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Subject: Re: Color table question

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If, after trying all the previous suggestions, the image still doesn't improve the problem may lie in the distribution of the data across the dynamic range of the display system. This can be improved by normalizing the data-set so that the frequency distribution (histogram) or the pdf (probability density function) of the data will be flat across the entire range of the data or the display system.

You can do a histogram equalization (or normalization) on the data with the following command:

```
newdata = HIST_EQUAL(olddata)
```

and then redisplay the modified data.

Although this will improve the dynamic range of the data itself, the result still depends somewhat upon the choice of the color-table.

--rv

P.S.

Also, in the original posting where the data was scaled to fit into bytes (using BYTSCL) and values less than 10 were zeroed out, the following version of BYTSCL using keywords min and max may be used instead with perhaps better results:

```
newdata = BYTSCL(olddata, min=10, max=max(olddata))
```

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