
Subject: Re: 24-bit color contour

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tom (tom2959@21cn.com) writes:

> Sometimes, the contour plot was displayed by adding on a TV or TVscl plot.
> For example,
> data=fltarr(n,n)
> tv,data,/true
> contour,data
> may be wrong. How to to display the data in a 24 bit color?

Well, your example is certainly wrong, because a 24-bit image is a 3D array, not a 2D. But there is no problem at all putting a 24-bit image underneath a contour plot. The question really is this: what are you going to contour? Not the 24-bit image, since that is made up of color triples and doesn't represent (almost certainly) a physical quantity.

If you had a 24-bit image that you will to place under a contour plot, and a 2D array of some physical quantity you wish to contour, then you can do this:

```
plotPosition=[0.15, 0.15, 0.9, 0.9]
TVImage, image24, Position=plotPosition
Contour, data, /NoErase, XStyle=1, YStyle=1, $
Position=plotPosition
```

That will work on the display and in PostScript.
(In fact, the same commands will work with a 2D image as well.) The TVImage program can be found on my web page:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/tvimage.pro>

Cheers,

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