
Subject: Re: Filled contours plotted on top of the continent outlines ???

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David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message
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> Sebastian writes:

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>> I have a problem with my continent/country boundaries wich are suposed
>> to be on top of data that are fill contours. Although the
>> MAP_CONTINENT command is called after the CONTOUR command the contours
>> are plotted on top of the continent outlines (meaning they are not
>> visible). Does anyone happen to know why that is so?

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> I do this all the time and I have never seen this kind
> of behavior. Are you *sure* you are doing what you think
> you are doing? Or maybe there is something you aren't telling
> us. Are you plotting to a computer display?

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> Maybe a quick peek at the code could solve the problem. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

Dear David,

Your question about to which output device I plot my data put me on the right track. I am using the z-buffer. After a bid of digging through my IDL code and doing some tests I found the problem. Z-buffering was still turned on! That results in the filled contours being plotted on top of the continent/country outlines, regardless of the MAP_CONTINENT command being called after the CONTOUR command.

Many thanks anyway for you quick reply and enjoy your Easter breake,
Sebastian
