
Subject: Re: Color table question

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In article <1992Aug10.223854.14071@news2.cis.umn.edu>,
patel@sparky.drad.umn.edu () writes...

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> In PV-WAVW, I need to display a gray scale image(256 grays). I need
> few colors for graphics. I did the following to accomplish this:
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>
> loadct,0    ; load a gray scale color table.
> ; Load the color table with 7 colors.
> Tvlct, 140, 140, 140, 1
> Tvlct, 130, 140, 220, 2
> Tvlct, 90, 80, 160, 3
> Tvlct, 255, 255, 255, 4
> Tvlct, 200, 200, 60, 5
> Tvlct, 50, 170, 80, 6
> Tvlct, 200, 70, 70, 7
>
> ; Byte scale the image in 'im'
> imb=bytsc1(im)
> ;to avoid funny colors in the image, set all pixels with value <10 to 10
> imb(where(imb lt 10))=10
> tvscl,imb
> end
>
>
> with this segment of the program, I donot expect to see any colors
> in my image. But I do see scattered pixels with different colors.
> What am I doing wrong here.
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First of all, since you've already scaled the image with BYTSCL, you don't need to rescale it with TVSCL. Use TV instead. Also, you don't need to go to all that much trouble to make sure that the scaled image has no values <10; you can simply say

```
imb = bytscl(im) > 10b
tv, imb
```

Even better would be to scale the image to exactly the number of colors available after reserving the 10 colors you're using elsewhere. At the same time, we can also take care of the fact that your display may have less than 256 colors available:

```
imb = bytscl(im,top=!d.n_colors-11) + 10b
tv, imb
```

In fact, you simplify this to one line

```
tv, bytscl(im,top=!d.n_colors-11) + 10b
```

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