
Subject: Re: Contour Plot Issues

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ecatcom1@gmail.com writes:

> Hi All! I have a seemingly-simple issue that I can't for the life of me get to work, and another issue mainly of existence.

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> The first: I am trying to get a contour plot to plot with the spacing between minor/major ticks to be the same in the x and y direction. No matter what I try, I can't get this to work. I need to size of the plot itself to be able to change (so if i have 10 major ticks in x and 20 in y, I don't want the plot to be that size when, say, the next plot has 5 ticks in x and 15 in y because then the spacing between the x and y ticks won't be the same). Hope that made sense!

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> Here's my code:

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> cgContour,z,x,y, /Fill,\$;Position=[0.125,0.025,0.9,0.8] I had a colorbar, but I can't hardcode a size to this plot since it will mess with my tick interval lengths depending on number of ticks I have, so commented this out

> levels=levels, C_colors=Indgen(numLevels(1))+1,\$

> c_labels=levels, /Outline,\$

> xminor=5, yminor=5,\$;tried hardcoding the number of minor ticks

> xtickinterval=10, ytickinterval=10,\$;tried hardcoding the interval size

> xticks=20,yticks=20,\$;even tried hardcoding the number of ticks

> xstyle=1, ystyle=1,\$

> xrange=[-20,20],yrange=[-20,20], /Window ;and tried to give it the same range as a last desperate plea to see if it would give me the same distance between ticks....but nope.

> Help!

Here it took me two minutes to add an ASPECT keyword to cgContour plot for you. Set the ASPECT=1.0 and you will have what you want:

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cgContour, ..., Aspect=1.0, /Window
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Find the new program here:

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgcontour.pro>

> The second issue: Is there a contour plot option anywhere that will >

> allow me to dynamically change the x and y range so i can zoom in/out?

Alas, not on a filled contour. It would be MUCH easier if you gridded your data yourself and worked with the gridded data as an image. Then almost anything is possible. :-)

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
