
Subject: Re: Ternary Plot in IDL?

Posted by [JP](#) on Tue, 09 Apr 2013 13:27:20 GMT

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Oh, cool, will have a look.

I had been trying myself, after finding that it's really a simple reprojection of a 2d space.

Came up with the very rudimentary procedure below (before reading your reply). Doesnt have much functionality but it works).

JP

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pro TernaryPlot, x, y, z, $
  _EXTRA=extra

  ; write warnings for x, y not being within 0-1 and adding to more than 1
  ; first check if z exists or not
  n_x = n_elements(x)
  n_y = n_elements(y)
  n_z = n_elements(z)

  if n_z eq 0 then begin
    print, 'z not present, assumed to be = 1-x-y'
    z=1-x-y
    n_z = n_elements(z)
  endif

  ; check if x, y, z, all same # of elements
  if (n_x ne n_y) or (n_x ne n_z) or (n_y ne n_z) then $
    Message, 'x, y, z must have same number of elements'

  ; check if all sum to one
  tot = x+y+z
  if total(tot gt 1) ge 1 then $
    print, 'warning: at least one element adds to >1 '
  if total(tot lt 1) ge 1 then $
    print, 'warning: at least one element adds to <1 '

  x_new = y + z/2
  y_new = SQRT(3)/2*z
  vertices_x= [0.0, 0.5, 1, 0]
  vertices_y= [0.0, SQRT(3)/2, 0, 0]

  cgPlot, x_new, y_new, xRange=[0,1], yRange=[0, SQRT(3)/2], yStyle=1, _EXTRA=extra
  cgPlot, vertices_x, vertices_y, psym=-3, /overplot

end
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On Tuesday, 9 April 2013 21:56:15 UTC+10, David Fanning wrote:

> David Fanning writes:

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>> Fernando Santoro has a Ternary Diagram program, written in function

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>> graphics, in the IDL code library on the ExelisVis web page. He also

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>> wrote the Taylor Diagram code that I cribbed for cgTaylorDiagram. It

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>> took me most of a morning to do it. I won't take you too much longer, I

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>> don't think, to do the same thing for the Ternary Diagram. :-)

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> Just looking at that code, not only is it going to take you just a

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> couple of hours to convert to Coyote Graphics, but it is also going to

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> be easy to make improvements! For example, I would start by centering

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> the diagram in the window, adding keywords to allow for different

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> symbols of different sizes, etc. It is pretty bare bones in its current

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> configuration.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> David Fanning, Ph.D.

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- > Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
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 - > Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
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 - > Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
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