
Subject: Re: Plotting a compass

Posted by [DAVIDE LENA](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2012 22:26:17 GMT

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Thanks.

So, how do I put a colorbar when I use `cgImage` to print on a eps?

`cgColorbar` comes after the instruction that directs the output to the eps.

```
cgIMAGE, f, POSITION=p, /KEEP_ASPECT_RATIO, MINVALUE = 0,
```

```
outfile='wonderfulplot.eps', OUTPUT = 'EPS'
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```
cgColorbar, FORMAT='(F2.0)', Position=[p[2], p[1], p[2]+0.015, p[3] ], ncolors=256, /vertical,  
/right, Divisions=4, Range=[minc, maxc]
```

For what concerns the arrows, I guess that the problem is that I am using normal coordinates, that's why they are not orthogonal. I should switch to the data coordinates. Anyway, they look the same than the arrows obtained with the old function.

On Friday, November 9, 2012 2:36:01 PM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

> Davide writes:

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>> Hi guys, I am trying to plot something like a compass on top of an image (a 2D matrix filled with floats. It is supposed to be a flux map for an astronomical object. No reliable wcs system inside). So I ended up using "arrow".

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>> I am having difficulties plotting two orthogonal arrows. The code (see below) seems fine to me. Is that something related to some rescaling? (Or maybe I made some awkward mistake).

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>> Also, can you suggest something more up to date than `tvscale`? Consider that my goal is have maps with a color bar and spatial scales along x and y.

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> Oh, dear! :-(

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> I don't know where to start. I guess I'd start

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> by updating your Coyote Library to something

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> that was written in the, I don't know, last 10

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> years or so. Things have changed. In fact, things

>
> have changed TODAY!
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> <http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/coyoteprograms.zip>
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> Humm. The cgImage program is perfectly capable of adding
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> axes with different ranges so you can set up a data
>
> coordinate system, etc. And cgArrow can make prettier
>
> arrows than you are making.
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> I guess if I were going to think about drawing orthogonal
>
> vectors I would be thinking about working in polar coordinates,
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> rather than rectangular coordinates. The angle thing would
>
> be a LOT easier! You can use CV_COORD to do the conversions
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> for you.
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> Weird dimensions on the PostScript file, too. What are
>
> you going to do with that thing when you are done with it?
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
