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Subject: Re: problem in using function ll\_to\_utm.pro  
Posted by [Baikal](#) on Wed, 21 May 2008 01:37:34 GMT  
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> On May 20, 8:19 pm, Baikal <royou...@cnu.ac.kr> wrote:  
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>> To all,  
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>> I am a physical oceanographer who needs to use your idl program in my  
>> model output post-processing.  
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>> While utilizing your utm conversion program (ll\_to\_utm.pro) in my  
>> research work, I have a problem due to zone change so that I encounter  
>> a discontinuity problems as follows;  
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>> test\_lon=[125.999,126.000] ; define test lon & lat  
>> test\_lat=[36.000,36.000]  
>> ; test output  
>> for i=0,1 do  
>> print,i,test\_lon(i),test\_lat(i),ll\_to\_utm(test\_lon(i),test\_lat(i))  
>> 0 125.999 36.0000 770330.54 3988106.3  
>> 1 126.000 36.0000 229579.34 3988109.1  
>  
>> I understand this is due to zone change from 51 to 52.  
>> I wonder how I can avoid this trouble in map drawing where my  
>> coastline data points lie over 125 to 127 E longitude.  
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>> I appreciate your helps.  
>  
> Hi,  
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> I think I might have prepared that routine. To my understanding, you  
> don't want to work across UTM zones. My memory is a little rusty, but  
> I recall that the warping is minimized along central meridian of any  
> zone. I take that to mean that distortion is maximized along the  
> edges.  
>  
> On the other hand, I suppose it is possible to offset the values in  
> one zone against the central meridian of the other - after all, the  
> origin of any UTM zone is some arbitrary value. You would have to  
> dive into the Snyder work referenced in the code. In any event, I  
> wonder why you are not mapping with your lat lon values directly. Why  
> bother going to UTM coords?

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> While we are at it, I have posted an update to that collection files -  
> in particular to UTM\_ZONE so that it behaves a little better with  
> vectors of inputs. See ...  
>  
> <http://www.tidewater.net/~pemaquid/geo.zip>  
>  
> Cheers,  
  
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In my post-processing of model output, I am calculating the trajectory coordinates in metric unit so that to display the, trajectories of number of particles, I need to set up the coordinate in terms of UTM. That's why I bother myself and you in trying to use UTM.

Thanks for your quick reply

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