

CDO Reference Card

Climate Data Operator
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Syntax

cdo [Options] Operator1 [-Operator2 [-OperatorN]]

Options

-a	Generate an absolute time axis
-b <nbits>	Set the number of bits for the output precision (I8/I16/I32/F32/F64 for nc1,nc2,nc4; F32/F64 for grb2.srv,ext.ieg; 1-24 for grb1.grb2) Add L or B for Little or Big endian byteorder
-f <format>	Outputformat: grb1.grb2,nc1,nc2,nc4,nc4c,srv,ext,ieg
-g <grid>	Grid or file name
-h	Grid names: r<NX>x<NY>, n<N>, gme<NI>
-M	Help information for the operators
-m <missval>	Indicate that the I/O streams have missing values
-n	Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)
-O	Overwrite existing output file, if checked
-R	Convert GRIB1 data from reduced to regular grid
-r	Generate a relative time axis
-s	Silent mode
-t <table>	Set the parameter table name or file Predefined tables: echam4 echam5 mpiom1
-V	Print the version number
-v	Print extra details for some operators
-z szip	SZIP compression of GRIB1 records

Operators

Information

info	Dataset information listed by parameter identifier
infon	Dataset information listed by parameter name
map	Dataset information and simple map
<operator> infiles	
sinfo	Short information listed by parameter identifier
sinfon	Short information listed by parameter name
<operator> infiles	
diff	Compare two datasets listed by parameter id
diffn	Compare two datasets listed by parameter name
<operator>[,options] infile1 infile2	
npar	Number of parameters
nlevel	Number of levels
nyear	Number of years
nmon	Number of months
ndate	Number of dates
ntime	Number of timesteps
ngridpoints	Number of gridpoints
ngrids	Number of horizontal grids
<operator> infile	

showformat	Show file format
showcode	Show code numbers
showname	Show variable names
showstdname	Show standard names
showatts	Show all attributes
showattsglob	Show all global attributes
showlevel	Show levels
showtype	Show GRIB level types
showyear	Show years
showmon	Show months
showdate	Show date information
showtime	Show time information
showtimestamp	Show timestamp
<operator> infile	
showattribute	Show a global attribute or a variable attribute
showattribute,attribute	infile
showattsvar	Show all variable attributes.
showattsvar[,var,num]	infile
partab	Parameter table
codetab	Parameter code table
griddes	Grid description
zaxisdes	Z-axis description
vct	Vertical coordinate table
<operator> infile	

File operations

apply	Apply an operator on each input file.
apply,operator	infines
copy	Copy datasets
cat	Concatenate datasets
<operator> infiles outfile	
tee	Duplicate a data stream
tee,outfile2	infile outfile1
replace	Replace variables
replace infile1	infile2 outfile
duplicate	Duplicates a dataset
duplicate[,ndup]	infile outfile
mergegrid	Merge grid
mergegrid infile1	infile2 outfile
merge	Merge datasets with different fields
mergetime	Merge datasets sorted by date and time
<operator> infiles outfile	

splitcode	Split code numbers
splitparam	Split parameter identifiers
splitname	Split variable names
splitlevel	Split levels
splitgrid	Split grids
splitzaxis	Split z-axes
splittabnum	Split parameter table numbers
<operator>[,params]	infile obase
splithour	Split hours
splitday	Split days
splitseas	Split seasons
splityear	Split years
splityearmon	Split in years and months
<operator> infile obase	
splitmon	Split months
splitmon[,format]	infile obase
splitsel	Split time selection
splitsel[,nsets[,nofsel[,nskip]]]	infile obase
distgrid	Distribute horizontal grid
distgrid,nx[,ny]	infile obase
collgrid	Collect horizontal grid
collgrid[,nx[,names]]	infines outfile

Selection

select	Select fields
delete	Delete fields
<operator>,params	infines outfile
selmulti	Select multiple fields
delmulti	Delete multiple fields
changemulti	Change identification of multiple fields
<operator>,selection-specification	infile outfile
selparam	Select parameters by identifier
delparam	Delete parameters by identifier
<operator>,params	infile outfile
selcode	Select parameters by code number
delcode	Delete parameters by code number
<operator>,codes	infile outfile
selname	Select parameters by name
delname	Delete parameters by name
<operator>,names	infile outfile
selstdname	Select parameters by standard name
selstdname, stdnames	infile outfile
sellevel	Select levels
sellevel,levels	infile outfile
sellevidx	Select levels by index
sellevidx,levidx	infile outfile
selgrid	Select grids
selgrid,grids	infile outfile
selzaxis	Select z-axes
selzaxis,zaxes	infile outfile
selzaxisname	Select z-axes by name
selzaxisname,zaxisnames	infile outfile
selltype	Select GRIB level types
selltype,types	infile outfile
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
seltabnum,tabnums	infile outfile
sel timestep	Select timesteps
sel timestep,timesteps	infile outfile
seltime	Select times
seltime,times	infile outfile
selhour	Select hours
selhour,hours	infile outfile
selday	Select days
selday,days	infile outfile
selmonth	Select months
selmonth,months	infile outfile
selyear	Select years
selyear,years	infile outfile
selseason	Select seasons
selseason,seasons	infile outfile
seldate	Select dates
seldate,startdate,enddate	infile outfile
selsmmon	Select single month
selsmmon,month[.nts1[,nts2]]	infile outfile
sellonlatbox	Select a longitude/latitude box
sellonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2	infile outfile
selindexbox	Select an index box
selindexbox,idx1, idx2, idy1, idy2	infile outfile
selgridcell	Select grid cells
delgridcell	Delete grid cells
<operator>,indexes	infile outfile
samplegrid	Resample grid
samplegrid,factor	infile outfile
selyearidx	Select year by index
selyearidx	infile1 infile2 outfile

Conditional selection

ifthenelse	If then else
ifthenelse infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
ifthen	If then constant
ifnotthen	If not then constant
<operator>,c	infile outfile
reducegrid	Reduce input file variables to locations, where mask
reducegrid,mask[,limitCoordsOutput]	infile outfile
Comparison	
eq	Equal
ne	Not equal
le	Less equal
lt	Less than
ge	Greater equal
gt	Greater than
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile
eqc	Equal constant
nec	Not equal constant
lec	Less equal constant
ltc	Less than constant
gec	Greater equal constant
gtc	Greater than constant
<operator>,c	infile outfile
Modification	
setattribute	Set attributes
setattribute,attributes	infile outfile
setatabp	Set parameter table
setatabp	Set parameter table
<operator>,table[,convert]	infile outfile
setcodetab	Set parameter code table
setcodetab,table	infile outfile
setcode	Set code number
setcode,code	infile outfile
setparam	Set parameter identifier
setparam,param	infile outfile
setname	Set variable name
setname,name	infile outfile
setunit	Set variable unit
setunit,unit	infile outfile
setlevel	Set level
setlevel,level	infile outfile
setltype	Set GRIB level type
setltype,ltype	infile outfile
setdate	Set date
setdate,date	infile outfile
settime	Set time of the day
settime,time	infile outfile
setday	Set day
setday,day	infile outfile
setmon	Set month
setmon,month	infile outfile
setyear	Set year
setyear,year	infile outfile
settunits	Set time units
settunits,units	infile outfile
settaxis	Set time axis
settaxis,date,time[,inc]	infile outfile
settbounds	Set time bounds
settbounds,frequency	infile outfile
setreftime	Set reference time
setreftime,date,time[,units]	infile outfile
setcalendar	Set calendar
setcalendar,calendar	infile outfile
shifttime	Shift timesteps
shifttime,sval	infile outfile

chcode	Change code number
chcode, <i>oldcode,newcode</i> [...]	infile outfile
chparam	Change parameter identifier
chparam, <i>oldparam,newparam</i> [...]	infile outfile
chname	Change variable or coordinate name
chname, <i>oldname,newname</i> [...]	infile outfile
chunit	Change variable unit
chunit, <i>oldunit,newunit</i> [...]	infile outfile
chlevel	Change level
chlevel, <i>oldlev,newlev</i> [...]	infile outfile
chlevelc	Change level of one code
chlevelc, <i>code,oldlev,newlev</i>	infile outfile
chlevelv	Change level of one variable
chlevelv, <i>name,oldlev,newlev</i>	infile outfile
setgrid	Set grid
setgrid, <i>grid</i> infile outfile	
setgridtype	Set grid type
setgridtype, <i>gridtype</i> infile outfile	
setgridarea	Set grid cell area
setgridarea, <i>gridarea</i> infile outfile	
setgridmask	Set grid mask
setgridmask, <i>gridmask</i> infile outfile	
setzaxis	Set z-axis
setzaxis, <i>zaxis</i> infile outfile	
genlevelbound	Generate level bounds
genlevelbounds[<i>,zbot[,ztop]</i>] infile outfile	
invertlat	Invert latitudes
invertlat infile outfile	
invertlev	Invert levels
invertlev infile outfile	
shiftx	Shift x
shifty	Shift y
<operator>, <i>inshift,l,cyclic,l,coord,l</i> infile outfile	
maskregion	Mask regions
maskregion, <i>regions</i> infile outfile	
masklonlatbox	Mask a longitude/latitude box
masklonlatbox, <i>lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2</i> infile outfile	
maskindexbox	Mask an index box
maskindexbox, <i>idx1, idx2, idy1, idy2</i> infile outfile	
setclonlatbox	Set a longitude/latitude box to constant
setclonlatbox, <i>c,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2</i> infile outfile	
setcindexbox	Set an index box to constant
setcindexbox, <i>c, idx1, idx2, idy1, idy2</i> infile outfile	
enlarge	Enlarge fields
enlarge, <i>grid</i> infile outfile	
setmissval	Set a new missing value
setmissval, <i>newmiss</i> infile outfile	
settomiss	Set constant to missing value
setmisstoc	Set missing value to constant
<operator>, <i>c</i> infile outfile	
setrtomiss	Set range to missing value
setvrange	Set valid range
<operator>, <i>rmin,rmax</i> infile outfile	
setmisstnn	Set missing value to nearest neighbor
setmisstnn infile outfile	
setmisstodis	Set missing value to distance-weighted average
setmisstodis[<i>,neighbors</i>] infile outfile	

Arithmetic

expr	Evaluate expressions
expr, <i>instr</i> infile outfile	
exprf	Evaluate expressions script
exprf, <i>filename</i> infile outfile	
aexpr	Evaluate expressions and append results
aexpr, <i>instr</i> infile outfile	
aexprf	Evaluate expression script and append results
aexprf, <i>filename</i> infile outfile	

abs	Absolute value
int	Integer value
nint	Nearest integer value
pow	Power
sqr	Square
sqrt	Square root
exp	Exponential
ln	Natural logarithm
log10	Base 10 logarithm
sin	Sine
cos	Cosine
tan	Tangent
asin	Arc sine
acos	Arc cosine
atan	Arc tangent
reci	Reciprocal value
not	Logical NOT
<operator> <i>infile outfile</i>	
addc	Add a constant
subc	Subtract a constant
mulc	Multiply with a constant
divc	Divide by a constant
minc	Minimum of a field and a constant
maxc	Maximum of a field and a constant
<operator>, <i>c</i> <i>infile outfile</i>	
add	Add two fields
sub	Subtract two fields
mul	Multiply two fields
div	Divide two fields
min	Minimum of two fields
max	Maximum of two fields
atan2	Arc tangent of two fields
<operator> <i>infile1 infile2 outfile</i>	
monadd	Add monthly time series
monsub	Subtract monthly time series
monmul	Multiply monthly time series
mondiv	Divide monthly time series
<operator> <i>infile1 infile2 outfile</i>	
yhouradd	Add multi-year hourly time series
yhoursub	Subtract multi-year hourly time series
yhourmul	Multiply multi-year hourly time series
yhourdiv	Divide multi-year hourly time series
<operator> <i>infile1 infile2 outfile</i>	
ydayadd	Add multi-year daily time series
ydaysub	Subtract multi-year daily time series
ydaymul	Multiply multi-year daily time series
ydaydiv	Divide multi-year daily time series
<operator> <i>infile1 infile2 outfile</i>	
ymonadd	Add multi-year monthly time series
ymonsub	Subtract multi-year monthly time series
ymonmul	Multiply multi-year monthly time series
ymondiv	Divide multi-year monthly time series
<operator> <i>infile1 infile2 outfile</i>	
yseasadd	Add multi-year seasonal time series
yseassub	Subtract multi-year seasonal time series
yseasmul	Multiply multi-year seasonal time series
yseasdiv	Divide multi-year seasonal time series
<operator> <i>infile1 infile2 outfile</i>	
muldpm	Multiply with days per month
divdpm	Divide by days per month
muldpv	Multiply with days per year
divdpv	Divide by days per year
<operator> <i>infile outfile</i>	

Statistical values

Available statistical functions	<stat>
minimum	min
maximum	max
range	range
sum	sum
mean	mean
average	avg
variance	var, var1
standard deviation	std, std1

timcumsum	Cumulative sum over all timesteps
timcumsum	infile outfile
consects	Consecutive Timesteps
<operator>	infile outfile
vars<stat>	Statistical values over all variables
<operator>	infile outfile
ens<stat>	Statistical values over an ensemble
<operator>	infiles outfile
enspcl	Ensemble percentiles
enspcl,p	infiles outfile
ensrkhistspace	Ranked Histogram averaged over time
ensrkhisttime	Ranked Histogram averaged over space
ensroc	Ensemble Receiver Operating characteristics
<operator>	obs ensfiles outfile
enscrps	Ensemble CRPS and decomposition
enscrps rfile	infiles outfilebase
ensbrs	Ensemble Brier score
ensbrs,x rfile	infiles outfilebase
fld<stat>	Statistical values over a field
<operator>,weights	infile outfile
fldpcl	Field percentiles
fldpcl,p	infile outfile
zon<stat>	Zonal statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
zonpcl	Zonal percentiles
zonpcl,p	infile outfile
mer<stat>	Meridional statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
merpcl	Meridional percentiles
merpcl,p	infile outfile
gridbox<stat>	Statistical values over grid boxes
<operator>,nx,ny	infile outfile
vert<stat>	Vertical statistical values
<operator>,weights	infile outfile
timsel<stat>	Time range statistical values
<operator>,nssets[,noffset,nskip]	infile outfile
timselpctl	Time range percentiles
timselpctl,p,nssets[,noffset,nskip]	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
run<stat>	Running statistical values
<operator>,nts	infile outfile
runpcl	Running percentiles
runpcl,p,nts	infile outfile
tim<stat>	Statistical values over all timesteps
<operator>	infile outfile
timpcl	Time percentiles
timpcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
hour<stat>	Hourly statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
hourpcl	Hourly percentiles
hourpcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
day<stat>	Daily statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
daypcl	Daily percentiles
daypcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
mon<stat>	Monthly statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
monpcl	Monthly percentiles
monpcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
yearmonmean	Yearly mean from monthly data
yearmonmean	infile outfile
year<stat>	Yearly statistical values
yearminidx	Yearly minimum indices
yearmaxidx	Yearly maximum indices
<operator>	infile outfile
yearpcl	Yearly percentiles
yearpcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
seas<stat>	Seasonal statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles
seaspctl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
yhour<stat>	Multi-year hourly statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
dhour<stat>	Multi-day hourly statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
yday<stat>	Multi-year daily statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
ydaypcl	Multi-year daily percentiles
ydaypcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
ymon<stat>	Multi-year monthly statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
ymonpcl	Multi-year monthly percentiles
ymonpcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
yseas<stat>	Multi-year seasonal statistical values
<operator>	infile outfile
yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles
yseaspctl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
ydrun<stat>	Multi-year daily running statistical values
<operator>,nts	infile outfile
ydrunpcl	Multi-year daily running percentiles
ydrunpcl,p,nts	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
Correlation and co.	
fldcor	Correlation in grid space
fldcor	infile1 infile2 outfile
timcor	Correlation over time
timcor	infile1 infile2 outfile
fldcovar	Covariance in grid space
fldcovar	infile1 infile2 outfile
timcovar	Covariance over time
timcovar	infile1 infile2 outfile
Regression	
regres	Regression
regres,[equal]	infile outfile
detrend	Detrend
detrend,[equal]	infile outfile
trend	Trend
trend,[equal]	infile outfile
subtrend	Subtract trend
subtrend	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile

EOFs

eof	Calculate EOFs in spatial or time space
eoftime	Calculate EOFs in time space
eofspatial	Calculate EOFs in spatial space
eof3d	Calculate 3-Dimensional EOFs in time space
<operator>,neof	infile outfile1 outfile2
eofcoeff	Calculate principal coefficients of EOFs
eofcoeff	infile1 infile2 obase

Interpolation

remapbil	Bilinear interpolation
genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapbic	Bicubic interpolation
genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapnn	Nearest neighbor remapping
gennn	Generate nearest neighbor remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapdis	Distance-weighted average remapping
remapdis,neighbors	infile outfile
gendis	Generate distance-weighted average remap weights
gendis,grid	infile outfile
remapcon	First order conservative remapping
gencon	Generate 1st order conservative remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapcon2	Second order conservative remapping
gencon2	Generate 2nd order conservative remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remaplafl	Largest area fraction remapping
genlafl	Generate largest area fraction remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remap	Grid remapping
remap,grid,weights	infile outfile
remapeta	Remap vertical hybrid level
remapeta,vct,oro	infile outfile

ml2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation
ml2pl,plevels	infile outfile
ml2hl	Model to height level interpolation
ml2hl,hlevels	infile outfile

ap2pl	Air pressure to pressure level interpolation
ap2pl,plevels	infile outfile
ap2hl	Air pressure to height level interpolation
ap2hl,hlevels	infile outfile
intlevel	Linear level interpolation
intlevel,levels	infile outfile
intlevel3d	Linear level interpolation onto a 3d vertical coordinate like intlevel3d but with extrapolation
<operator>,icoordinate	infile1 infile2 outfile
inttime	Interpolation between timesteps
inttime,date,time,inc	infile outfile
inttime	Interpolation between timesteps
inttime,n	infile outfile
intyear	Interpolation between two years
intyear,years	infile1 infile2 obase

Transformation

sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint
gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral
<operator>,gridtype	infile outfile
sp2sp	Spectral to spectral
sp2sp,trunc	infile outfile
dv2ps	D and V to velocity potential and stream function
dv2ps	infile outfile

Import/Export

import_binary	Import binary data sets
import_binary	infile outfile
import_cmsaf	Import CM-SAF HDF5 files
import_cmsaf	infile outfile
import_amsr	Import AMSR binary files
import_amsr	infile outfile
input	ASCII input
input,grid,zaxis	outfile
inputsrv	SERVICE ASCII input
inputext	EXTRA ASCII input
<operator>	outfile
output	ASCII output
output,infiles	
outputf	Formatted output
outputf,format[,nelem]	infiles
outputint	Integer output
outputsrv	SERVICE ASCII output
outputtext	EXTRA ASCII output
<operator>	infiles
outputtab	Table output
outputtab,params,infiles	outfile
gmtxyz	GMT xyz format
gmtcells	GMT multiple segment format
<operator>	infile

Miscellaneous

gradsdes	GrADS data descriptor file
gradsdes,imapversion	infile
after	ECHAM standard post processor
after,vct	infiles outfile
bandpass	Bandpass filtering
bandpass,fmin,fmax	infile outfile
lowpass	Lowpass filtering
lowpass,fmax	infile outfile
highpass	Highpass filtering
highpass,fmin	infile outfile
gridarea	Grid cell area
gridweights	Grid cell weights
<operator>	infile outfile
smooth	Smooth grid points
smooth,options	infile outfile
smooth9	9 point smoothing
smooth9	infile outfile
smooth9	infile outfile

setvals	Set list of old values to new values
setvals,oldval,newval,...	infile outfile
setrtoc	Set range to constant
setrtoc,rmin,rmax,c	infile outfile
setrtoc2	Set range to constant others to constant2
setrtoc2,rmin,rmax,c,c2	infile outfile

const

Create a constant field

const,const,grid	outfile
random	Create a field with random numbers
random,grid[,seed]	outfile
topo	Create a field with topography
topo,grid	outfile
seq	Create a time series
seq,start,end[,inc]	outfile
stdatm	Create values for pressure and temperature for hydrostatic atmosphere
stdatm,levels	outfile

timsort

Sort over the time

timsort	infile outfile
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uvDestag

Destaggering of u/v wind components

uvDestag,u,v[-/+0.5,-/+0.5]	infile outfile
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rotuvNorth

Rotate u/v wind to North pole.

projuvLatLon	Cylindrical Equidistant projection
<operator>,u,v	infile outfile

rotuvb

Backward rotation

rotuvb,u,v,...	infile outfile
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mastrfu

Mass stream function

mastrfu	infile outfile
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sealevelpressur

Sea level pressure

sealevelpressure	infile outfile
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adisit

Potential temperature to in-situ temperature

adisit,[pressure]	infile outfile
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adipot

In-situ temperature to potential temperature

adipot	infile outfile
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rhopot

Calculates potential density

rhopot,[pressure]	infile outfile
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histcount

Histogram count

histsum	Histogram sum
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histmean

Histogram mean

histfreq	Histogram frequency
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<operator>,bounds

infile outfile

sethalo

Set the left and right bounds of a field

sethalo,halo,rhalo	infile outfile
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wct

Windchill temperature

wct	infile1 infile2 outfile
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fdns

Frost days where no snow index per time period

fdns	infile1 infile2 outfile
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strwin

Strong wind days index per time period

strwin,[v]	infile outfile
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strbre

Strong breeze days index per time period

strbre	infile outfile
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strgal

Strong gale days index per time period

strgal	infile outfile
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hurr

Hurricane days index per time period

hurr	infile outfile
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cmorlite

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cmorlite,table,[convert]	infile outfile
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uv2vr_cfd

U and V wind to relative vorticity

uv2dv_cfd	U and V wind to divergence
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<operator>,u,v,boundOpt,outMode	infile outfile
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