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Subject: Re: map\_proj\_init

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> Interestingly, in research preparatory to writing an article
> about this for my web page, I discovered that if you use
> the map projection *index*, instead of the map projection
> name and GCTP keyword, then all is well:
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> IDL> south_proj=MAP_PROJ_INIT(106, semimajor_axis=6378273.0,$
> IDL>   semiminor_axis=6356889.4, center_lon=0,center_lat=-70.0,$
> IDL>   false_easting=0,false_northing=0)
>
> IDL> north_proj = MAP_PROJ_INIT(106, semimajor_axis=6378273.0,$
> IDL>   semiminor_axis=6356889.4,center_lon=0,center_lat=-70.0,$
> IDL>   false_easting=0,false_northing=0)
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You have a typo in the north projection that sets lat of true scale (which map\_proj\_init confusingly calls center\_lat) to -70, so in this case both south\_proj and north\_proj are the same.

At any rate, I looked into map\_proj\_init.pro and found these two internal routines: MAP\_PROJ\_GCTP\_FORINIT and MAP\_PROJ\_GCTP\_REVINIT. If you call them with the proper parameters for each projection before any call to map\_proj\_forward or map\_proj\_inverse the calculations are correct. I guess there's an internal structure somewhere that can only hold parameters for 1 GCTP projection at once?

Anyway, thanks for your thoughts on the problem. I did submit a support incident Saturday, but since the weekend is barely over haven't heard anything back yet.

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