
Subject: Re: COLOR BAR

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In article <312i3o\$o98@news.service.uci.edu>, vshvetsk@fourier.oac.uci.edu
(Victor Shvetsky) wrote:

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> I was wondering if anyone has a routine for widgets that would plot a nice
> color bar AND put some value on it. I can create a color bar, but I am not able to put text on it
NICELY, unless I use XYOUTS.
> any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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I made a routine that created a color coded legend (a color bar) that went along with a contour plot. I did it by defining a new bar-shaped drawing window, using the plot function to draw rectangular areas within the drawing window, and using polyfill to fill in the areas with their respective colors. Finally, I used xyouts to write text and/or numeric data into each color area. The text color was defined as either black or white, depending on which color would contrast best with the color in the individual rectangular areas.

Drawing the areas and the text fields was a simple matter of setting up a loop with changing y values (my color bar was vertical).

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