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Subject: Re: Inverse Map Projection Help  
Posted by [mankoff](#) on Fri, 22 Feb 2008 17:48:38 GMT  
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On Feb 19, 1:30 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Ken Mankoff writes:

>> I've read the previous posts on inverse map projections and the  
>> lengthy tutorial by David Fanning, but still cannot get things to line  
>> up quite right. So I'm posting here for help...

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>> I have a data set (BEDMAP) with this information in the header:

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>> ncols        1371

>> nrows       1371

>> xllcorner   -3426225.75

>> yllcorner   -3426225.75

>> cellsize    5000

>> NODATA\_value -9999

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>> And this information on the website:

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>> Polar Stereographic projection with 71=B0S as the latitude of true scale

>> and 0=B0E as the central meridian.

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>> I've managed to load the data, and inverse project it approximately

>> such that things roughly line up. But I cannot get it accurate where

>> my reference for 'accurate' is the /MAP\_CONTINENTS, /HIRES keywords.

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> Oh, oh. This leads me to think you are using MAP\_SET

> to set up your map projections, instead of the more

> accurate MAP\_PROJ\_INIT. After my mapping "epiphany" of

> a couple of weeks ago, I have given up on the MAP\_SET

> projections entirely, except--possibly--for cartoon

> maps.

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> And, of course, there is apparently a bug in the

> "more accurate" MAP\_PROJ\_INIT routines, in that if

> you use the UVBOX information in the map structure coming

> directly from MAP\_PROJ\_INIT to set up your "data

> coordinate space" for map overlays, you will still

> be "slightly off". You need to use the UVBOX information

> coming from MAP\_PROJ\_IMAGE for completely accurate

> results. I've had a call into ITTVIS for three weeks

> about this, but so far without results.

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> [http://www.dfanning.com/map\\_tips/tiffoverlay.html](http://www.dfanning.com/map_tips/tiffoverlay.html)

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> There could also be some confusion about whether the

> reported corner pixel coordinates are in the center  
> of the pixel (likely) or on the edge of the pixel.  
> If it is the center, then you are going to have to  
> move the coordinates to the edge of the pixel, which  
> is what IDL needs.  
>  
> [http://www.dfanning.com/map\\_tips/precipmap.html](http://www.dfanning.com/map_tips/precipmap.html)  
>  
> Let's see what you are doing. And can you provide  
> a link to an image?  
>  
> Cheers,  
>  
> David

Hi David,

Thanks for the offer to help. I went over your pages again and began coding from scratch but am in the same place. I realize there is one piece of info I have (71°S as the latitude of true scale) that I am not using.

Here is the result:

<http://edgcm.columbia.edu/~mankoff/tmp/unroll.png>

And the code looks like this:

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restore
data = reverse(data,2)

x0    = -2713600          ; from data set header
y0    = -2304000
xx = [x0,x0,-1*x0,-1*x0] ; the four corners
yy = [y0,-1*y0,-1*y0,y0]

;; this is the projection the data is distributed on
stereo = map_proj_init('Polar Stereographic', /GCTP, DATUM=8, $
                      CENTER_LONGITUDE=0, CENTER_LATITUDE=-90)
lonlat = MAP_PROJ_INVERSE( xx, yy, MAP_STRUCTURE=stereo )
limit = [ -90, -180, max(latitude), 180 ]

;; this is the projection I would like it on
cyl = map_proj_init('Cylindrical', limit=limit)

range = [ x0, y0, -1*x0, -1*y0 ]
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warp = MAP_PROJ_IMAGE( data, range, $
    image_structure= stereo, $ ;; input
    map_structure = cyl, $    ;; output
    missing = -2, $
    min_value = 0, $
    _EXTRA=e )

erase
tv, congrid( warp, !d.x_size, !d.y_size )
pos = [0,0,1,1]
uv_box = cyl.uv_box
Plot, uv_box[[0, 2]], uv_box[[1, 3]], Position=pos, $
    /Nodata, XStyle=5, YStyle=5, /NoErase
MAP_CONTINENTS, Map_Structure=cyl, /HIRES
map_grid, gline=0, color=255, /label, map_structure=cyl
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