
Subject: Re: Axes for 3D volumes

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Richard Edgar writes:

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> I am attempting to produce 3D isosurfaces in IDL, and I'd like to add
> proper axes to the output. I've been following the example on
> http://www.dfanning.com/tips/volume_axes.html
> and with that, I can get axes which are labeled by cell number:
>
> Surface, Dist(30), /NoData, $
>   xtitle="Radius",ytitle="Azimuth",ztitle="Z",$
>   XRange=s1, YRange=s2, ZRange=s3,$
>   /NoErase, /Save
>
> SHADE_VOLUME,dens,densSurface,vertices,polys,/LOW
>
> image = POLYSHADE(vertices,polys,/T3D,XSIZE=600,YSIZE=600)
>
> where dens[i,j,k] is the 3D array I want to construct the isosurface
> from, and s1=[0,imax] etc.
>
> I'd like the axes labeled by the physical dimensions of dens. I have
> these available, in rRange, phiRange and zRange (they're actually polar
> co-ordinates, but I'm happy to treat them as cartesian). If I try
>
> Surface, Dist(30), /NoData, $
>   xtitle="Radius",ytitle="Azimuth",ztitle="Z",$
>   XRange=rRange, YRange=phiRange, ZRange=zRange,$
>   /NoErase, /Save
>
> I get
> % POLYSHADE: Polygon 0 is degenerate, more may exist.
> and an empty set of axes.
>
> I have the impression that something, somewhere, is not communicating
> the axis scaling correctly, but I'm at a loss as to what. The {xyz}range
> keywords to SHADE_VOLUME don't seem to be the answer.
>
> What extra incantation(s) do I need to get the axes labeled properly?
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I would try saving the data coordinate system from the first surface plot (!X, !Y, !Z and !P) and restoring it *after* the second surface plot command and *before* you call Shade_Volume. That way, you should be able to get your POLYSHADE on the right set of axes.

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

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