

---

Subject: Re: Spherical Surface Plot w/ fsc\_surface from David Fanning (:  
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 14:06:31 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

On Jul 18, 12:59 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

```
> humanumbre...@gmail.com writes:
>> I am expecting to see something bumpy. What I'm doing here is having
>> a set radius (r), and then adding to it what is in the dataset at
>> [lat,long] -- meaning some will be high and some will be low.
>
> Humm. Well, in that case, I'm waiting to see what kind of
> answers you get, too. :-)
>
> Cheers,
>
> David
> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
```

Hi guys,

Here's an adaption of some code that I think originally came from  
someone inside RSI long ago - I forget just who it was.

Cheers,

Andrew

PRO DEM\_Globe\_1

```
device,decomp=0
```

```
dem_file = 'C:\Program Files\ITT\IDL64\examples\data\worldelv.dat'
dem_extract = bytarr(360,360)
openr,lun,dem_file,/get
readu,lun,dem_extract
free_lun,lun
```

```
worldelvsize = [4320,2160]
```

```
; worldelvImage = TEMPORARY(BYTACL(CONGRID(world,worldelvsize(0)/
```

```
10.0,worldelvsiz(1)/10.0)))
```

```
loadct,3
```

```
oPalette = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrPalette')  
oPalette -> LoadCT, file=colour_table,3
```

```
; Scale image values to the earth radius. Multiple  
; scaling by 50 to exaggerate elevation.
```

```
; worldelvlImage = 50.*1.77*(worldelvlImage/255.)  
worldelvlImage = 50.*1.77*(dem_extract/255.)
```

```
; Add the earth's radius to the image. The image only  
; contains elevation information from the deepest parts  
; of the oceans. The earth's radius is added to obtain  
; a sphere with small changes in elevation on its  
; surface.
```

```
radii = worldelvlImage + REPLICATE(1275.6,  
worldelvsiz(0),worldelvsiz(1))
```

```
; Derive a mesh from the exaggerated image data and the  
; radius of the earth.
```

```
MESH_OBJ, 4, vertices, connectivity, radii, /CLOSED
```

```
; Initialize a model to display.
```

```
oModel = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrModel')
```

```
; Determine the radius of each vertex to provide color  
; at each vertex.
```

```
sphericalCoordinates = CV_COORD(FROM_RECT = vertices, $  
/TO_SPHERE)  
elevation = REFORM(sphericalCoordinates[2, *], $  
N_ELEMENTS(sphericalCoordinates[2, *]))
```

```
; Initialize polygon to contain mesh.
```

```
oPolygon = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrPolygon', vertices, $  
POLYGONS = connectivity, SHADING = 1, $  
VERT_COLORS = BYTSCL(elevation), $  
PALETTE = oPalette)
```

```
; Add polygon to model.
```

```
oModel -> Add, oPolygon
; Rotate model to place view at 0 degrees latitude.
oModel -> Rotate, [1., 0., 0.], -90.

; Display model.
XOBJVIEW, oModel, /BLOCK, SCALE = 1, $
    TITLE = 'Exaggerated Earth Elevation'

; gotta comment this out or image doesn't appear - must be a change in
keyword effects since this code was written?
;;OBJ_DESTROY, [oModel, oPalette]
END
```

---