
Subject: Re: how to draw three-dimension graph using IDL
Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 15:54:15 GMT
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lixiaoyao wrote:

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> thank you so much,you are so powerful.  
> Paolo Grigis wrote:  
>  
>> for a surface, you could try:  
>>  
>> x=4*pi*findgen(101)/100  
>> y=4*pi*findgen(101)/100  
>>  
>> xx=rebin(x,n_elements(x),n_elements(y))  
>> yy=rebin(transpose(y),n_elements(x),n_elements(y))  
>  
> why does there need to transpose? I am a little bit confuse.  
Well, of course you have to try to understand the code  
for yourself, the best way to do it is to try out with  
a simple example:
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x=[1,2,3]  
y=[1,2,3]
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```
xx=rebin(x,n_elements(x),n_elements(y))  
yy=rebin(transpose(y),n_elements(x),n_elements(y))
```

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IDL> print,xx  
  1   2   3  
  1   2   3  
  1   2   3  
IDL> print,yy  
  1   1   1  
  2   2   2  
  3   3   3
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(you see why I had to transpose to get yy?)

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IDL> z=xx+yy  
IDL> print,z  
  2   3   4  
  3   4   5  
  4   5   6
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Now $z[i,j]$ is equal to $x[i]+y[j]$, and the "rebin" call was used to inflate the x and y array in order to avoid the need of writing two nested for loops over i and j to fill out the values of $z[i,j]=x[i]+y[j]$.

Paolo

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>  
>> shade_surf,sin(xx)*sin(yy),xx,yy
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