
Subject: Re: Lat/lon to UTM coords

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Luis Alonso wrote:

> Hello!
>
> I need to change coordinates from Latitude/Longitude to UTM.
> I know that with MAP one can project on either one, but i don't know how to
> transform a vector from one into the other.
>
> Thanks
> Luis Alonso

Hello,

The book by Snyder (referenced below) is very much worth the \$40US. I have used the following code to convert Lon/Lat to UTM in meters.

Ben

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; NAME:
; ll_to_utm
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; PURPOSE:
; This function converts latitude/longitude measurements to UTM coordinates.
; Two map data are available: NAD27 and WGS84.
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; The formulae come from: J.P. Snyder, "Map projections - A working
manual", 1987,
; U.S.G.S. Professional Paper 1395, Supt. of Docs No: I 19.16:1395,
; U.S. Govt Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.
;
; Constants used in formulae come from this source also unless otherwise
noted.
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; CATEGORY:
; Mapping.
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; Result = ll_to_utm(lon,lat)
;;
; INPUTS:
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; LAT/LON  Identically sized vectors containning the decimal degrees of
latitude and longitude.
; Degrees west and south are negative.
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;
; OPTIONAL INPUTS:
; None.
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; KEYWORD PARAMETERS:
; DATUM Set this keyword to 1 for NAD27 (default) and to 2 for WGS84.
; NOFALSE Set this keyword to prevent the return of False Easting. Default is
to
; return a False Easting (NoFalse = 0).
;
;
; OUTPUTS:
; A 2,n elements double precision array where [0,*] = Easting
;   and [1,*] = False Northing.
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;
; OPTIONAL OUTPUTS:
; None.
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; COMMON BLOCKS:
; None.
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;
; SIDE EFFECTS:
; None known.
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; RESTRICTIONS:
; None known.
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;
; EXAMPLE:
; Lat =double( [44.0551666000000000, 44.0551999,44.0552166])
; Lon =double( [-69.52318329999999990, -69.5231999,-69.5232166])
; UTM = ll_to_utm(Lon, Lat, Datum = 2)
; For i = 0,2 Do Print, Lon[i],UTM[0,i], Lat[i],UTM[1,i]
;   -69.523186    458092.92    44.055168    4878133.2
;   -69.523201    458091.72    44.055199    4878136.6
;   -69.523216    458090.51    44.055218    4878138.8
;
;
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; SEP 1999 Cleaned up documentation and added NoFalse keyword.
; DEC 2, 1999 Reversed order of input and output arguments to fit familiar
x,y ordered pair sense.
; 4 FEB 2000 Documentation change on 2 DEC 1999.
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FUNCTION ll_to_utm, lonV,latV,datum=datum, NoFalse = NoFalse
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On_Error,2
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Num = n_elements(LatV) & Utm = DblArr(2,Num)
Lon=Double(LonV) & Lat=Double(LatV)
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If n_elements(NoFalse) Eq 0 Then NoFalse = 0
If n_elements(Datum) EQ 0 Then Datum = 1
Data = ['Blank','NAD27','WGS84']
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;A semimajor axis of the of ellipsoid earth
;eccsq eccentricity of ellipsoid (squared)
;k0 relative scale factor along parallel of latitude
;lon longitude in +/-ddd.dddddd
;lat latitude in +/-dd.dddddd
;X the rectangular coordinate output...measured in meters from central
meridian
; this is converted to a false easting by adding half the distance between
; the bounding meridians
;Y the rectangular coordinate output.... measured in meters from the equator
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Case Data[datum] of
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'NAD27': BEGIN
; based on Clarke 1866 (aka NAD27) or
; assign constant values for NAD 27 to UTM
A = 6378206.4d
eccsq = 0.00676866d
k0 = 0.9996d
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END
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'WGS84':BEGIN
; WGS84 (Aka NAD83)
; from Chuck Gantz via http://gpsy.com/gpsinfo/geotoutm.htm
; assign constant values for WGS 84 datum for lat/lon to UTM
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A = 6378137.d
eccsq = 0.00669439d
k0 = 0.9996d

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END

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EndCase ;which datum

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;determine central meridian (lambda0 in Snyder)
central_meridian = double(long(lon/6)*6+3*long(lon/6.)/abs(long(lon/6.)))

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;determine lon origin in radians
lon_orig = central_meridian*!dtr

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; convert to radians
lon = lon*!dtr & lat = lat*!dtr

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eccsq_prime = eccsq/(1.-eccsq)

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N = a/(1.-eccsq*sin(lat)*sin(lat))^5

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T = tan(lat)*tan(lat)

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C = eccsq_prime * cos(lat)*cos(lat)

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AA = cos(lat)*(lon-lon_orig)

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M = a*((1-eccsq/4.-3.*eccsq^2/64.-5.*eccsq^3/256.)*lat - $
(3.*eccsq/8. + 3.*eccsq^2/32.+45.*eccsq^3/1024)*sin(2.*lat)+$
(15.*eccsq^2/256.+45.*eccsq^3/1024.)*sin(4.*lat)- $
(35.*eccsq^3/3072.)*sin(6.*lat))

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; k is unused for UTM... default to k0
;k = k0*(1.d+ (1.d+C)*A^2/2.d + $
; (5.d - 4.d*T + 42.d*C + 13.d*C^2 -28.d*eccsq_prime)*A^4/24.d + $
; (61.d - 148.d*T + 16.d*T^2)*A^6/720.d)

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; Easting or X in Snyder
UTM[0,*]= k0*N*(AA+(1.-T-C)*AA^3/6.d $
+ (5.d - 18.d*T + T^2 + 72.d*C - 58.d*eccsq_prime)*AA^5/120.d)

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; make False Easting if desired (default)
If NoFalse EQ 0 Then UTM[0,*] = UTM[0,*] + 500000.0d

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;Northing or Y in Snyder
UTM[1,*] = k0*(M+N*tan(lat)*( AA^2 / 2.d + ( 5.d - T + 9.d *C + 4.d * C^2 ) *

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$  
$ AA^4/24.d + (61d - 58d*T + T^2 + 600d*C - 330d*eccsq_prime)*  
AA^6 / 720.d ))
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Return,UTM

end

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