
Subject: Re: Using OOB Colors with Filled Contour Plots
Posted by [Matteo](#) on Mon, 23 Apr 2012 21:18:41 GMT
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David,

thanks this is helpful! In the tutorial it might be beneficial to substitute:

```
Levels=[Min(data),levels]
```

with:

```
Levels=[Min(data)-1,levels]
```

or something like that. This way, the code works regardless of whether we have OOB values. In a situation where min(data) is the first level, a situation of the kind levels=[0.0, 0.0, ...] is created, which cannot be contoured.

Am I right?

(one of the "TVLCT" commands is also misspelled)

On Apr 20, 2:16 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

```
> Folks,  
>  
> Several months ago I introduced the notion of out-of-bounds  
> colors into cgColorbar. These can be set with the OOB_LOW  
> and OOB_HIGH keywords.  
>  
> Since then several people (including me!) have been  
> confused over how to use the out-of-bounds colors with  
> filled contour plots. I had a reason to have another  
> go at this problem today, and I have written an article  
> that I hope will shed some light on this difficult  
> topic.  
>  
> The problem really is a fundamental one of how the IDL  
> Contour command decides which contour "level" to color.  
> You have to do a few fancy dance steps to work around  
> this problem and get consistent results with both the  
> FILL and CELL_FILL keywords.  
>  
> I think the article will make it easier for people to  
> set up these results in a more consistent way. You  
> can find the article here:  
>  
> http://www.idlcoyote.com/cg\_tips/oobcontour.php  
>
```

> Cheers,
>
> David
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> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
