

GRD Extractor

1. Introduction

This program extracts .grd files into a text file which can then be added to an excel sheet for analysis. The user can specify the year and the grid points of their choice. This program has been written in C++. Prior to running the program, certain procedures are to be performed to initialise the program directories and input data sets. In addition to the input grid files, two input files (lat.txt and lon.txt), containing information regarding data points are to be created. The following section elaborates the instructions and point extraction procedures to create lat.txt and lon.txt files.

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2. Instructions

- Create a new folder in your C drive and name it GRD.
- Copy all the Grid file to this location.
- Make sure that the grid files are named as “ind****_rfp25.grd”, where **** is the corresponding year. *Example: - ind2013_rfp25.grd, this is the grid file for 2013.*
- Now you need to add the input file lat.txt and lon.txt to this directory. The instructions for creating these files are explained in section 3.
- Now run the program file *GRD Extract.exe*.

3. Creating the input files

The lat.txt and lon.txt contains the latitude and longitudes of the area of interest (AOI). If the user has prior knowledge of the required latitude and longitude, these input files can be created as shown below, however the input latitudes and longitudes should be according to the points available in the gridded data set. The data set contains 135 longitudinal points starting at 66.5 with an increment of 0.25 degrees. This means that data at longitudes 66.8 is not a valid input. Similarly there are 129 latitudinal points starting from 6.5 with an increment of 0.25 degrees.

Suppose there are five points within the AOI say 1. (6.5(lat),66.5(lon)), 2. (6.75,66.75), 3. (7,67), 4. (7.25,67.25) and 5. (7.5, 67.5), the corresponding lat.txt and lon.txt should be as shown in figure 1.

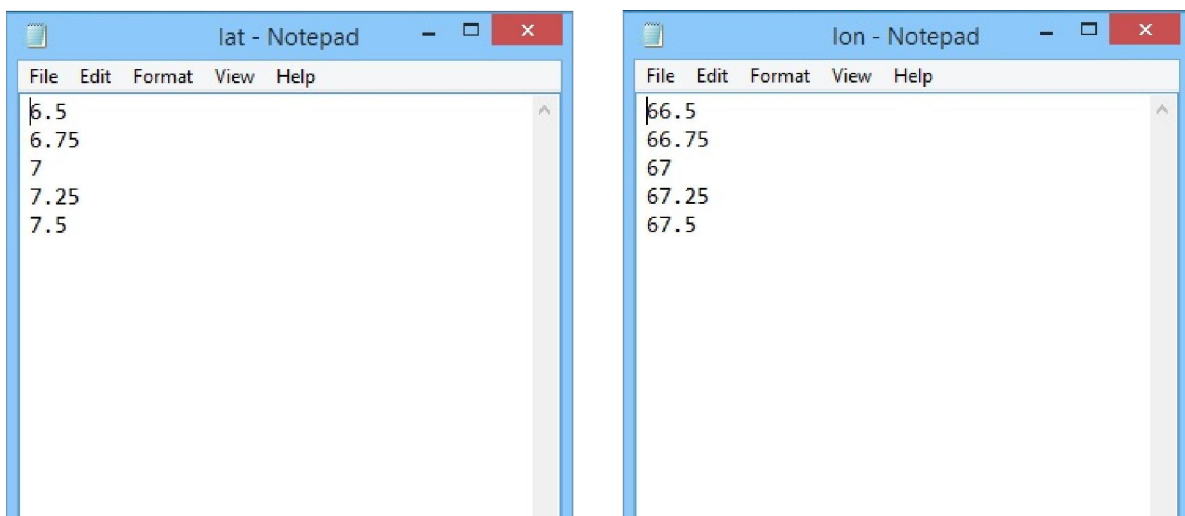


Figure 1: lat.txt and lon.txt for the mentioned AOI.

In case if the user doesn't know the locations of the points within their AOI, the following steps describes a way of identifying the points. For visualizing the points within the AOI ArcGIS is used.

- Open your AOI in Esri ArcGIS.
- Now copy the shapefile grid location folder provided with this program to your ArcGIS connected folder.
- The folder contains a shapefile "Grid Location" containing all the data points in the 0.25*0.25 degree gridded rainfall dataset from IMD. Add this to your ArcGIS project.
- Now you can see the grid points with in your AOI. See figure 2.

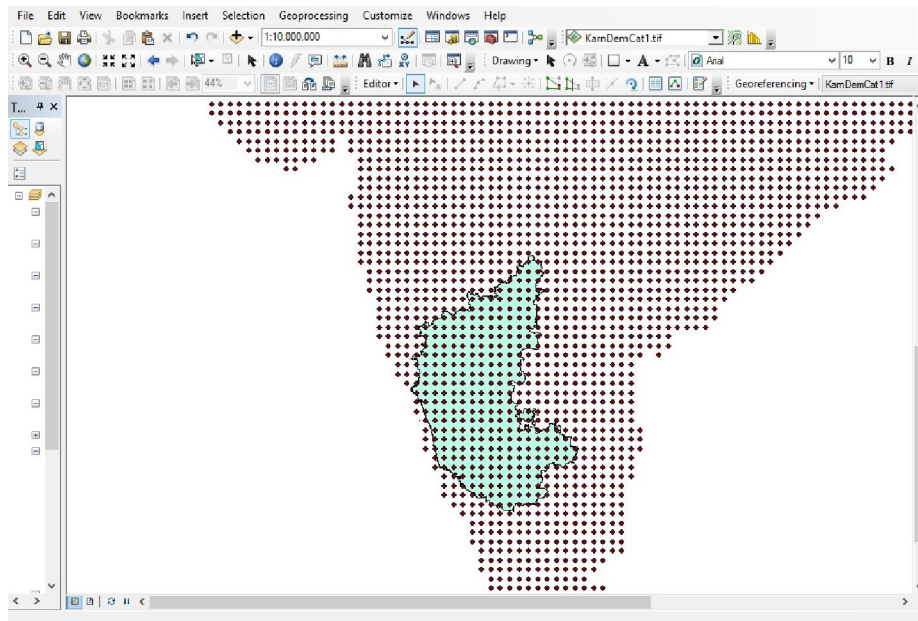


Figure 2: 0.25*0.25 degree rainfall grid points with in Karnataka.

- Now start editing your grid points from the editor options.
- Select all the points within your AOI. You can press and hold the shift key to select multiple points.
- Now open the attribute table and copy the selected points. See figure 3.

Table				
Grid Location				
FID	Shape*	Longitude	Latitude	Rainfall
468	Point	75.25	15	0
469	Point	75.5	15	2.5
470	Point	75.75	15	0.3
471	Point	76	15	0
472	Point	76.25	15	0
473	Point	76.5	15	0
474	Point	76.75	15	0
475	Point	77	15	0
476	Point	77.25	15	0
477	Point	77.5	15	0
478	Point	77.75	15	0
479	Point	78	15	0
480	Point	78.25	15	0
481	Point	78.5	15	0
482	Point	78.75	15	0
483	Point	79	15	0
484	Point	79.25	15	0
485	Point	79.5	15	0
486	Point	79.75	15	0
487	Point	80	15	0
488	Point	80.25	15	0
489	Point	80.5	15	0
490	Point	80.75	15	0
491	Point	81	15	0
492	Point	81.25	15	0
493	Point	81.5	15	0
494	Point	81.75	15	0
495	Point	82	15	0
496	Point	82.25	15	0
497	Point	82.5	15	0
498	Point	82.75	15	0
499	Point	83	15	0
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545	Point	94.5	15	0
546	Point	94.75	15	0
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550	Point	95.75	15	0
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762	Point	148.75	15	0
763	Point	149	15	0
764	Point	149.25	15	0
765	Point	149.5	15	0
766	Point	149.75	15	0
767	Point	150	15	0
768	Point	150.25	15	0

- Now open a new text file and paste these values.
- You will get the latitudes and longitudes for your AOI.
- Now you could create the lat.txt and lon.txt as described earlier. See figure 1.

4. Output file

- Once the input files are prepared the program *GRD Extract.exe* can be executed. Follow the onscreen instructions to finish the extraction.
- After successful extraction the GRD folder now contains output text file for each year with the name format as rfp_****.txt, where **** corresponds to the particular year. Example: - rfp_2013.txt is the output file for the year 2013.
- Open the output text file and copy the contents to an excel sheet.
- Each row corresponds to the data for 01/01/year, and each column corresponds to the locations in the order as given in your lat.txt and lon.txt files.
- You can also add a date column to the left and a point row to the top for convenience. See figure 4.
- *However, the data locations may not be in the order of your lat lon input, but will be such that the top left point is first and the bottom right point is the last location in the excel sheet.*

Location	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
01-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
03-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
08-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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24-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27-01-2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 4: Data extracted to excel sheet.

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