>,  
<CF Query: month(wi (6, 8))>,  
<CF Query: month(wi (9, 11))>]
```

**By default, collapses are not weighted**

In [77]:

```
g = f.collapse('area: mean', weights='area') # Area mean for each time
g = g.collapse('T: max')                    # Time maximum of the area means
g.data
print(g)
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----
Data          : air_temperature(time(1), latitude(1), longitude(1)) K
Cell methods   : time(1): mean (interval: 30 minutes) area: mean time(1): maximum
Dimension coords: time(1) = [1964-12-01 00:00:00] 365_day
                  : latitude(1) = [0.0] degrees_north
                  : longitude(1) = [179.0625] degrees_east
                  : height(1) = [2.0] m
```

## File aggregation

**Create a sequence of files on disk, each of which contains one year**

In [78]:

```
f = cf.read('ncas_data/IPSL-CM5A-LR_r1i1p1_tas_n96_rcp45_mnth.nc')[0]
print(f)
for i in range(10):
    g = f.subspace[12*i:12*(i+1)]
    year = g.coord('T').year.array[0]
    new_file = 'air_temperature_'+str(year)+'.nc'
    cf.write(g, new_file)
    print('    ',new_file)
```

Field: air\_temperature (ncvar%tas)

```
-----
Data          : air_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K
Cell methods   : time(120): mean (interval: 30 minutes)
Dimension coords: time(120) = [1959-12-16 12:00:00, ..., 1969-11-16 00:00:00] 365_day
                  : latitude(145) = [-90.0, ..., 90.0] degrees_north
                  : longitude(192) = [0.0, ..., 358.125] degrees_east
                  : height(1) = [2.0] m
air_temperature_1959.nc
air_temperature_1960.nc
air_temperature_1961.nc
air_temperature_1962.nc
air_temperature_1963.nc
air_temperature_1964.nc
air_temperature_1965.nc
air_temperature_1966.nc
air_temperature_1967.nc
air_temperature_1968.nc
```

**In lpython ! preceeds a shell command**

In [79]:

```
!ls -o air_temperature_*.nc
```

```
-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1959.nc
-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1960.nc
-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1961.nc
-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1962.nc
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-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1965.nc
-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1966.nc
-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1967.nc
-rw-rw-r--. 1 user01 2709367 Nov 29 10:11 air_temperature_1968.nc
```

In [80]:

```
f2 = cf.read('air_temperature_*.nc')
print(f2)
```

[<CF Field: air\_temperature(time(120), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>]

In [81]:

```
f.equals(f2[0])
```

Out[81]:

True

In [82]:

```
f3 = cf.read('air_temperature_*.nc', aggregate=False)
f3
```

Out[82]:

```
[<CF Field: air_temperature(time(12), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>,
 <CF Field: air_temperature(time(12), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>,
 <CF Field: air_temperature(time(12), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>,
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 <CF Field: air_temperature(time(12), latitude(145), longitude(192)) K>]
```

## 5. PP and UM fields files

In [83]:

```
x = cf.read('ncas_data/aaaaoa.pmh8dec.pp')
x
```

Out[83]:

```
[<CF Field: relative_humidity(grid_latitude(30), grid_longitude(24)) %>,
 <CF Field: long_name=CANOPY THROUGHFALL RATE          KG/M2/S(grid_latitude(30), grid_longitude(24)) kg m-2 s-1>,
 <CF Field: relative_humidity(air_pressure(17), grid_latitude(30), grid_longitude(24)) %>]
```

In [84]:

```
print(x[1])
```

```
Field: long_name=CANOPY THROUGHFALL RATE          KG/M2/S (ncvar%UM_m01s08i233_vn405)
-----
Data          : long_name=CANOPY THROUGHFALL RATE          KG/M2/S(grid_latitude(30), grid_longitude(24)) kg m-2 s-1
Cell methods   : time(1): mean
Dimension coords: time(1) = [1978-12-16 12:00:00] gregorian
                  : grid_latitude(30) = [7.480000078678131, ..., -5.279999852180481] degrees
                  : grid_longitude(24) = [-5.720003664493561, ..., 4.399996280670166] degrees
Auxiliary coords: latitude(grid_latitude(30), grid_longitude(24)) = [[61.004354306111864, ..., 48.51422609871432]] degrees_north
                  : longitude(grid_latitude(30), grid_longitude(24)) = [[-13.762685427418687, ..., 4.622216504491947]] degrees_east
Coord references: grid_mapping_name:rotated_latitude_longitude
```

In [85]:

```
cf.write(x, 'aaaaoa.pmh8dec.nc')
```

## **6. What this course doesn't cover**

**Create new field constructs in memory**

**Incorporate, and create, metadata stored in external files**

**Read, write, and create data that have been compressed by convention (i.e. ragged or gathered arrays), whilst presenting a view of the data in its uncompressed form**

**Perform histogram, percentile and binning operations on field constructs**

**Apply convolution filters to field constructs**

**Calculate derivatives of field constructs**

**Create field constructs to create derived quantities (such as vorticity)**