
Subject: Re: Missing fill colours in contour plot

Posted by [tortoisesaregreat](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2013 00:11:50 GMT

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On Tuesday, 15 January 2013 22:14:04 UTC, Coyote wrote:

> On Tuesday, January 15, 2013 1:56:23 PM UTC-7, lj...@fsmail.net wrote:

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>> I am trying to do a contour plot of a latitude-longitude array, but I keep getting gaps in my plot, as shown in the following image: <http://www.physics.open.ac.uk/~lsteel/contour.png>. I'm stumped as to the reason, as it's not as if it's missing contours at the very end ranges of the contour values - it's somewhere in between. Anyhow, I'm sure the knowledgeable folks on here will know!

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>> I have defined a blue-white-red colour scheme and loaded it in with tvlct, but the problem occurs with other colour schemes too. I am calculating my contour levels and colours as follows (with ncont the number of contours I'm plotting):

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>> minv = floor(min(array))

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>> maxv = ceil(max(array))

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>> maxval = max([abs(array),abs(array)])

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>> clevels = -maxval + findgen(ncont)/(ncont-1)*2*maxval

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>> ccol = floor(findgen(ncont)/(ncont-1)*250)

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>> I am then plotting my contour plot as:
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>> device, decomposed=0
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>> bwr_colour, red_vec, grn_vec, blu_vec
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>> tvlct, red_vec, grn_vec, blu_vec
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>> contour, array, lon, lat, $
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>> levels=clevels, c_colors=ccol, /fill, $
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>> background=cgColor('white'), color=cgColor('black'), $
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>> xrange=[-180,180], yrange=[-90,90], xstyle=1, ystyle=1, $
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>> yticks=6, ytickv=[-90,-60,-30,0,30,60,90], $
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>> xticks=6, xtickv=[-180,-120,-60,0,60,120,180], $
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>> xtitle='Longitude', ytitle='Latitude', charsize=1.5, $
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>> title=plotsym+' (all motions) / g m!u-1!n s!u-1!n'
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>> If anyone can offer any suggestions then I'll be very grateful, as it's bugging me now!
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> Just seeing "lon", "lat", and "contour" causes me to think that one of your problems is that you
should be using the CELL_FILL keyword, rather than the FILL keyword.
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> http://www.idlcoyote.com/color_tips/fill_colors.html
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> If that doesn't work, I'd try cgCONTOUR. That routine will fill up the "normal" hole Contour
creates.
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> http://www.idlcoyote.com/tips/contour_hole.php
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> Cheers,
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> David
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Thanks David - I'll give both a try tomorrow and see what happens!
