## Subject: Re: Explain Contour Plot to Me Posted by Michael Galloy on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 20:49:24 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

On 9/9/11 2:34 PM, Michael Galloy wrote: > On 9/9/11 1:39 PM, David Fanning wrote: >> Folks. >> >> OK, forget labeling the color bar. I can live without >> that. >> >> I would consider the week a triumph if someone could just >> explain to me, like I was a 10 year old child, how to >> use the IDL 8.1 contour function to produce a contour >> plot with four colors of my choosing. The colors will >> be used like this: >> >> Data between 0.00 and 0.25 should be red. >> Data between 0.25 and 0.50 should be blue. >> Data between 0.50 and 0.75 should be green. >> Data between 0.75 and 1.00 should be yellow. >> >> Here is the program I am trying to run, using some >> ideas from Mark Piper's program from yesterday. >> You see two different ways of trying to get the >> Colorbar() colors right. One of which actually >> works. But neither of the Contour() plots have >> the right colors. The Coyote Graphics plot at the >> end is what I am trying to achieve. >> >> PRO ContourTest >> >> ; Create a simple, random dataset for contouring: >> data = RANDOMU(-3L, 9, 9) >> LoadCT, 0 >> TVLCT, 255, 0, 0, 0 >> TVLCT, 0, 0, 255, 1 >> TVLCT, 0, 255, 0, 2 >> TVLCT, 255, 255, 0, 3 >> TVLCT, rr, gg, bb, /GET >> >> rgb = Transpose([[rr[0:3]],[gg[0:3]],[bb[0:3]]) >> Help, rgb >> rgb = Congrid(rgb, 3, 256) >> >> levels =[0.0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75] >> >> ; Contour function try 1.

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>> w1 = Window(DIMENSIONS=[500, 400])
>> ctr=contour(data, /CURRENT, C_VALUE=levels, $
>> POSITION=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.8], /FILL, $
>> RGB_TABLE=rgb, $
>> AXIS_STYLE=2)
>> names = String(levels,FORMAT='(F0.2)')
>>
>> cb = Colorbar(TARGET=ctr, $
>> POSITION=[0.1, 0.85, 0.9, 0.9])
>>
>> rgb = Transpose([[rr[0:3]],[gg[0:3]],[bb[0:3]])
>> Help, rgb
>>
>> ; Contour function try 2.
>> w2 = Window(DIMENSIONS=[500, 400])
>> ctr=contour(data, /CURRENT, C_VALUE=levels, $
>> POSITION=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.8], /FILL, $
>> RGB_TABLE=rgb, RGB_INDICES=Indgen(4), $
>> AXIS STYLE=2)
>> names = String(levels,FORMAT='(F0.2)')
>>
>> cb = Colorbar(TARGET=ctr, $
>> POSITION=[0.1, 0.85, 0.9, 0.9])
>>
>> ; Coyote graphics.
>> cgWindow, WXSize=500, WYSize=400
>> cgContour, data, LEVELS=levels, C_COLORS=Indgen(4), $
>> POSITION=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.8], /FILL, /ADDCMD
>> cgColorBar, NCOLORS=4, RANGE=[0,1], FORMAT='(F0.2)', $
>> DIVISIONS=4, /FIT, /ADDCMD
>> END
>>
>> If you can get this to me before Nadal beats Roddick,
>> you will get bonus credit, which can be used to ask
>> function graphics questions at some time in the future. ;-)
>> Cheers,
>>
>> David
> I had to expand the 4 colors into a full 256 color table with 257
  contour levels to make the color bar display correctly.
There are definite oddities in how things have to be given to CONTOUR
> and COLORBAR. For example, I can get the correct contour colors with a 4
> color color table, but the color bar then displays as the 4 colors
> followed by the rest of the grey scale. Also, I have to give CONTOUR the
> RGB INDICES vector, even though from the docs it looks like I'm just
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> giving it the default value.
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> Anyway, this works for me, I hope this doesn't crash your computer.
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> pro contourtest
> compile_opt strictarr
> ; create a simple, random dataset for contouring
  data = randomu(-31, 9, 9)
>
> loadct, 0
> tvlct, 255, 0, 0, 0
> tvlct, 0, 0, 255, 1
> tvlct, 0, 255, 0, 2
> tvlct, 255, 255, 0, 3
> tvlct, rgb, /get
> rgb = congrid(rgb[0:3, *], 256, 3)
> levels = findgen(257) / 256.
> w = window(dimensions=[500, 400])
> ctr = contour(data, /current, c_value=levels, $
> position=[0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.8], /fill, $
> rgb_table=rgb, rgb_indices=indgen(256), $
> axis_style=2)
> cb = colorbar(target=ctr, position=[0.1, 0.85, 0.9, 0.9])
> end
>
Another oddity is what happens when I try to resize this graphic.
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