
Subject: Re: 2D Plot in IDL with shading?

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On Jun 21, 3:41 pm, Ally <ally.desh...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Jun 21, 11:14 am, pp <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> On Jun 21, 12:09 pm, Ally <ally.desh...@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> Great, that's exactly what I needed! I'm working on creating it right
>>> now. Out of curiosity, is there any way to make a graph like that in
>>> 2D to start with, without a z-axis and just response plotted in color
>>> vs azimuth and elevation?

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>> That is what would be called an image, which can be made with

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>> `iimage,response,elevation,azimuth`

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> I keep trying but can't seem to get `isurface` to graph it. I may be
> missing something basic but I've been reading through different
> examples and can't figure it out. Here is what I have:

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> `rows = 5273670`

> `OPENR, lun1, 'ss_raw_06.dat', /GET_LUN`

> `data = DBLARR(2,rows)`

> `READF, lun1, data`

> `response= data(1,*)`

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> `OPENR, lun2, 'az.dat', /GET_LUN`

> `data2=DBLARR(2, rows)`

> `READF, lun2, data2`

> `az_g= data2(1,*)`

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> `OPENR, lun3, 'sun_el_and_az.dat', /GET_LUN`

> `data3=DBLARR(2,rows)`

> `READF, lun3, data3`

> `az_s=data3(1,*)`

> `elevation=data3(0,*)`

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> `azimuth=(az_s)-(az_g)`

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> `isurface, response, elevation, azimuth`

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> It runs fine and the `iSurface` tool opens, there's just nothing
> graphed.

Have you checked that the data look right? You can check the
dimensions with

help,response,elevation,azimuth

And maybe min()/max() may be useful to tell if the values seem to make sense.

You are reading all 3 arrays as 1D. You indicated above that you have one response for each elevation and azimuth, which indicates that response should be reformed to 2D, with the proper dimensions:

```
response_2D=reform(response,nx,ny)
```

Where nx is the length of the fastest-varying dimension (leftmost), and ny is the other dimension. For this to be consistent with the way you called isurface, the fastest-varying dimension in the file where you read response from would have to be elevation, and the other would be the azimuth.

If you do not provide response as a 2D array, the itools will not know the connectivity of your points, and thus will start the gridding wizard, to interpolate them, guessing they were not on a regular grid, which is not your case.
