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Subject: Re: multi-surface plot  
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Thanks many people for contributing their ideas on the multi-surface plot problem. Inspired by Dr. L. Kramer, I tried the following way which works pretty well for me:

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IDL> surface, Z1, ZRANGE=[100,300], /nodata, /save ;setup coordinates
IDL> surface, Z1, ZRANGE=[100,300], /T3D, xstyle=4, ystyle=4, zstyle=4, /noerase
IDL> surface, Z2, ZRANGE=[100,300], /T3D, xstyle=4, ystyle=4, zstyle=4, /noerase
... ... (repeat this on Z3 and Z4)
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It's even better if you use different color for each surface.  
Because many people expressed their interest in this problem, I think it might be good to post this solution.

Finally, Thanks, Leonard. Great idea!

In article <lkramer.4.009623B3@neosoft.com>, lkramer@neosoft.com (Leonard Kramer) writes:  
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> >Does anyone know a way to make a multi-surface plot  
> >in IDL?  
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> >We have 4 2D arrays z1(x,y), z2(x,y), z3(x,y) and z4(x,y),

|> >and we want to plot all 4 surfaces in one plot. These are  
|> >surfaces at different height. It would be interesting to  
|> >plot them together in one plot so that people can compare  
|> >them.  
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|> >Thanks in advance.  
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|> >Cheers,  
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|> >J. Xu  
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|> May I suggest:  
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|> SURFACE,Z1,/SAVE  
|> SURFACE,Z2,/T3D,XSTYLE=4,YSTYLE=4,ZSTYLE=4,/NOERASE  
|> SURFACE,Z3,/T3D,XSTYLE=4,YSTYLE=4,ZSTYLE=4,/NOERASE  
|> SURFACE,Z4,/T3D,XSTYLE=4,YSTYLE=4,ZSTYLE=4,/NOERASE  
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|> You might want to also specify a different color for each variable. E-mail me  
|> for details if interested.  
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|> Leonard  
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