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Subject: Re: shaded relief

Posted by [greg michael](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2007 11:48:11 GMT

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Thanks Paulo - that's a good suggestion. It works. Unfortunately it brings a new problem: now the image is very low contrast (because of the reduced range of slopes), having a brightness range of only about 10/256. After stretching it doesn't look very good. Now I think of it, I'm surprised the object-graphics one doesn't look the same. There must be some auto-stretching going on there. Maybe this is a killer for the direct-graphics way?

Greg

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IDL> z=dtm*128./58000.+50.
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IDL>
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  shade_surf,z,image=sh,az=0,ax=90,position=[0,0,762,768],tick  
=0,xstyle=1,ystyle=1,xrange=[0,768],yrange=[0,768],zrange=[0,768]
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Paolo Grigis wrote:

> Have you tried fiddling around with {x,y,z}range keywords in

> shade\_surf to get the right aspect ratios for the axis?

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> Ciao,

> Paolo

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> greg michael wrote:

>> I want a method to generate fast shaded relief views from a surface

>> elevation grid (pixel for pixel orthogonal views which overlay)

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>> I tried using direct graphics with something like:

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>> shade\_surf,dtm,image=sh,az=0,ax=90,position=[0,0,768,768],tick=0,xstyle=1,ystyle=1

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>> This works, except that the z-scale is auto-scaled producing an

>> unrealistic exaggeration. shade\_surf doesn't take an /isotropic

>> keyword.

>> [...]

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