
Subject: Re: Elevation Shading

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 14 Jan 2005 16:53:36 GMT

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Jim Harwell writes:

> I am using Dave Fanning's code to shade a 3D elevation.
>
> At present the elevations fade from:
> BLUE through GREEN through RED through YELLOW
>
> with the
> HIGHEST value represented as YELLOW, the
> LOWEST as BLUE and the
> MIDPOINT as RED.
>
> This always occurs regardless of the input values.
> i.e. if max & min are 255 and 0 respectively, they will be represented
> by yellow & blue respectively.
> likewise, if max & min are 155 and 55 respectively, they will be
> represented by yellow & blue respectively.
>
> What I want is that the output color correlates directly with the input
> value.
> i.e. if max & min are 255 and 0 respectively, they will be represented
> by yellow & blue respectively.
> but if max & min are 155 and 55 respectively, they will be represented
> by for instance red & green respectively.
>
> There must be some kind of scaling/normalization going on but I can't
> locate the code responsible - can anybody help me out/tell me where to
> correct it?
>
> This may be partly responsible:
> thisSurface = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrSurface', data, x, y, \$
> Color=[255,255,255], _Extra=extra, Style=style, \$
> Shading=shading, Hidden_Lines=hidden_lines)
> s = Size(data, /Dimensions)
> thisSurface->SetProperty, Vert_Colors=Reform(ByteScl(data, /NAN),
> s[0]*s[1]), \$
> Palette=thisPalette

Use the MAX and MIN values on the BYTSCL command to set the
scaling you desire:

```
theVertColors= ByteScl(data, /NAN, MIN=55, MAX=155)
theVertColors= Reform(theVertColors, s[0]*s[1])
thisSurface -> SetProperty, Vert_Colors=theVertColors
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Cheers,

David

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