
Subject: Re: Aspect ratio(s) in iTools

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Kenneth Bowman writes:

> I am trying to figure out how to control 3-D aspect ratio(s) in an iTool.
>
> If I plot a 10 x 20 array
>
> IDL> isurface, randomu(seed, 10, 20), findgen(10), findgen(20)
>
> by default the resulting plot is square, even though the x-dimension
> is half as long as the y-dimension.
>
> If I set the data space scaling to Anisotropic, I can stretch or shrink the
> z-dimension with the "Anisotropic 3D scale" parameter, but I cannot
> adjust the x-y aspect ratio. That only works for 2-D plots (iPlot, ...).
>
> With a 3-D plot, how do I control the three dimensions independently?

You could have a look at FSC_SURFACE to see how this is done.

It maintains the aspect ratio of the X and Y data. It is straightforward to apply this to the Z direction, I think.

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IDL> FSC_Surface, dist(30, 10)
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Cheers,

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