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Subject: Re: Color table

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Gompie writes:

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> I have a single variable spread over three years. I wish to give a  
different color to each year.  
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> But instead of color I get grey scale. I have the following script.  
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> cgLoadCT, 4, NCOLORS=3, CLIP=[16,240]  
> bplate=fltarr(18)  
> name=strarr(18)  
> mont=fltarr(19)  
> years=fltarr(19)  
> ffiles = FILE_SEARCH('*txt1')  
> for index=0,n_elements( ffiles)-1 do begin  
> year=(strsplit(ffiles(index),',',/extract))[0]  
> month=(strsplit(ffiles(index),',',/extract))[1]  
> name(index)=string(month)  
> years(index) = float(year)  
> OPENR, lun, ffiles(index), /GET_LUN  
> temp=0.0D  
> i=0L  
> data=strarr(1)  
> print,ffiles(index)  
> WHILE ~ EOF(lun) DO BEGIN  
> readf,lun,data  
> temp=float(data) + temp  
> i=i+1  
> ;print,i,float(data),data  
> ENDWHILE  
> print,temp/i  
> bplate(index)=temp/i  
> mont(index)=index  
> close,lun  
> free_lun,lun  
> endfor  
>  
> colors = Scale_Vector(Findgen(3), 2009, 2011)  
>  
> elevColors = Value_Locate(colors,years )  
> elevColors = StrTrim(Round(Scale_Vector(elevColors, 0, 10)),2)  
>  
> !X.TICKNAME=name  
>
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> cgplot,mont,bplate,psym=4,thick=2,xticks=17,yrange=[260,270]
,xtitle='MONTHS',ytitle='MIN_0_87_MICRON_DETECTOR_TEMP',BACK GROUND = 255,
COLOR = 0
> FOR j=0,n_elements(mont)-2 DO cgPlotS, mont[j], bplate[j], Color=elevColors[j],
Thick=2,psym=sym(5),symsize = 1.15
> fname="bplate.gif"
> result = cgSnapshot(FILENAME=fname,/gif ,/nodialog)
```

Uh, well, I think I would just do something like this:

```
elevColors = ['red', 'green', 'blue']
```

> Question .2 . Is it possible to view the exact colors Vs color number that are finally loaded by the color table.

Try CIndex:

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IDL> cindex
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Cheers,

David

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

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