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Subject: Re: Blanking out regions

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hjalti@vatnaskil.is (Hjalti Sig) wrote in message

news:<e1330fff.0402100542.4df549a3@posting.google.com>...

> If I remember correctly it was David Fanning who discussed some time  
> ago how this can be done in case you have a masking array, in that  
> instance terrain elevation where the oceans with value zero were to be  
> blanked out. I have adapted Fanning's example for my own work and  
> added a method for creating a masking array from a polygon. I include  
> below the part of my program that does this job, and some comments  
> within.

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> ; You read your data into an array, then do

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> thisDevice = !D.Name ; Store the present device in a variable

> xsize=500 & ysize=600 ; Define the dimensions of your plotting device

> Set\_Plot, 'Z' ; Set the Z-buffer as the current device

> Device, Set\_Resolution=[xsize, ysize]

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> ; Here I read the masking polygon, a list of (x,y) coordinates

> openr, lun, '../kortagr/boundary.xy', /get\_lun

> readf, lun, dummy

> readf, lun, npoints

> boundary=fltarr(2, npoints)

> readf, lun, boundary

> free\_lun, lun

> ; Now the vertices of the polygon are stored in the array boundary

>

> plot, boundary[0,\*], boundary[1,\*], /nodata, xstyle=1, ystyle=1,

> /isotropic

> ; Plot the boundary with /nodata keyword

> map=tvrd() ; Now read the image (axes) from the Z-buffer for later  
> use.

> mask1=intarr(xsize,ysize)

> id\_mask1=where(map ne 0)

> mask1[id\_mask1]=1 ; set mask1 to one where the axes are

> ; Do the contour plot

> contour, z, x, y, /irregular, nlevels=nlevels, /overplot,

> c\_labels=replicate(1, nlevels);, c\_colors=c\_colors, /fill, /overplot,

> max\_value=100, min\_value=-100.

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> map=tvrd() ; read again the image from the Z-buffer

>

> Set\_Plot, thisDevice

> window, xsize=xsize, ysize=ysize ; make a visible window

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> ; Convert the boundary coordinates to device-coordinates
> res=convert_coord(boundary[0,*], boundary[1,*], /data, /to_device)
> res=fix(res[0:1,*]) ; Change to integer type - to be used as array
> indices(actually not necessary).
>
> id_mask=polyfillv(res[0,*], res[1,*], xsize, ysize); create an array
> of all the array indices within the polygon defined by 'res'
>
> mask=intarr(xsize, ysize)
> mask[id_mask]=1
> mask=mask+mask1 ; Region inside the polygon + the axes are to be
> plotted
>
> map=map*mask; Blanks map where mask is zero
> tv, map ; puts map to the plotting window
> END
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>
> This is it, hope it was helpful.
> Regards, Hjalti

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Thanks you, Hjalti,  
 your method works fine for me also.  
 I found another way to blank regions using polyfill procedure.  
 I assume that a boundary of domain A in R2 is closed and  
 counter-clockwise ordered.  
 Then it can be divided into four segments:  
 (xmin,\*) - (\*, ymin),  
 (\*,ymin) - (xmax,\*),  
 (xmax,\*) - (\*, ymax),  
 (\*,ymax) - (xmin,\*).  
 These segments can be closed by adding the points - corners of  
 circumscribed rectangle:  
 (xmin, ymin)  
 (xmax, xmin)  
 (xmax, ymax)  
 (xmin,ymax).  
 By applying polyfill procedure to these closed segments the regions  
 outside the boundary will be blanked.  
 Victor.

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