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INSTALLATION

This library serves as an interface wrapper for using the HDF5 library with Eigen objects. As a result, all Eigen Matrix types are able to be written to HDF5 objects and subsequently read back. In addition, all HDF5 structures, such as files, groups, and datasets are compatible with Eigen data types.

**CHAPTER
TWO**

DEPENDENCIES

This library depends on the following:

1. [Eigen](#) - A C++ template library for linear algebra.
2. [HDF5](#) - A file format to store and organize large amounts of data.
3. [CMake](#) - A cross-platform build tool.

**CHAPTER
THREE**

BUILD SCRIPTS

Several bash scripts are available which simplify the dependency installation process. Usage of these scripts is not required if the dependencies are already installed or managed separately.

**CHAPTER
FOUR**

BUILD AND INSTALLATION

**CHAPTER
FIVE**

BASIC USAGE

This file is a convenient header to include all of the HDF5 Eigen functionality into your program. You can utilize it by adding the following to your source code and ensuring that the library is available to your compiler

```
#include "hdf5.hpp"
```

Here is a simple program which shows how to write and read an Eigen matrix from an HDF5 data file.

```
#include "hdf5.hpp"
#include <Eigen/Dense>
#include <iostream>

void write_data() {
    Eigen::MatrixXd matrix(3, 3);
    matrix << 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9;

    // open the file
    HDF5::File hf = HDF5::File("filename.hdf5", HDF5::File::Truncate);

    // write the data
    hf.write("dataset_name", matrix);

    std::cout << "Original Matrix: " << std::endl;
    std::cout << matrix << std::endl;
}

void read_data() {
    // open the file for reading
    HDF5::File hf = HDF5::File("filename.hdf5", HDF5::File::ReadOnly);

    Eigen::MatrixXd matrix;

    hf.read("dataset_name", matrix);

    std::cout << "Matrix read: " << std::endl;
    std::cout << matrix << std::endl;
}

int main() {
    write_data();
    read_data();
    return 0;
}
```

The `write_data()` function is used to write an `Eigen::MatrixXd` object to an `HDF5::File hf` instance.

Likewise, the `read_data()` function then opens the same file, in a read-only mode, and print the matrix to the screen.

**CHAPTER
SIX**

BASIC HDF5 TUTORIAL

Describe HDF5 File, Groups, Dataset ideas

Compare to file structure

Talk about attributes for data

Give some background on why it's better than other storage methods

HDF5 FILE

This module provides functionality for dealing with `HDF5::File` objects.

class File

Public Functions

```
File(void)  
  
virtual ~File(void)  
  
File(const std::string &file_name, const int open_flag = File::ReadOnly)  
const std::string getName(void) const  
  
Group group(const std::string &group_name) const  
  
DataSet dataset(const std::string &dataset_name) const  
  
template<typename Derived>  
DataSet dataset(const std::string &name, const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat) const  
  
DataSet open_dataset(const std::string &dataset_name) const  
  
template<typename Derived>  
DataSet read_dataset(const std::string &dataset_name, const Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat) const  
  
template<typename Derived>  
DataSet write_dataset(const std::string &dataset_name, const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat) const  
  
template<typename Derived>  
int write(const std::string &dataset_name, const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat)  
  
template<typename Derived>  
int read(const std::string &dataset_name, const Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat)
```

Public Members

```
std::shared_ptr<H5::H5File> file_ptr  
HDF5 file to save data
```

Public Static Attributes

```
const int ReadOnly = 0
```

Read only access

```
const int ReadWrite = 1
```

ReadWrite access

```
const int Truncate = 2
```

Overwrite a file if it exists or create a new one

```
const int Excl = 3
```

Only open if the file doesn't exist

```
const int Create = 4
```

Create a new file

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EIGHT

HDF5 GROUP

This module provides functionality for dealing with `HDF5::Group` objects.

class Group

Public Functions

```
Group (void)  
virtual ~Group (void)  
Group (const File *file, const std::string &group_name)  
Group (const Group *group, const std::string &group_name)  
Group group (const std::string &group_name) const  
DataSet dataset (const std::string &name) const  
template<typename Derived>  
DataSet dataset (const std::string &name, const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat) const  
template<typename Derived>  
int write (const std::string &dataset_name, const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat)  
template<typename Derived>  
int read (const std::string &dataset_name, const Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat)
```

Public Members

```
std::shared_ptr<H5::Group> group_ptr
```


HDF5 DATASET

This module provides functionality for dealing with `HDF5::DataSet` objects.

`class DataSet`

Public Functions

```
DataSet (void)  
  
virtual ~DataSet (void)  
  
DataSet (const File *file, const std::string &dataset_name)  
DataSet (const Group *group, const std::string &dataset_name)  
  
template<typename Derived>  
int read (const Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat)  
  
template<typename Derived>  
int write (const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat)  
  
template<typename Derived>  
DataSet (const File *file, const std::string &dataset_name, const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived>  
        &mat)  
  
template<typename Derived>  
DataSet (const Group *group, const std::string &dataset_name, const  
        Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat)
```

Public Members

```
std::shared_ptr<H5::DataSet> dataset_ptr
```


HDF5 EIGEN WRAPPER

Many of the core HDF5 functionality is contained here. The more complicated details required to read and write Eigen objects happens here and should typically not be utilized directly

Functions

```
template<typename Derived>
void load(const H5::H5Location &h5group, const std::string &name, const
Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat)
This will read from an HDF5 file/group and save the data into an eigen matrix. One should have some idea
about the eigen array before reading
```

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Parameters

- h5group: H5 group or file to read from
- name: String name of the dataset
- mat: Eigen variable to save data

```
template<typename Derived>
void save(H5::H5Location &h5group, const std::string &name, const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived>
&mat, const H5::DSetCreatPropList &plist = H5::DSetCreatPropList::DEFAULT)
This will write Eigen data to an HDF5 file or group
```

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Parameters

- h5group: The H5 group or file to write to
- name: string name of the dataset
- mat: Eigen variable to save data
- plist: The dataset property list

```
template<typename T>
```

```
class DatatypeSpecialization
```

```
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp> Convert a C++ datatype to the equivalent in HDF5 land.
```

All Eigen functionality to read/write to HDF5

Updated/corrected from the work of Jim Garrison <https://github.com/garrison/eigen3-hdf5>

Each dataset must define the correct type in the HDF5. This template class handles that by automatically determining the HDF5 type from a Eigen input.

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Setup primarily for Eigen types but needs to be extended.

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```
template<>
struct DatatypeSpecialization<float>
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)
```

```
template<>
struct DatatypeSpecialization<double>
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)
```

```
template<>
struct DatatypeSpecialization<long double>
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)
```

```
template<>
struct DatatypeSpecialization<short>
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<unsigned short>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<int>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<unsigned int>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<long>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<unsigned long>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<long long>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<unsigned long long>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<const char *>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<char *>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<std::size_t N>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<const char[N]>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
template<std::size_t N>  
struct DatatypeSpecialization<char[N]>  
#include <hdf5_eigen.hpp>
```

Public Static Functions

```
static const H5::DataType *get (void)  
namespace internal
```

Functions

```
template<typename Derived>
H5::DataSpace create_dataspace (const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat)
    Create the dataspace required for the HDF5 dataset

Return H5::DataSpace Defines the space required to store mat

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Parameters
    • mat: Eigen matrix to write to the file

template<typename Derived>
bool write_rowmat (const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat, const H5::DataType *const
    datatype, H5::DataSet *dataset, const H5::DataSpace *dspace)

template<typename Derived>
bool write_colmat (const Eigen::EigenBase<Derived> &mat, const H5::DataType *const
    datatype, H5::DataSet *dataset, const H5::DataSpace *dspace)

template<typename Scalar>
void read_data (const H5::DataSet &dataset, Scalar *data, const H5::DataType &datatype)

template<typename Scalar>
void read_data (const H5::Attribute &dataset, Scalar *data, const H5::DataType &datatype)

template<typename Derived>
bool read_colmat (const Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat, const H5::DataType *const
    datatype, const H5::Attribute &dataset)

template<typename Derived>
bool read_colmat (const Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat, const H5::DataType *const
    datatype, const H5::DataSet &dataset)

template<typename Derived, typename DataSet>
void _load (const DataSet &dataset, const Eigen::DenseBase<Derived> &mat)
```

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