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Subject: Re: VELOVECT problem  
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I wrote this as a "fix" to velovect. It allows one to place vectors over a pre-drawn plot, like a map background.

Please let me know if it works for you.  
There is a nice text widget at the top which provides usage information.

;This "front end" procedure is a help tool for velovect.

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pro vec_help

base = widget_base(title='VEC_HELP', /row)
list = widget_text(base, xsize=85, ysize=20, scroll=1, $
    font='-adobe-helvetica-medium-r-normal--14-140-75-75-p-77-is o8859-1', $
    value=[$
'=====,$
'          >>> MAP_VEC HELP MENU
'<<<', $
'', $'
'          The map_vec procedure plots vectors within an existing plot
space.', $
'          Usually a map is produced, then vectors are overlayed using
velovect.', $
'', $'
'-----', $
'USAGE:   map_vec, u, v, x, y, missing=missing, length=length, maxvec=maxvec,
round=round, $', $
'          dots=dots, color=color, everyx=everyx, everyy=every,
arrowsize=arrowsize, $', $
'          limit=limit, refvec=refvec, refunit=refunit,
refposx=refposx, $', $
'          refposy=refposy, reflabely=reflabely, charsize=charsize,
help=help', $
'=====,$
'', $'
PARAMETERS:', $
'  u,v..... 2-D data arrays specifying the zonal and meridional
velocity components.', $
'  x,y..... Meridional and zonal location vectors (longitude,
latitude).', $
'', $'
KEYWORDS:', $
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' missing..... Do not plot vectors with a magnitude greater or equal to
this value.', $
' length..... Length factor. The default of 1.0 makes the longest
vector the', $
' length of one grid cell.', $
' maxvec..... Maximum vector magnitude for scaling. Default is
computed', $
' round..... Round computed maxvec so it is divisible by 5.', $
' dots..... After setting dots to 1, a dot is placed at missing data
points.', $
' color..... Color index for drawing vectors. Default is zero.', $
' everyx..... Plot every 2nd, 3rd, 4th... vector in the x direction.
Default is 1.', $
' everyy..... Plot every 2nd, 3rd, 4th... vector in the y direction.
Default is 1.', $
' arrowsize..... Factor by which default arrowsize is multiplied.', $
' limit..... vector containing [latmin, lonmin, latmx, lonmax] for
plotting area.', $
', $
' refvec..... After setting refvec to 1, a "max vector magnitude"
arrow appears on the plot.', $
" refunit..... String variable containing unit of the reference vector.
Default is 'm s!U-1!n.'", $
' refposx..... Ending x position (in data coords.) for drawing refvec.
Default is computed.', $
' refposy..... Y position (in data coords.) for drawing refvec.
Default is computed.', $
' reflabely..... Y position (in data coords.) for drawing label beneath
refvec. Default is computed.', $
' charsize..... Character size for reference vector label. Default is
.88', $
' help..... Bring up this help menu.', $

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', $

' EXAMPLE: Plotting global taux, tauy data.', $
"      taux = rz('/data/obs/nmc/stress/taux_9_90', xloc=x, yloc=y)", $
"      tauy = rz('/data/obs/nmc/stress/tauy_9_90')", $
'      gplot, taux, x, y, /nodata ... or ... map_set, 0, 180,
/cont, /cyl', $
', $

      map_vec, taux, tauy, x, y, missing=999., everyx=2, everyy=1,
length=5, /dots, '$, $
"          /refvec, refunit='dynes cm !e-2!n', refposx=340.,
refposy=-100., '$, $
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        reflabely=-106.', $
    ''])

widget_control, /realize, base

end

pro map_vec, u, v, x, y, missing=missing, length=length, maxvec=maxvec,
round=round, $
    dots=dots, color=color, everyx=everyx, everyy=everyy,
arrowsize=arrowsize, $
    limit=limit, refvec=refvec, refunit=refunit, refposx=refposx,
refposy=refposy, $
    reflabely=reflabely, charsize=charsize, help=help

;

; NAME:
; MAP_VEC
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;
; PURPOSE:
; Produce a two-dimensional velocity field plot.
;
; A directed arrow is drawn at each point showing the direction and
; magnitude of the field.
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;
; CATEGORY:
; Plotting, two-dimensional.
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;
;
; CALLING SEQUENCE:
; MAP_VEC, U, V, X, Y
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;
; INPUTS:
; U: The X component of the two-dimensional field.
; U must be a two-dimensional array.
;
; V: The Y component of the two dimensional field. Y must have
; the same dimensions as X. The vector at point (i,j) has a
; magnitude of:
;
; SQRT ( U(i,j)^2 + V(i,j)^2 )
;
; and a direction of:

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; ATAN2 ( V(i,j), U(i,j) )  
;  
;  
; OPTIONAL INPUT PARAMETERS:  
; X: Optional abcissae values. X must be a vector with a length  
; equal to the first dimension of U and V.  
;  
; Y: Optional ordinate values. Y must be a vector with a length  
; equal to the first dimension of U and V.  
;  
;  
; KEYWORD INPUT PARAMETERS:  
; MISSING: Missing data value. Vectors with a LENGTH greater  
; than MISSING are ignored.  
;  
; LENGTH: Length factor. The default of 1.0 makes the longest (U,V)  
; vector the length of a cell.  
;  
; DOTS: Set this keyword to 1 to place a dot at each missing point.  
; Set this keyword to 0 or omit it to draw nothing for missing  
; points. Has effect only if MISSING is specified.  
;  
; COLOR: The color index used for the arrows.  
;  
; EVERY: Plot every ____ vector. Default is 1.  
;  
; REFARROW: Plot a maximum vector magnitude. Default is 0 (NO).  
;  
; REFUNIT: Unit of max arrow. Default is m sle-1!n (i.e., m/s)  
;  
; REFPOSX: X starting position of maxxarrow. Default is computed.  
;  
; REFPOSY: Y position of maxxarrow. Default is computed.  
;  
; REFLABELY: Y position of refveclabel. Default is computed.  
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;  
; OUTPUTS:  
; None.  
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;  
; COMMON BLOCKS:  
; None.  
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;  
; SIDE EFFECTS:  
; Plotting on the selected device is performed.
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; RESTRICTIONS:
; None.
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; PROCEDURE:
; Straightforward. The system variables !XTITLE, !YTITLE and
; !MTITLE can be set to title the axes.
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;
; MODIFICATION HISTORY:
; DMS, RSI, Oct., 1983.
;
; For Sun, DMS, RSI, April, 1989.
;
; Added TITLE, Oct, 1990.
;
; Added POSITION, NOERASE, COLOR, Feb 91, RES.
;
;     Added all keywords past color.      June 1993, Andrew F. Loughe
;     Draw to current plot area (usually a map).

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on_error, 2          ;Return to caller if an error occurs
help = keyword_set(help)
if (help eq 1 or n_params() eq 0) then begin
  vec_help
  message, 'Stopped for help in map_vec.pro'
endif

s = size(u)
t = size(v)

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; Check size of input arrays.

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if n_params(1) lt 4 then $
  message, 'Must specify u, v, x, y'

  if s(0) ne 2 then begin
baduv:  message, 'U and V parameters must be 2D and same size.'
  endif

  if total(abs(s(0:2)-t(0:2))) ne 0 then goto, baduv

  if (n_elements(x) ne s(1) or n_elements(y) ne s(2)) then $
    message, 'X and Y arrays have incorrect size.'

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; Set some default values.
if n_elements(missing) le 0 then missing = 1.0e10
if n_elements(length) le 0 then length = 1.0
if n_elements(maxvec) le 0 then maxvec = -1.
if n_elements(round) le 0 then round = 0
if n_elements(everyx) le 0 then everyx = 1
if n_elements(everyy) le 0 then everyy = 1
if n_elements(arrowsize) le 0 then arrowsize = 1.
if n_elements(limit) le 0 then limit = [-100.,-10000.,100.,10000.]
if n_elements(title) le 0 then title =
if n_elements(charsize) le 0 then charsize = .88
if n_elements(color) le 0 then color = 0

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latmin = limit(0)      ;Get geographical limits
lonmin = limit(1)      ;for plotting the data
latmax = limit(2)
lonmax = limit(3)

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mag = sqrt(u^2 + v^2)    ;Get magnitude of all vectors
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; Get subscripts of good and bad elements.
; good = those points where vector magnitude is less than missing value.
; bad = those points where vector magnitude is greater or equal to missing value.
nbad = 0                 ;# of missing points
if n_elements(missing) gt 0 then begin
  good = where(mag lt missing)
  if keyword_set(dots) then bad = where(mag ge missing, nbad)
endif else begin
  good = lindgen(n_elements(mag))
endelse

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; Using good points, find maximum vector magnitude for scaling.
if (maxvec eq -1.) then begin
  mag2 = mag(good)          ;Get magnitude of good points.
  if (max(mag2) le 2) then maxvec = fix(max(mag2))
  if (max(mag2) gt 2) then maxvec = fix(max(mag2)+1)
  if (round eq 1) then begin
    maxvec = fix((max(mag2)+1)/5) ;Round maxvec dwn to number
divisible by 5
    print, 'Max vector length for scaling is made divisible by 5:
',maxvec
  endif
  if (maxvec eq 0.) then maxvec = 1
endif

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:Grid spacing needed for scaling vectors

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deltax = (max(x) - min(x)) / (s(1)-1)
deltay = (max(y) - min(y)) / (s(2)-1)

; Plot vectors and arrow heads (loop through all points).
for j = 0, s(2)-2, fix(everyy) do begin
  for i = 0, s(1)-1, fix(everyx) do begin

    ; Get scaled vector components.
    ; length = If three, the longest vector covers three grid cells.
    ; u,v   = The actual velocity components.
    ; maxvec = The maximum wind component.

    if (mag(i,j) lt missing) then begin
      dx = length * (deltax) * (u(i,j)/maxvec) ;Get (u,v) components
      dy = length * (deltay) * (v(i,j)/maxvec) ;that will be plotted

      x0 = x(i) ;Get beginning/ending coords of vector
      x1 = x0 + dx
      y0 = y(j)
      y1 = y0 + dy

      if (y0 ge latmin and y1 le latmax and $
          x0 ge lonmin and x1 le lonmax) then begin
        arrow_andy, x0, y0, x1, y1, color=color, /data, $

      hsize=float(arrowsize)*(!d.x_size/94.)*(mag(i,j)/(2.*maxvec) )
        endif
      endif
    endfor
  endfor

; Plot a "maximum vector" arrow at the bottom righthand corner of the plot
if n_elements(refvec) gt 0 then begin

; Determine new arrow head size and angle for the reference vector
  r = .35 ;Length of arrow head
  angle = 15. * !dtor ;Half-co-angle of arrowhead
  st = r * sin(angle) ;Sin 15 degs * length of head
  ct = r * cos(angle)

  dx = length * deltax ;Get x-component
  dy = length * deltay ;Get y-component
  dy=0

; Compute (or use supplied value) for the ending x position, and the
; y position of the reference vector.
if n_elements (refposx) le 0 then refposx= max(x) - dx*3.

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if n_elements (refposy) le 0 then refposy= min(y) - (y(3)-y(0))

x0 = refposx - dx
y0 = refposy
x1 = x0 + dx
y1 = y0 + dy ;No y variation (reference vector is horizontal)

; Find default (x,y) positions for max vector label
 xlabel = (x0 + x1)/2.
 ylabel = y0 - (y(4)-y(0))
 if n_elements(reflabely) gt 0 then ylabel=reflabely

; Determine (or use supplied value) unit of the reference vector
 if n_elements(refunit) le 0 then refunit= 'm s!U-1!n'

max_label = strcompress(string(maxvec), /remove_all) ;Get maxvec
reftitle = max_label + ' '+ refunit
xyouts, xlabel, ylabel, reftitle, align=.5, charsize=charsize,
color=color

; Found it more universally acceptable to plot refvec in normalized coords.
new_coords = convert_coord (x0, y0, /data, /to_norm)
xx0 = new_coords(0) & yy0 = new_coords(1) ;refvec starts here

new_coords = convert_coord (x1, y1, /data, /to_norm)
xx1 = new_coords(0) & yy1 = new_coords(1) ;refvec ends here

new_coords = convert_coord ( x1-(ct*dx-st*dy), y1-(ct*dy+st*dx),$ /data, /to_norm)
xx2 = new_coords(0) & yy2 = new_coords(1) ;top arrowheads end here

new_coords = convert_coord ( x1-(ct*dx+st*dy), y1-(ct*dy-st*dx),$ /data, /to_norm)
xx3 = new_coords(0) & yy3 = new_coords(1) ;bot arrowheads end here

plots,[xx0, xx1, xx3, xx1, xx3], $
[yy0, yy1, yy3+2.* (yy1-yy3), yy1, yy3], color=color, $
thick=1., /norm

endif

; Place dots at missing data points
if nbad gt 0 then $
    oplot, x(bad mod s(1)), y(bad/s(1)), psym=3, color=color

end

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