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Subject: Re: black window on fsc\_surface & fsc\_surface\_log?  
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BG writes:

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> scale_vector did the job, thanks! with scale_vector, GridData,  
> y=alog10(y), z=alog10(z) and FSC_Surface.pro I got something which  
> will be good enough to show my advisor... I think I might look into  
> getting scale_vector.pro to make log scale data more evenly spaced,  
> but it works great for right now.  
>  
> Back to FSC_Surface_log.pro though... I modified it to handle a log  
> scale y-axis in addition to the the log scale z-axis you added:  
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> -----  
> ~line 1288:  
>   yAxis = Obj_New("IDLgrAxis", 1, Color=[0,255,0], Ticklen=0.1, $  
>   Minor=4, Title=yttitle, Range=yrange, Exact=exact[1], /LOG)  
>  
> ~line 1306 & ~line 1315:  
>   yrange_surf = [10^yrange[0], 10^yrange[1]]  
>  
> ~line 1330:  
>   thisSurface->SetProperty, XCoord_Conv=xs, $  
>   YCoord_Conv=yrange_surf, ZCoord_Conv=zrange_surf  
>   ; originally ZCoord_Conv=zsurf...  
>   ; shouldn't it be zrange_surf instead, b/c "zsurf" d.n.e. ?  
> -----  
>  
> these modifications make the axes look perfect, but somehow only a  
> slice of the data gets plotted and the data is plotted about 1 order  
> of magnitude too high.
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I'm not sure what you mean by "about 1 order of magnitude too high." The Z range looks fine to me. But while the Y axis looks like a log axis, the grid looks linear (as I am sure it is). Probably your axis doesn't correspond to the gridded data. Somehow you have to grid the data on a log grid. I'm not sure how to do that (although I suspect it is probably possible with GRIDDATA). If you could figure out how to do that, your problems might be solved.

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>  
> with the above modifications to FSC_Surface_log.pro, here's an example  
> program which, on my machine, only shows a slice of the data:  
>  
> ;-----
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> pro test_surface
>
> x=[180., 190., 200., 210.]
> y=[1.e-8, 1.e-7, 1.e-6, 1.e-5]
> z=[1.e-3, 1.e-2, 1.e-1, 1.]
>
>
> grid=GridData(x, y, z)
>
> s = Size(grid, /Dimensions)
> yy = Scale_Vector(Findgen(s[1]), Min(y), Max(y))
> xx = Scale_Vector(Findgen(s[0]), Min(x), Max(x))
>
> FSC_Surface_log, grid, xx, yy, Position=[0,1,0,1,0,1]
>
>
> end
> ;-----
>
> does that show up incorrectly for you? Any ideas?

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I think what shows up is what I expected would show up. But I think the Y axis doesn't reflect the actual Y data values.

I'm really shaky when it comes to log axes and object graphics, though. If I give any more advice it will be the blind leading the blind. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. I mean, more than usual.

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