Subject: Re: A defense of decomposed color
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 02 Nov 2006 14:39:19 GMT
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Francis Burton writes:

> MATLAB's color handling is pretty screwed up too, imho (though
> for slightly different reasons). It shouldn't be necessary to
> fiddle with colormaps in order to e.g. plot two contour maps
> with different color scales in the same figure, just because
> a figure can only have one colormap.

Ah, well, there you go. This is inevitably the age-old
problem of simplicity verses functionality. Very, very
difficult to have both, as anyone who has worked with
a Microsoft application can tell you. As someone who
has had 20 years to learn IDL's quirks, I appreciate
the functionality. But as someone who tries to teach
people how to use IDL, I am painfully aware of how
confusing it can be to do something as "simple"
as get decent PostScript output, to cite just one
recent example.

My only point is that a more intelligent TV command
seems infinitely more useful to me than yet another
iTool, and I should think it would do a LOT more to
increase sales. But I am also sure this is a minority
view among the people who make these decisions.

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")