Subject: Re: data to image? Please help... Posted by mbweller on Wed, 19 Nov 2008 03:40:26 GMT

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On Nov 17, 10:30 pm, I...@lbnc.de wrote:
> On 18 Nov, 04:28, mbwel...@gmail.com wrote:
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>> Hello,
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>> I have an output file that gives me data in the form of:
>> Top, bottom, left, right sides of a cell (so basically the corners)
>> and two separate magnitude data columns.
>> What I need to be able to do is create two image files that
>> graphically, either via contours, colored cell scheme, or other...,
>> display the values of magnitude per cell (either Magnitude value 1 or
>> value 2).
>> Is this feasible to do in IDL, if not is there another program better
>> suited?
>> If anyone has any ideas, I would really appreciate it.
>> Thanks,
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>> ~Matt
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> Although it will not be the fastest solution and produce large
  PostScript files, I would suggest looping over all values, plotting
  them using POLYFILL, like so:
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> ;- establish axes, without actually plotting them, because the
> polyfill would cover them
> plot, [0], /nodata, xstyle=5, ystyle=5, $
   xrange=some_xrange, yrange=some_yrange
> for i=0L, ndata-1L do $
   polyfill, [xstart[i], xend[i], xend[i], xstart[i], xstart[i]], $
    [ystart[i], ystart[i], yend[i], yend[i], ystart[i]], $
     color=data value[i], noclip=0
>
> :- plot axes
> plot, [0], /nodata, /noerase, xstyle=1, ystyle=1, xrange=some_xrange,
> yrange=some_yrange
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> Cheers
> Lasse
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Thanks for the info, but in looking at your code, it appears that it would assign case 1 as one color and case 2 as another color, correct?

If so, what I need to do is create a grid that has a color range. Let us say the values are between 1 and 5, so that value one is purple and value two is red and all values in between are a gradation between the extremes. Of course this is a simple case and I will probably have values a couple orders in magnitude in range and will need to be able to "auto bin" them. Will this code work for that, or do I need something else?

Thanks, ~Matt