
Subject: Multiple colors in one plot statement

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Does anyone know of a way to get around the limitation that the COLOR keyword for the PLOT command only takes a scalar? I want to plot a bunch of points, with coordinates contained in the vectors X and Y, but I want the color of each of the points to correspond to information contained in another vector Z (same length as X and Y, but scaled in value to match the size of the color table of choice). Using the command:

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PLOT, X, Y, PSYM=2, COLORS=Z
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doesn't work because COLORS can only be a scalar. The work-around that I came up with involves having to plot each of the individual elements one-by-one with a series of OPLOT statements, setting the color individually. Is there a separate keyword analogous to the C_COLORS in CONTOUR or the SHADES keyword in SHADE_SURF, but for PLOT? Or is there a command or routine that I'm not aware of that will do what I want?

It would also be nice to be able to make each of the arrows created by VELOVECT an arbitrary color described by a separate color array all in one fell swoop instead of using repeated calls to the routine.

Anyone have any ideas?

Thanks,
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