
Subject: Re: Logarithmic Color Scaling

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 05 Dec 2006 20:20:11 GMT

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Braedley writes:

> I would tend to agree with JD on this. I don't think it would be a
> good idea to scale the color table (and hence the colorbar). I've
> never had to worry about the problem you're facing because whenever I
> did anything remotely like this, I worked in dB, and so my colorbar was
> labeled in dB. I think it would be trivial for you to go from this
> thinking to labeling your colorbar logarithmically.

Well, I've been looking for the trivial solution for the past 48 hours straight. I'd be delighted to be pointed in the right direction. May I see your code?

I do agree with you that it is trivial to label a color bar logarithmically. What I am finding difficult is making the colors associated with the color bar labels accurately reflect the values in the data, which seems to me to be pretty much the point of a color bar.

With the exception of `spectro_plot` from the SolarSoft library, which I have still not had time to download, I have seen a lot of advice, but no working code. This leads me to believe maybe it's not as trivial as everyone (including me) thought it might be. :-)

Cheers,

David

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