
Subject: Re: Color question

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JD Smith (jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu) wrote:

: David Fanning wrote:

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: > R. Kyle Justice (rkj@dukebar.crml.uab.edu) writes:

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: > > I guess there is a difference between a plot and an image

: > > on a postscript device. Plots seem to use filled polygons

: > > (which give pure colors) while images appear to use pixels

: > > or dots.

: <SNIP>

: > > SET_PLOT, 'PS'

: > > DEVICE, Bits_Per_Pixel=8, /Color

: > > TEK_COLOR ; or create your own discrete colormap

: > > bar=BYTARR(200,1000)

: > > FOR i=0,999 DO bar(*,i)=i*9/1000

: > > TV, bar, /Device

: > > PLOT, INDGEN(10), Color=7, Charthick=3, Thick=5, /Noerase

: > > DEVICE, /Close

: The immediate solution is to use *only* those colors as appear in
: contours in the color bar.

: And no for loops are needed. You could write:

: bar=LINDGEN(200,1000)/(200*100)

: or dispense with the chicanery altogether and simply use:

: bar=1b#bindgen(10)

: TV, bar, 0,0,XSIZE=.5,YSIZE=4,/inches

: Using the /inches (or /centimeters) keyword to TV for postscript output
: is highly advised.

: I get the same pure yellow either way: #ffff00

: JD

I just tried the above code and noticed something very interesting.
If I use bar=1b#bindgen(10), then the plot colors come out correct
and pure. However, if I use bar=LINDGEN(200,1000)/(200*100), I get
the same problem I had before. But at least there is no FOR loop :-P

This is may be a printer specific thing. I don't know. But to be on the safe side, a one-column array should be used. Plus using the # operator looks better . . .

But many thanks to JD for solving the problem.

Kyle
