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Subject: Contour Plot Issues

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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.

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!

Here's my code:

`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

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    levels=levels, C_colors=Indgen(numLevels(1))+1,$
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    c_labels=levels, /Outline,$
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    xminor=5, yminor=5,$ ;tried hardcoding the number of minor ticks
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    xtickinterval=10, ytickinterval=10,$ ;tried hardcoding the interval size
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    xticks=20, yticks=20,$ ;even tried hardcoding the number of ticks
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    xstyle=1, ystyle=1,$
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    xrange=[-20,20], yrange=[-20,20], /Window ;and tried to give it the same range as a last
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desperate plea to see if it would give me the same distance between ticks....but nope.

Help!

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?

Thanks guys!

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