
Subject: Re: TVRD

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JD Smith wrote:

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> I'm finding TVRD doesn't return the expected result on my TRUECOLOR,
> 16-bit X-Windows device (with decomposed=0, retain=2):
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> IDL> window,1
> IDL> loadct,0
> IDL> tv,bindgen(16,16)
> IDL> print,tvrd(0,0,16,16)
>  0  0  0  0  4  4  4  4  8  8  8  8 12 12 12 12
> 16 16 16 16 20 20 20 20 24 24 24 24 28 28 28 28
> 32 32 32 32 36 36 36 36 40 40 40 40 44 44 44 44
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>
> IDL> print,!D.TABLE_SIZE
>      256
> IDL> tvlct,r,g,b,/GET
> IDL> print,r
>  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
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> 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
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> 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
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> 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239
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> Why does it report display values rounded down to the nearest multiple
> of four? Is it really cheating to display these? The color map is
> complete and contains 256 entries, in a linear ramp 0-255 for all
> three color vectors. It doesn't matter what color map you use though,
> it always rounds down to the nearest multiple of 4. It also seems to
> be independent of RETAIN setting. What do others find TVRD returns in
> this case?
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> Also try this test:
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> IDL> tvlct,[255b,0b,0b,255b],[0b,255b,0b,255b],[0b,0b,255b,0b]
> IDL> tv,make_array(/BYTE,VALUE=3,100,100)
> IDL> tv,tvrd(0,0,100,100)
>
> Hmm... not good. It gives you the value of the green color vector,
> spread over the smaller dynamic range of the 6-bit hardware range.
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> My theory is that only either 5 or 6 bits are actually stored for each
> color with 16-bit truecolor, so, while tvlct is using all values 0-255
> for each color, in reality only 0-31 or 0-63 are valid (depending on
> color... most use 6 bits for green and 5 bits for red and blue).
> Sadly, IDL doesn't seem to understand this mapping, and can't map
> backwards from the visual through the software colormap. To be fair,
> two colors which differ only by 1/255 are the same color in a 16-bit
> map. If my theory is right, this test should succeed for 8-bit and
> 24-bit setups.
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> Thanks,
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> JD

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You are right. I have discussed this a while ago with CREASO and RSI too. A feature request was accepted. But we should get a higher priority if you ask them too.

regards
Reimar

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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich
http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_lib_intro.html
